

## Jeff's Binocular Picks for October 2024

This monthly list of binocular objects contains some of my choices of the best objects visible through binoculars. Many of these are easy targets and visible thru ordinary binoculars, but a few of them can be quite challenging. Viewing some the more challenging objects from a dark location will help, and the steadiness obtained by mounting your binoculars on a tripod will also help! Use this list along with a current copy of the monthly sky map from [www.skymaps.com](http://www.skymaps.com) and try to locate as many as you can. This will help you learn your way around the night sky. This list is also good for small scopes, too! Good Luck and have fun hunting!

*~ Jeff Benuzzi ~*

**Seen? Object** **Type** **Constellation In / Near**

√ **Early Evening**

_____	M12 & M10	Globular Clusters	Ophiuchus
_____	M13 (Hercules Cluster) and M92	Globular Clusters	Hercules
_____	IC 4665 (A/B Cluster)	Open Cluster	Ophiuchus
_____	M8 (Lagoon Nebula)	Emission Nebula	Sagittarius
_____	M20 (Trifid Nebula)	Emission Nebula	Sagittarius
_____	M24	Star Cloud	Sagittarius
_____	M17 (Swan Nebula)	Emission Nebula	Sagittarius
_____	M22	Globular Cluster	Sagittarius
_____	M11 (Wild Duck Cluster)	Open Cluster	Scutum
_____	Cr 399 (Coathanger Cluster)	Asterism	Sagitta
_____	M57 (Ring Nebula)	Planetary Nebula	Lyra
_____	Albireo (Cub Scout Star)	Double-Star	Cygnus
_____	M27 (Dumbbell Nebula)	Planetary Nebula	Vulpecula

**Late Evening**

_____	M29 (Cooling Tower Cluster)	Open Cluster	Cygnus
_____	M15	Globular Cluster	Pegasus
_____	Saturn	Planet	Aquarius
_____	M31 (Andromeda Galaxy)	Galaxy	Andromeda

**After Midnight**

_____	M33 (Pinwheel Galaxy)	Galaxy	Andromeda
_____	NGC 457 ("ET" Cluster)	Open Cluster	Cassiopeia
_____	M103 (Mini Dipper)	Open Cluster	Cassiopeia
_____	Double Cluster (NGC 869 & 884)	Open Clusters	Perseus / Cassiopeia
_____	M45 (Pleiades or 7 Sisters)	Open Cluster	Taurus
_____	Hyades	Open Cluster	Taurus
_____	Jupiter	Planet	Taurus