

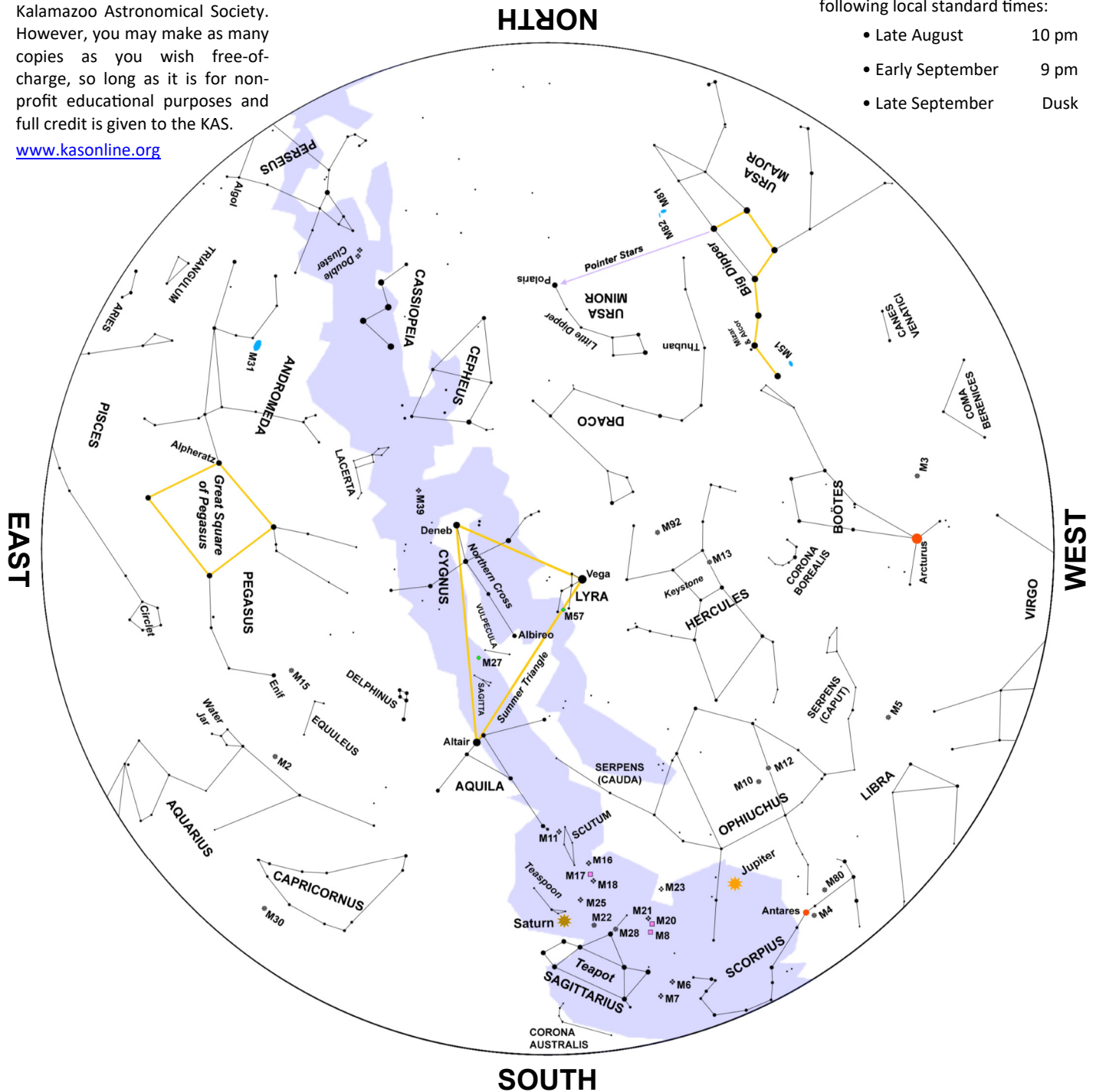
— September Night Sky —

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This map represents the sky at the following local standard times:

- Late August 10 pm
- Early September 9 pm
- Late September Dusk



Chase the Moon as it circles the sky in September. A first quarter Moon moves to within 4° of Jupiter on Sept. 5th. That's close enough to fit within the field-of-view of a pair of 7×50 or 10×50 binoculars. How many of the Galilean moons of Jupiter can you spot while enjoying a close-up view of the Moon/Jupiter pairing?

A waxing gibbous Moon will hopscotch past Saturn on the nights of Sept. 7th and 8th. The Moon will be over 6° to Saturn's right on the 7th and another 6° to the ringed wonder's left on the 8th.

Shifting to the early morning sky, a waning gibbous Moon visits the Hyades star cluster on Sept. 20th. Less than 4°

will separate the Moon and orange giant Aldebaran - again fitting within the field-of-view of binoculars.

The Moon will then buzz past the Beehive Cluster (M44) in Cancer on the morning of Sept. 24th & 25th. Finally, a thin waning crescent Moon will be 3° left of Regulus in Leo on Sept. 26th.