

# SUMMER STARGAZING

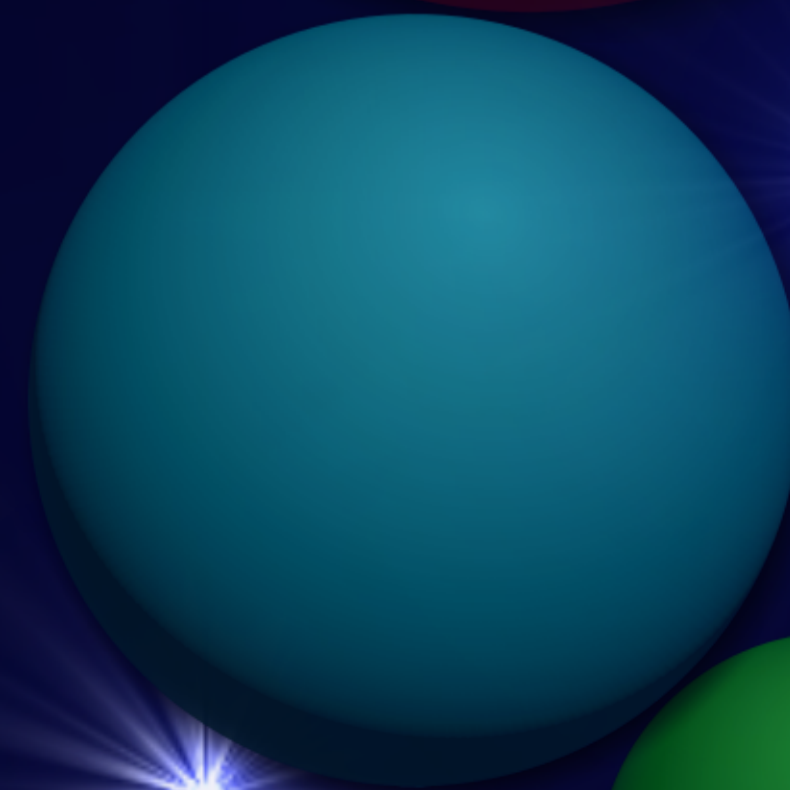
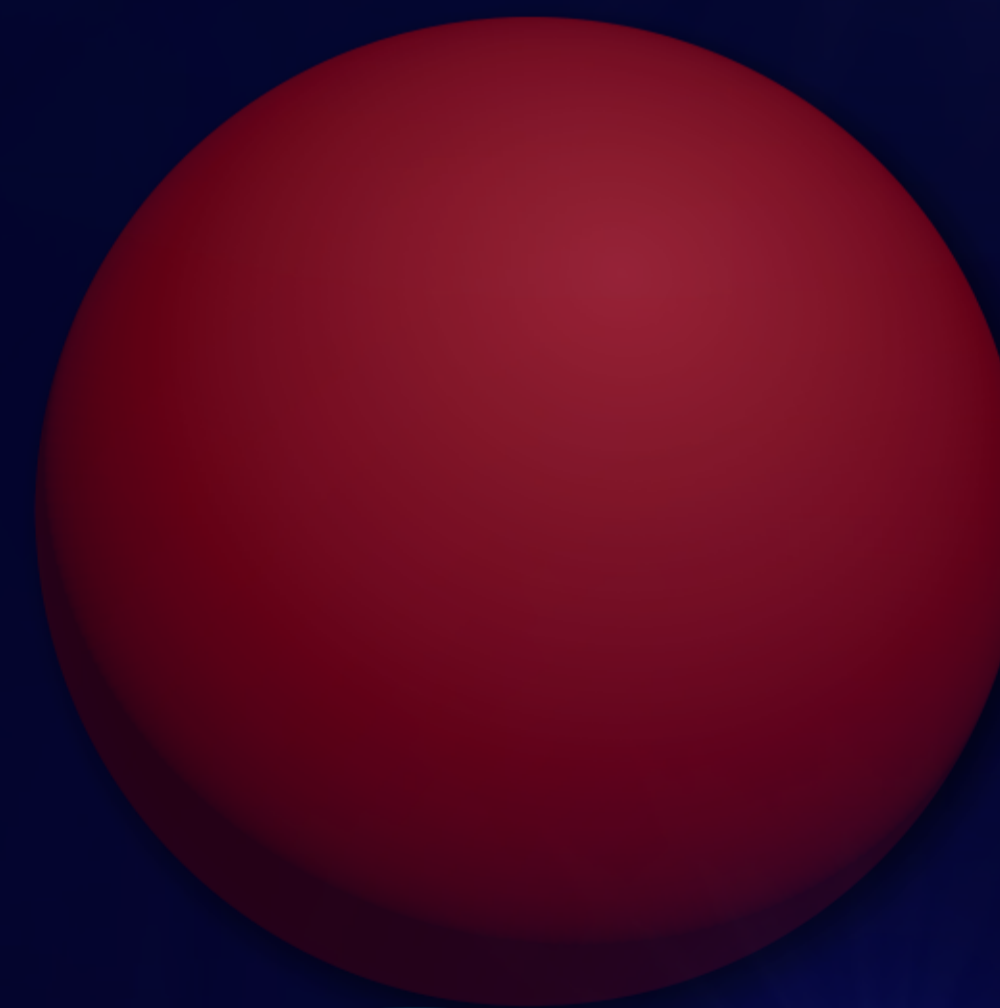
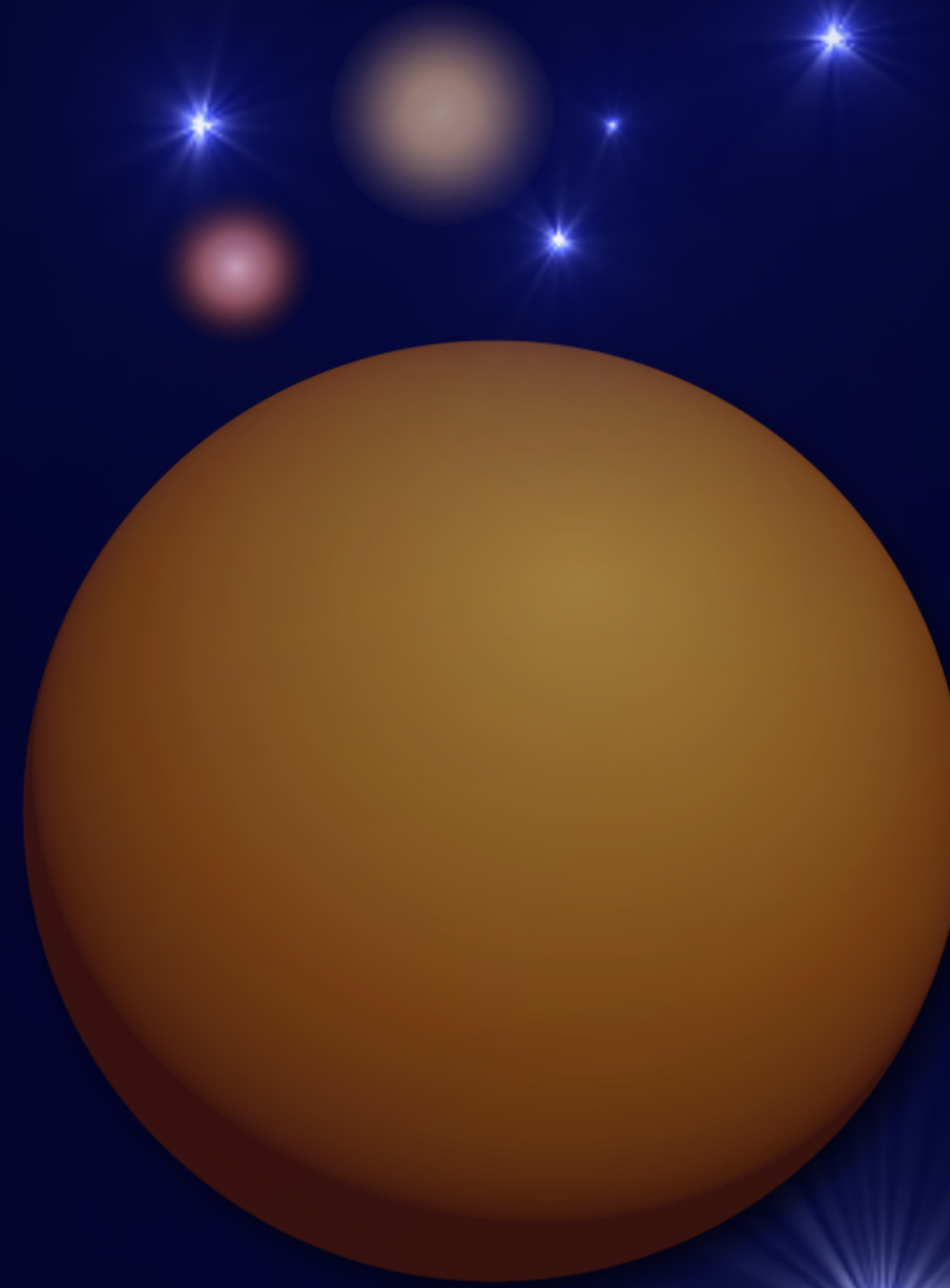
## SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

- In winter, there is a lot more to see but in summer the temperatures are mild and you can still enjoy interesting night sky features!
- New Zealand night sky has two galaxies, the Large & Small Magellanic Clouds (LMC & SMC), visible to the naked eye, high in the sky during summer.



