

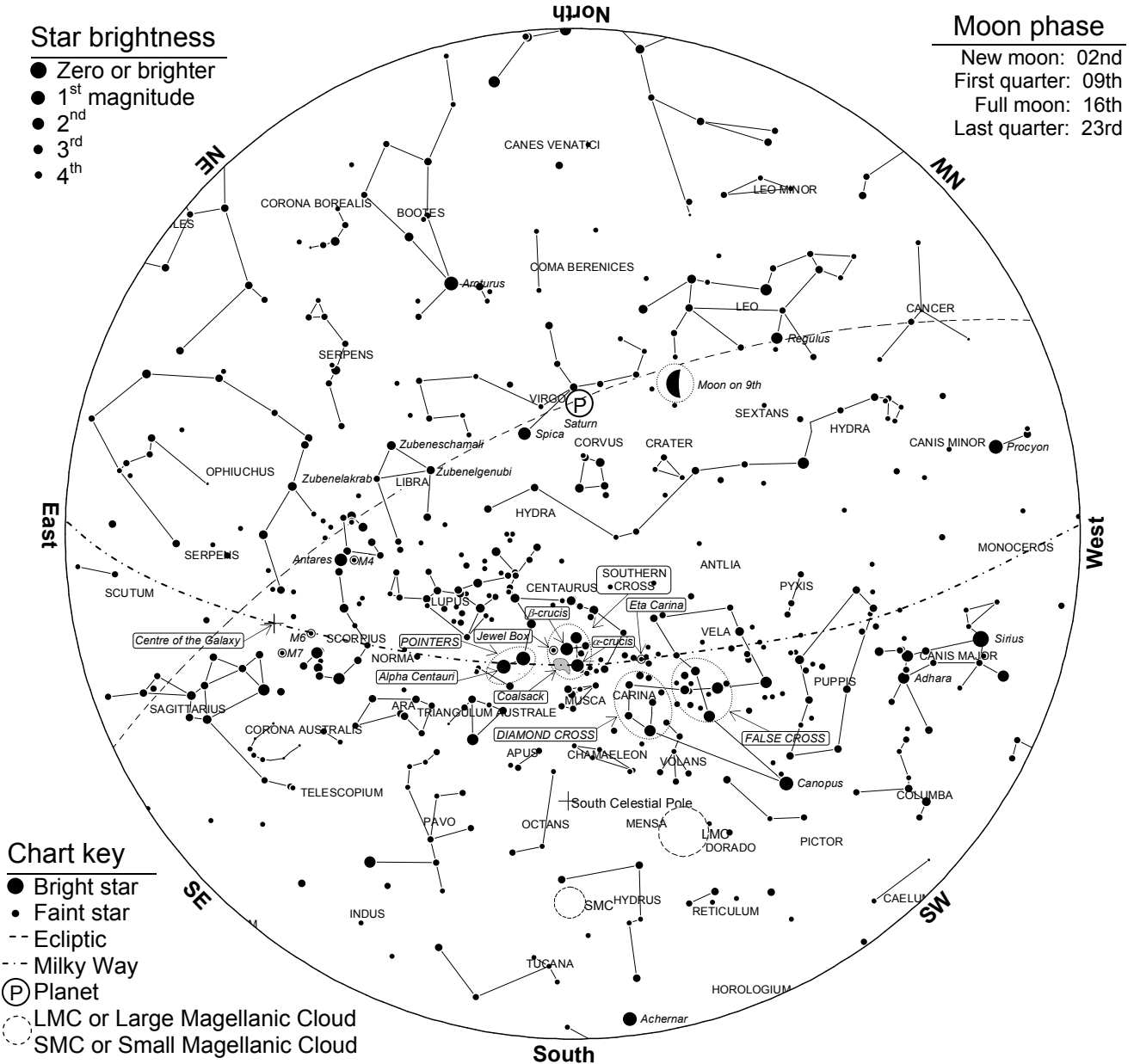
Sydney Observatory night sky map

June 2011

A map for each month of the year, to help you learn about the night sky

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This star chart shows the stars and constellations visible in the night sky for Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Hobart, Adelaide and Perth for June 2011 at about 7:30 pm (local standard time). For Darwin and similar locations the chart will still apply, but some stars will be lost off the southern edge while extra stars will be visible to the north. Stars down to a brightness or magnitude limit of 4.5 are shown. To use this chart, rotate it so that the direction you are facing (north, south, east or west) is shown at the bottom. The centre of the chart represents the point directly above your head, called the zenith, and the outer circular edge represents the horizon.



The Southern Cross is high in the sky towards the south and is easily located using the two nearby Pointer stars. The brighter of the Pointers, Alpha Centauri, is the nearest star system to the Sun. Nearby is the False and Diamond Cross that can both be mistaken for the Southern Cross. High in the sky are the constellations Leo (the Lion), Scorpius (the Scorpion) and Hydra (the Water Snake). Saturn is located towards the north in Virgo. The first quarter Moon can easily be seen towards the north on the 9th. June 22nd is the shortest day of the year (winter solstice; 9 hours and 48 minutes of daylight) when the Sun is at its most northerly position in the sky.



Sydney Observatory, with a magnificent view overlooking Sydney Harbour, is open every day (except Christmas day and Good Friday) between 10am and 5pm and for night sessions (times vary depending on the season). View the sky nightly through one of our telescopes, and see 3D movies about the Universe. Bookings are essential for night programs.

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