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Lyrid 2018 Meteor Shower on April 22 (Download PDF)

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Lyrid 2018 meteor shower put on a good show this year due to dark, moonless skies during the peak. The Lyrids, which peak during late April, are one of the oldest known meteor showers. The Lyrid meteor shower indicates the start of the meteor shower calendar.

Image of Meteor Shower Calendar For 2018

- Lyrids have been observed for 2, 700 years.
- The meteor shower was visible across the Northern Hemisphere

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- Lyrid meteor shower gets its name from the constellation Lyra home to the bright star Vega, and is set very close to the Pole Star.
- Two such recent occurrences during the Lyrid meteor shower were recorded in 1922 and 1980.

Fast Facts on Lyrid

Comet of Origin	C/1861 G1 Thatcher
Radiant	Constellation Lyra
Active	April 21 - 22
Peak Activity Meteor Count	20 meteors per hour
Meteor Velocity	30 miles (49 kilometres) per second

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