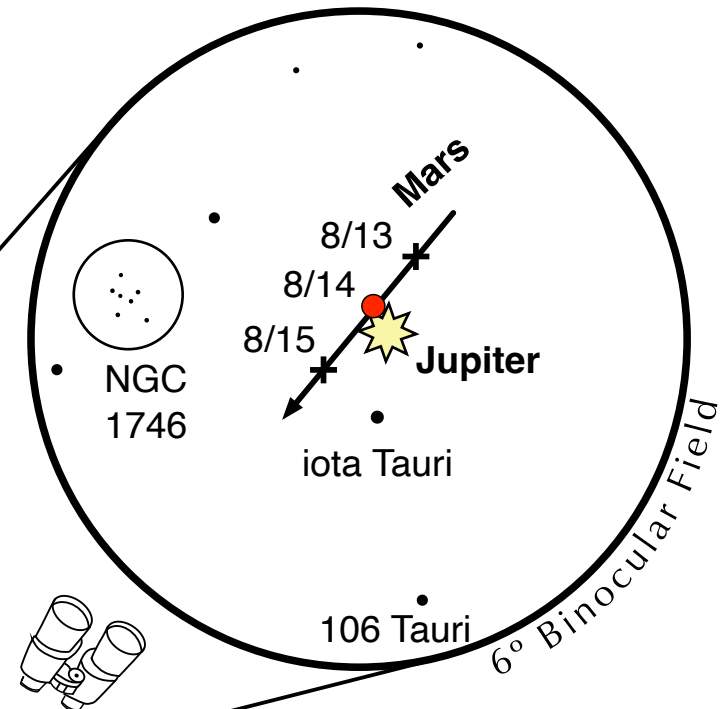
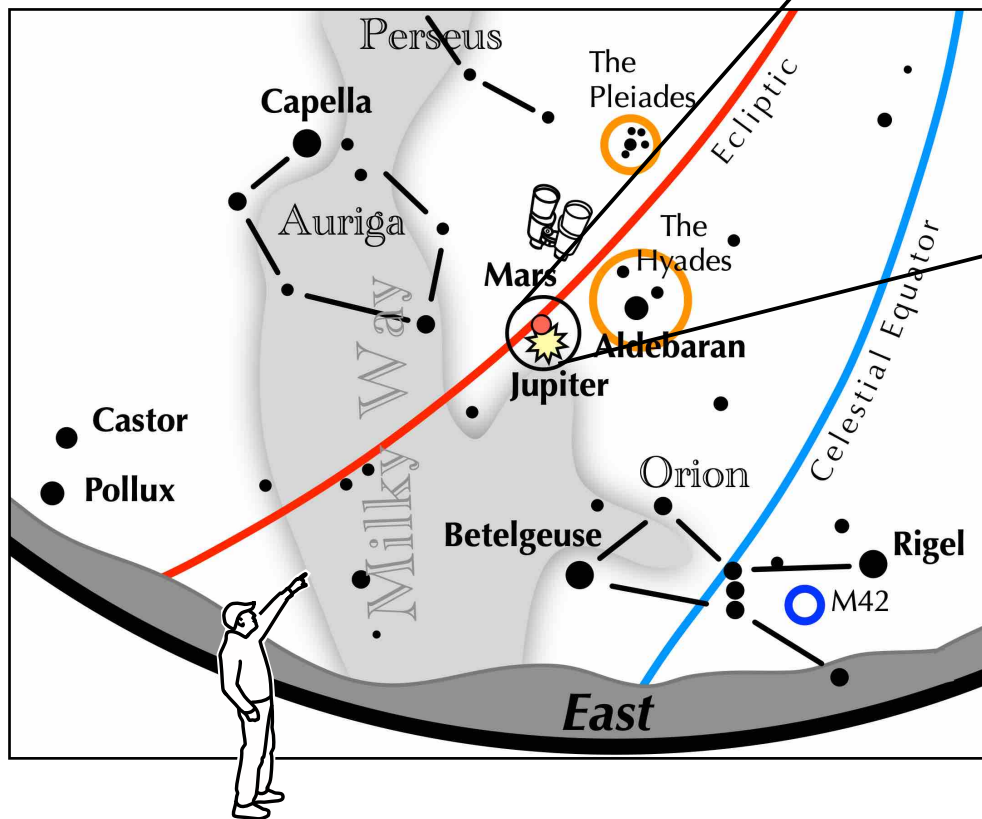


# If you can view only one celestial event this month, view this one.

*A slowly brightening Mars passes immediately north of the much brighter Jupiter.*

1. Look to the east 90 minutes before sunrise on August 13, 14, and 15.
2. Find Mars and Jupiter shining left of the red star Aldebaran. Mars' brightness will nearly match that of Aldebaran.



## Binocular View

3. Aim binoculars at Mars and Jupiter.
4. On the morning of August 14, they will be only 20 minutes apart.
5. They will be just  $1.5^\circ$  southwest of the open cluster NGC 1746.
6. A telescope at  $> 100$  power will reveal Mars' tiny red disk and Jupiter's larger disk along with its four Galilean moons.

