

Venus Sightings, March 2025

Around inferior conjunction on March 22, 9:07 pm EDT

Date & Day	Sunrise	Midday	Sunset
17, Monday	—	—	YES
18, Tuesday	YES	YES	YES
19, Wednesday	YES	YES	—
20, Thursday	—	—	—
21, Friday	—	YES	No
22, Saturday	YES	YES	—
23, Sunday	YES	—	—
27, Thursday	YES	YES	—
29, Saturday	YES	—	—
April 1, Tuesday	—	YES	

As observed with unaided eyes, binoculars and/or a spotting scope from Marter Ave (sunrise) or Bishops Gate (sunset) in Mt Laurel, NJ, or the parking lots of the baseball and football field complex in Maple Shade, NJ (midday).

“Yes” indicates Venus was observed, “No” indicates it was attempted, but not seen, “—” indicates no attempt was made, most often due to unfavorable weather (clouds), and after conjunction, an unfavorable position.

The last evening sighting with unaided eyes was on March 18 while the first morning sighting with unaided eyes was on March 23. It was not seen with unaided eyes in the midday sky. Those sightings with unaided eyes were not the brilliant object we’re familiar with when it’s not so close to conjunction, but not too difficult to see with an experienced eye. I suspect the morning Venus will become self-evident within a week or so of March 23. Indeed, it was easily seen before sunrise on March 29 before the partial solar eclipse.

The midday sighting on March 22 at 1:23 pm EDT was 7 hr 41 min before the moment of inferior conjunction. The sighting near sunrise on March 23 at 6:23 am EDT was 9 hr 16 min after inferior conjunction. The sighting on March 22 near sunset, a couple of hours before conjunction (occurring after Venus set) was impossible due to clouds along the western horizon, especially in view of the failure to sight it around sunset on March 21 with a clear sky along the horizon.

Venus, the *Evening Star*, was sighted on three *mornings*, March 18, 19 & 22, then following inferior conjunction, as the *Morning Star* on March 23, 27 & 29.