



Evening sky in NOVEMBER 2013

Towards the north the sky is dominated by the constellation of Pegasus, the Flying Horse. Four bright stars mark the "Great square in Pegasus" whose sides are each over 10 degrees (the width of your fist held up to the sky) across. This constellation contains the star 51 Pegasi, the first Sun-like star known to have an extra-solar planet. Almost overhead in Piscis Austrinus is the bright star Fomalhaut, around which orbits the first extra-solar planet imaged at visible wavelengths. Not far away at one end of Eridanus, the River, is Achernar, the 10th brightest star in the night sky. Lower down to the southeast is the 2nd brightest star, Canopus, in Carina, the Keel. The stars of Scorpius, the Scorpion are setting in the west while those in Taurus, the Bull, are rising in the east. The Southern Cross (Crux) is low in the south and appears upside down.

In the constellation of Sagittarius is planet Venus, now seen as the bright Evening Star. The dwarf planet, Pluto, is also in Sagittarius, but, like planets Uranus and Neptune which are in Pisces and Aquarius respectively, it can only be observed with a telescope.

The Moon is in the evening sky from 5 November until 19 November.