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- Famous summer features to watch for: Constellation Orion, the brightest star Sirius, the constellation Canis Major and the spiral arms of the Milky Way galaxy.



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## FORECAST

### EYEFUL OF ALL 5 BRIGHT PLANETS!

- In the final week of February 2019, all 5 bright planets will be visible with the naked eye!

- Mercury
- Venus
- Mars
- Jupiter
- Saturn

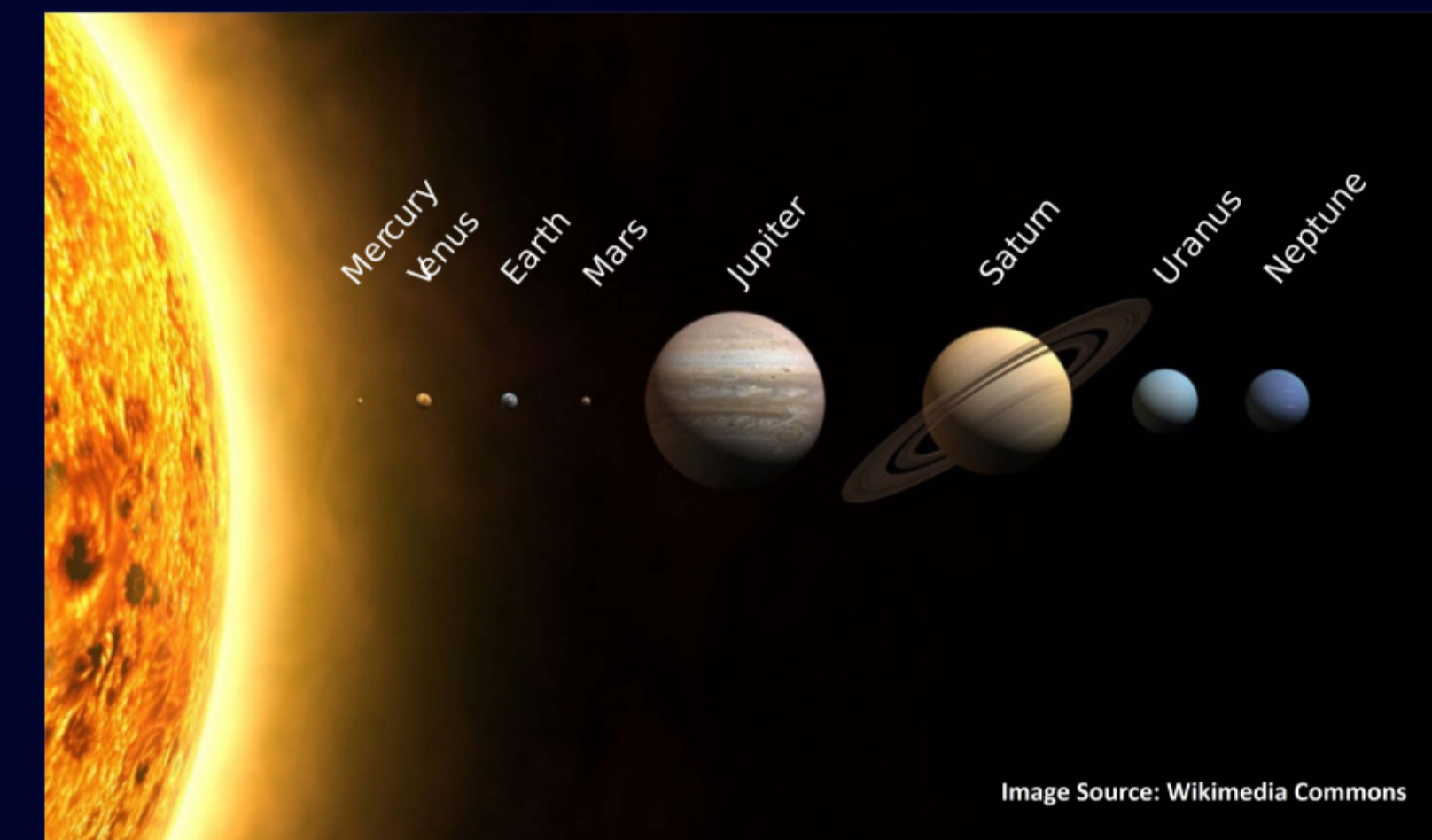
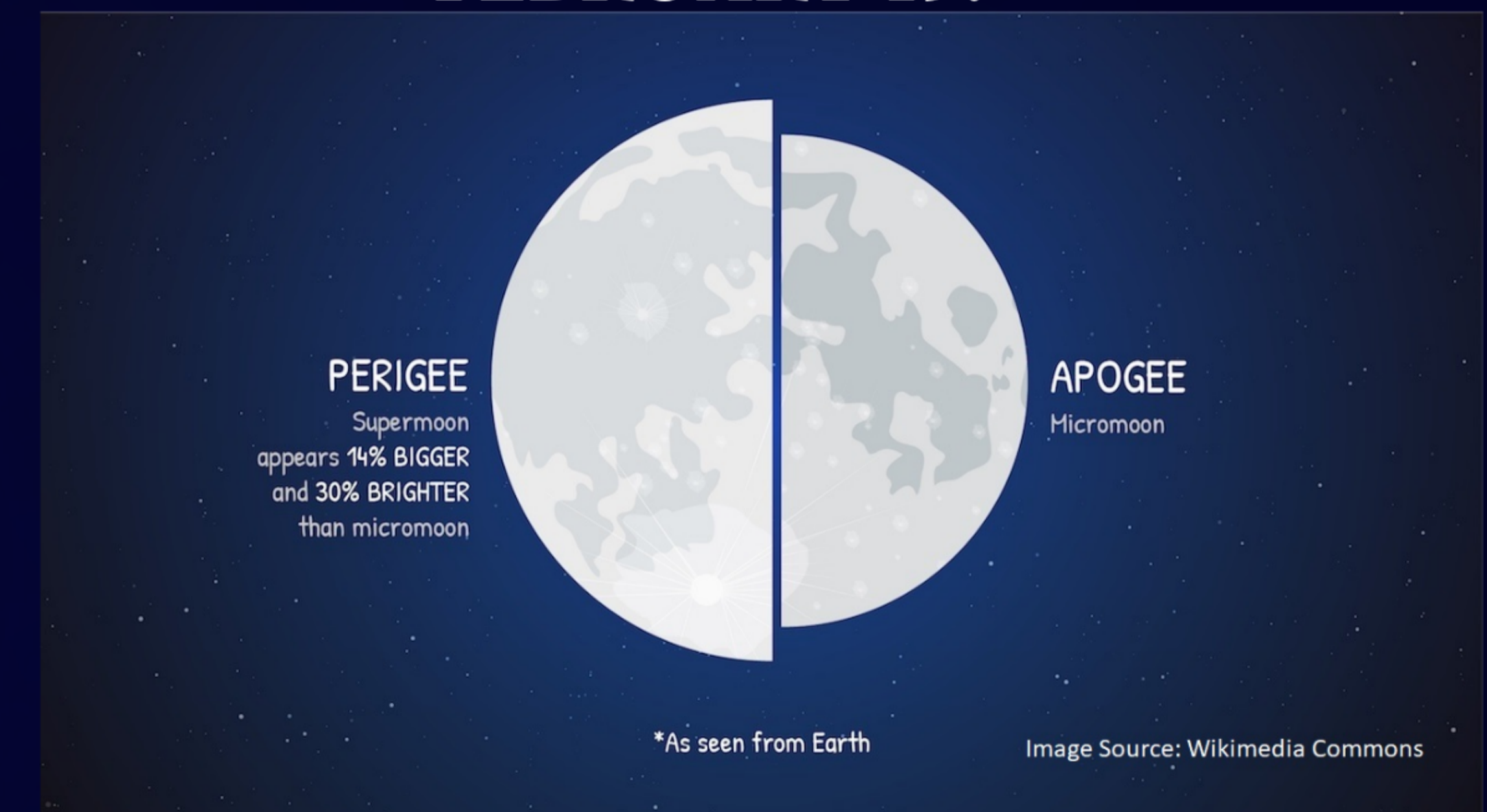


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### YEAR'S BIGGEST SUPERMOON ON FEBRUARY 19!



- Contrasting a supermoon (full moon at it's closest point to Earth) with a micromoon (full moon at it's farthest point to Earth).