
Subject: OT - see Venus in the daytime

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So, if you ever wanted to see Venus in the daytime, now is the time. Right now, (it's 2pm PDT here) if you're in the part of the world where you can see the sun and the moon. If you're not, wait until you can. The moon is far enough east of the sun to see easily if you look for it, and if you find it, Venus is close enough right now (and for the next day or so) to find easily near it.

The moon is about the width of two fingers (at arm's length) east of Venus. They're both pretty high in the sky. If you can find the moon, (its a few days past new, so it's, oh, about an eighth of the way across the sky, behind the sun - where the sun was a couple of hours ago) look a couple of degrees to the west of it, back towards the sun. It's easier if you stand in the shade. See that little bright dot of light? There it is. Take a look.

I think it's cool to see planets in the daytime, but again, I'm easily amused.

-steve

here's a photo of what the angular distance looks like if you're as blind as my camera. It barely even shows the moon. I've made Venus more, hmmm, bright, since it really wasn't visible in the photo...

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"steve the artguy" <artguy@somethingrother.net> wrote in message news:4676fa5a\$1@linux...

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> So, if you ever wanted to see Venus in the daytime, now is the time. Right
> now, (it's 2pm PDT here) if you're in the part of the world where you can
> see the sun and the moon. If you're not, wait until you can. The moon is
> far enough east of the sun to see easily if you look for it, and if you
> find
> it, Venus is close enough right now (and for the next day or so) to find
> easily near it.
>
> The moon is about the width of two fingers (at arm's length) east of
> Venus.
> They're both pretty high in the sky. If you can find the moon, (its a few
> days past new, so it's, oh, about an eighth of the way across the sky,
> behind
> the sun - where the sun was a couple of hours ago) look a couple of
> degrees
> to the west of it, back towards the sun. It's easier if you stand in the
> shade. See that little bright dot of light? There it is. Take a look.
>
> I think it's cool to see planets in the daytime, but again, I'm easily
> amused.
>
> -steve
>
> here's a photo of what the angular distance looks like if you're as blind
> as my camera. It barely even shows the moon. I've made Venus more, hmmm,
> bright, since it really wasn't visible in the photo...
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Subject: Re: OT - see Venus in the daytime
Posted by [steve the artguy](#) on Tue, 19 Jun 2007 09:37:43 GMT
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Posted by [Larry Upton](#) on Tue, 19 Jun 2007 15:52:15 GMT
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Posted by [rick](#) on Tue, 19 Jun 2007 19:20:59 GMT
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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Tue, 19 Jun 2007 19:36:29 GMT
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Posted by [steve the artguy](#) on Wed, 20 Jun 2007 06:16:29 GMT
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Jamie-

you're welcome!

5 Planets?... either you're counting the moon as a planet, or you have really really good eyes (and a big telescope) and saw Pluto... I could only see 3 planets....but I know Mercury would have been visible had I gone out earlier.

-steve
