

Bright Asteroids

By Geoff Gaherty

Starry Night Education

The following asteroids are expected to become brighter than magnitude 9 and more than 90 degrees from the Sun during 2012.

Bright Asteroids Visible in 2012

Asteroid	Maximum Magnitude	Date Range for Best Viewing
1 Ceres	6.7	September to December
2 Pallas	8.3	August to October
4 Vesta	6.4	August to December
9 Metis	8.5	December
15 Eunomia	8.7	January
433 Eros	8.5	January to February

Source: RASC Observer's Handbook 2012