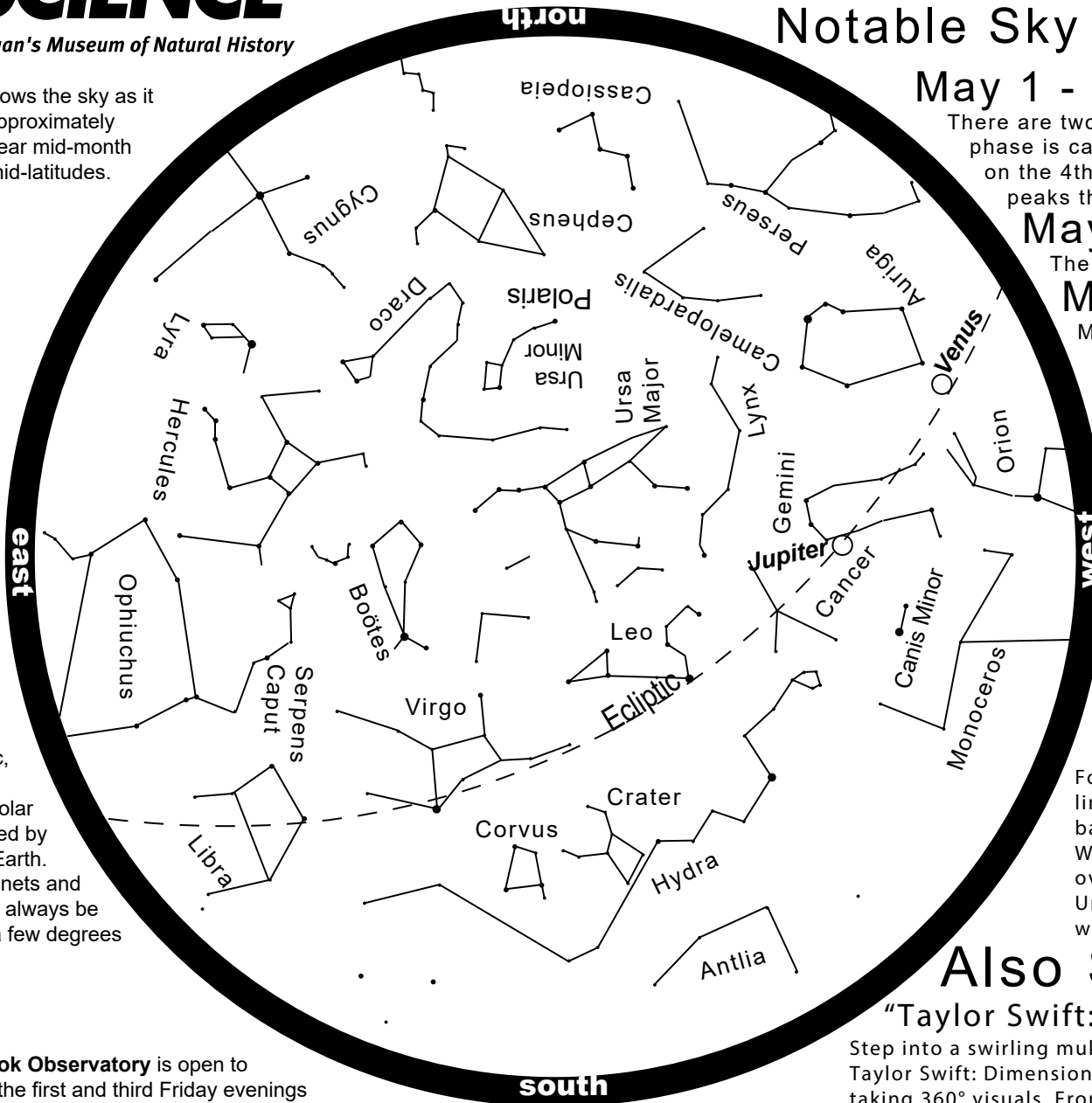


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Notable Sky Happenings



This chart shows the sky as it appears at approximately 10pm EDT near mid-month at northern mid-latitudes.



May 1 - 7

There are two Full Moon phases this month. The second full phase is called a Blue Moon. Moon is to the left of Antares on the 4th (SSW morning). The Eta Aquarid meteor shower peaks the night of May 5-6.

May 8 - 14

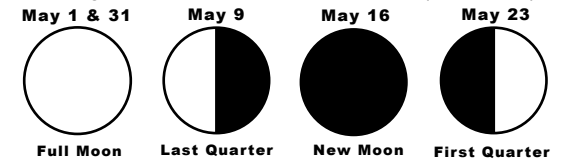
The Moon is above Saturn on the 13th (E predawn).

May 15 - 21

Moon is to the right of Venus on the 18th, at the lower right of Jupiter on the 19th and above Jupiter on the 20th (WNW evening).

May 22 - 31

The bright star to the left of the Moon on the 22nd is Regulus (WSW eve.). The Moon is to the right of Spica on the 26th (S eve.) and to the right of Antares on the 30th (SE eve.).



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