

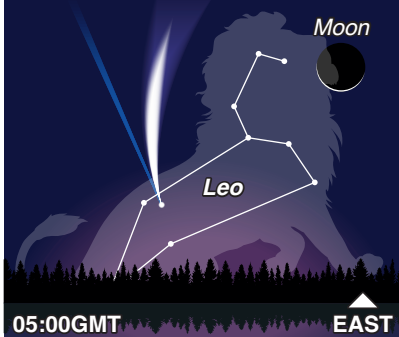
How to view Comet Nishimura

Stargazers have a rare opportunity to see the newly discovered comet *Nishimura* with the naked eye, as it speeds past the constellation of Leo at a distance of 125 million kilometres (78m miles)



Sep 10: Nishimura – formally called *C/2023 P1* – as seen over woodland in Germany

Sep 12: Closest pass to Earth – distance of **0.85 AU***



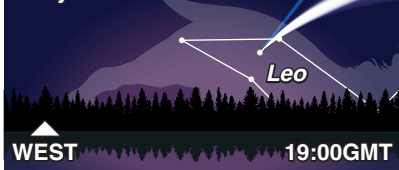
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Nishimura will remain visible for several days

Sep 17: Reaches *perihelion* (closest point to Sun), at which point it will no longer be visible

Comet will return in **400 years**



WEST

19:00GMT

*Astronomical Unit – length equal to average distance between Earth and Sun

Sources: Star Walk 2, Astronomy, The Independent

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