

St. Louis Astronomical Society

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Amateur Astronomy Web Resources Guide

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- **St. Louis Astronomical Society):** slasonline.org; an excellent online resource for the SLAS membership and public alike.
- **Astronomical League:** astroleague.org; the world's largest federation of amateur astronomers.
- **Sky & Telescope** magazine's web site: skyandtelescope.com; Very good for getting updates on astronomical events, also has links to various email lists and resources.
 - Features S&T's excellent introductory-level "how-to" guide that covers the full gamut of astronomical topics: skyandtelescope.com/howto.
- **Astronomy Magazine:** astronomy.com; the world's largest circulation astronomy magazine site.
- **Astronomy Link Compendiums:**
 - astronomylinks.com; the granddaddy of them all, with 1300+ sites broken down into dozens of topics like Astrophotography, Organizations & Clubs, Education, Telescope Making, etc.
 - dir.yahoo.com/Science/Astronomy; another huge resource for Yahoo with thousands of listings broken down into 40+ topics.
 - dmoz.org/Science/Astronomy; the Open Directory's public domain alternative to Yahoo; with 3,841 astronomy links and growing.
 - www.cv.nrao.edu/fits/www/astronomy.html; astronomy & astrophysics on the web.
 - antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/lib/edlinks.html; Astronomy Picture of the Day's educational links.
- **Recommendations for Beginning Amateur Astronomers:** observers.org/beginner
- **Cloudy Nights:** cloudynights.com/index.htm; A huge collection of equipment reviews, tips for beginners (and others) and observational astronomy articles.
- **Space Weather:** spaceweather.com; for aurora updates and other near-earth space phenomena such as close passing asteroids, comets.
- **Heavens Above:** heavens-above.com; observing Earth Satellites and spacecraft. Especially handy for keeping track of Iridium flares.
- **Where to buy used equipment:**
 - astromart.com
 - ebay.com (although caution is especially urged!)
 - astronomy-mall.com/telescope-warehouse
- **Eclipse Information:** sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse.
- **The Nine Planets:** sed.seds.org/nineplanets/nineplanets/nineplanets.html; a Multimedia Tour of the Solar system (planets, comets, asteroids, sun).
- **The Shallow Sky:** shallowsky.com; information on observing planets.
- **The Constellations and Their Stars:** astro.wisc.edu/~dolan/constellations.
- **SEDS (Students for Exploration and Development of Space):** sed.seds.org; a great site for more technical information on deep sky objects.
- **Visual Deep Sky Learning:** andreas-domenico.de/astro/links.html; many good links and information for those that really want to dive into deep sky observing with a telescope.
- Bill Ferris' "**Cosmic Voyage**": hometown.aol.com/billferris/index.html; an excellent site for an introduction to amateur astronomy
- freespace.virgin.net/m.poxon/hba-home.htm; a list of binocular objects organized by constellation.
- lightandmatter.com/binosky/binosky.html; "**Best Bet**" list of astronomical objects for binoculars.
- **Astro League's Messier Binocular List:** astroleague.org/al/obsclubs/binomess/binomess.html