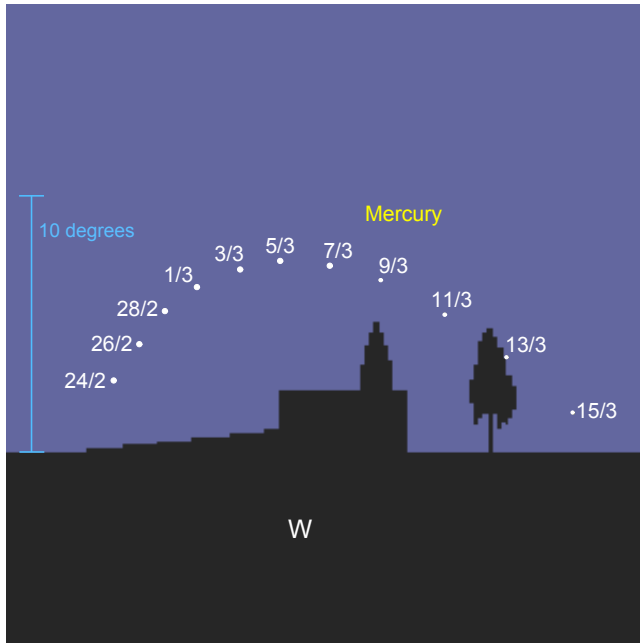


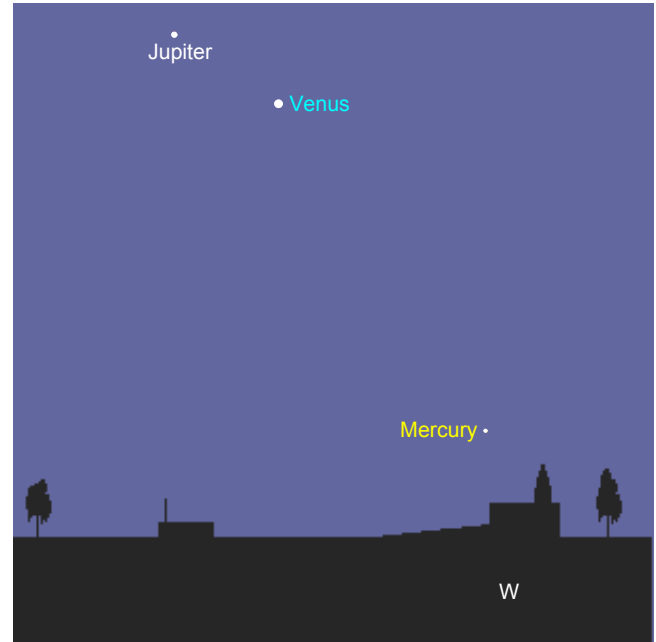
# Mercury Eastern Elongation - February / March 2012

Northern Hemisphere view as seen from London, England (51.5N) - 1 hour after sunset



Mercury apparition. View looking towards the western horizon from February 24th to March 15th

February 24th: magnitude -0.9 phase 83%  
March 5th: magnitude -0.3 phase 45%  
March 15th: magnitude +2.3 phase 07%



View looking towards the western horizon on March 5th, also showing Venus and Jupiter

Mercury: magnitude -0.3 phase 45%  
Venus: magnitude -4.2 phase 62%  
Jupiter: magnitude -2.1 phase 99%