Jeff's Binocular Picks for August 2018

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 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**		
_____	M3	Globular Cluster	Boötes / Coma Berenices
_____	Alcor & Mizar	Double-Star	Ursa Major
_____	Jupiter	Planet	Libra
_____	M5	Globular Cluster	Serpens Caput
_____	M13 (Hercules Cluster)	Globular Cluster	Hercules
_____	M12 & M10	Globular Clusters	Ophiuchus
_____	IC 4665 (A/B Cluster)	Open Cluster	Ophiuchus
	Late Evening		
_____	M4	Globular Cluster	Scorpius
_____	M6 & M7	Open Clusters	Scorpius
_____	M8 (Lagoon Nebula)	Emission Nebula	Sagittarius
_____	Saturn	Planet	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
_____	M27 (Dumbbell Nebula)	Planetary Nebula	Vulpecula
_____	Albireo (Cub Scout Star)	Double-Star	Cygnus
_____	M57 (Ring Nebula)	Planetary Nebula	Lyra
_____	M29 (Cooling Tower Cluster)	Open Cluster	Cygnus
_____	M39	Open Cluster	Cygnus
	After Midnight		
_____	M31 (Andromeda Galaxy)	Galaxy	Andromeda
_____	NGC 457 ("ET" Cluster)	Open Cluster	Cassiopeia
_____	Double Cluster (NGC 869 & 884)	Open Clusters	Perseus / Cassiopeia
_____	M33 (Pinwheel Galaxy)	Galaxy	Andromeda
_____	Perseids	Meteor Shower	Perseus - Peaks Aug 12th