

# Celestial Covid-19 in Lockdown London

Images from Highgate; sunrise and sunsets of skies and buildings from the roof of Cholmeley Lodge on the brow of Highgate Hill which offers over 180 degree views of the conurbation London from north to south; Muswell Hill, Alkmaar, the Lea Valley, Stratford and the Olympic site, Canary Wharf, The City, Elephant and Castle, the London Eye, Battersea and the Post office Tower, whilst the mostly tree-lined horizon to the north west is broken by St Michael's Church and various buildings of Highgate School.



The photographer: Jeffrey G Duckett

The camera: Canon Power Shot *SX70HS* with x65 optical zoom.

### Context

I am a professional botanist working at the Natural History Museum, London with a lifetime of imaging work on plants in the field down to light and electron microscopy.

At the onset of lockdown I decided to make a daily record of sunrises and sunsets from Cholmeley Lodge, Highgate.

It did not take long for me to realise that these are like snowflakes: no two are the same.

It is a real pleasure to share my images which later will be available in book form.

And please note: getting up at 4.20 is always exciting as you don't know what you might see.

London Panorama Mar 24 2020



# London Panorama Apr 2020



London Panorama June 2020



Apr 30 2020  
A storm over  
Stratford



May 27 The City Lights



June 6 A storm brewing over Stratford



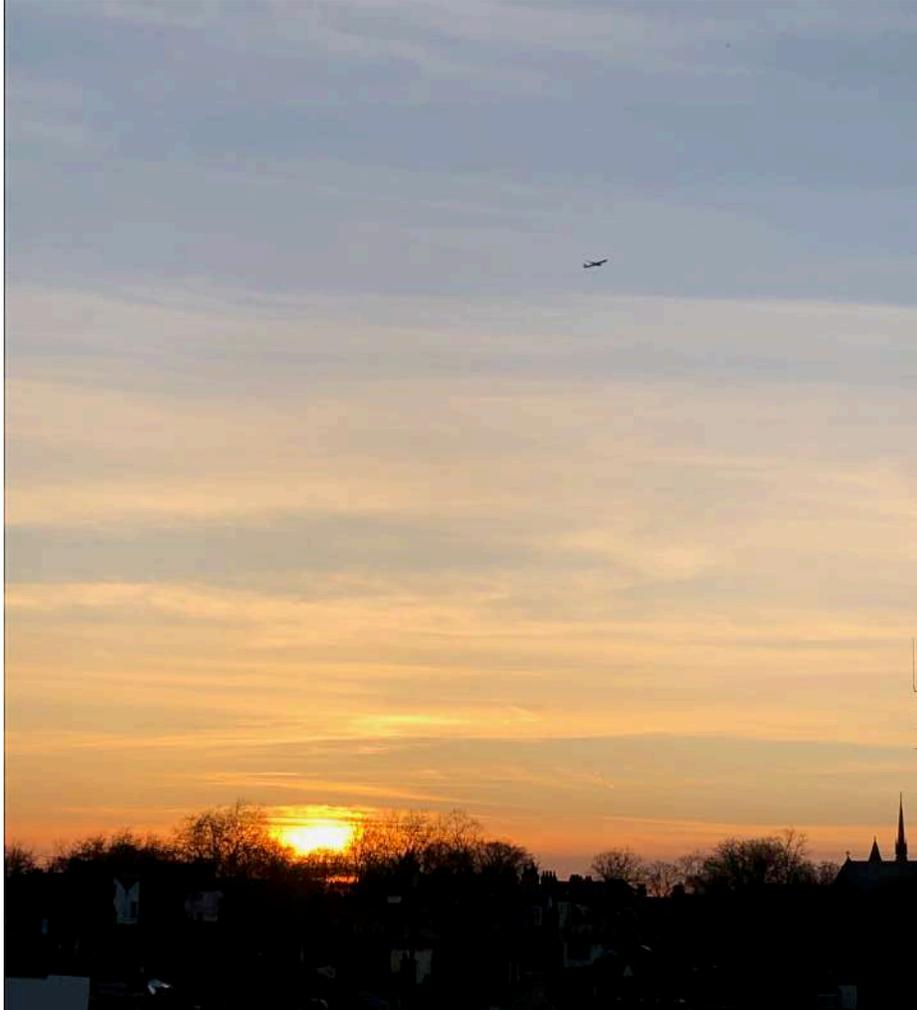
June 9 Before a storm



# **The varied sunsets over Highgate**

From 24 March until 20 June 2020, the Summer Solstice.

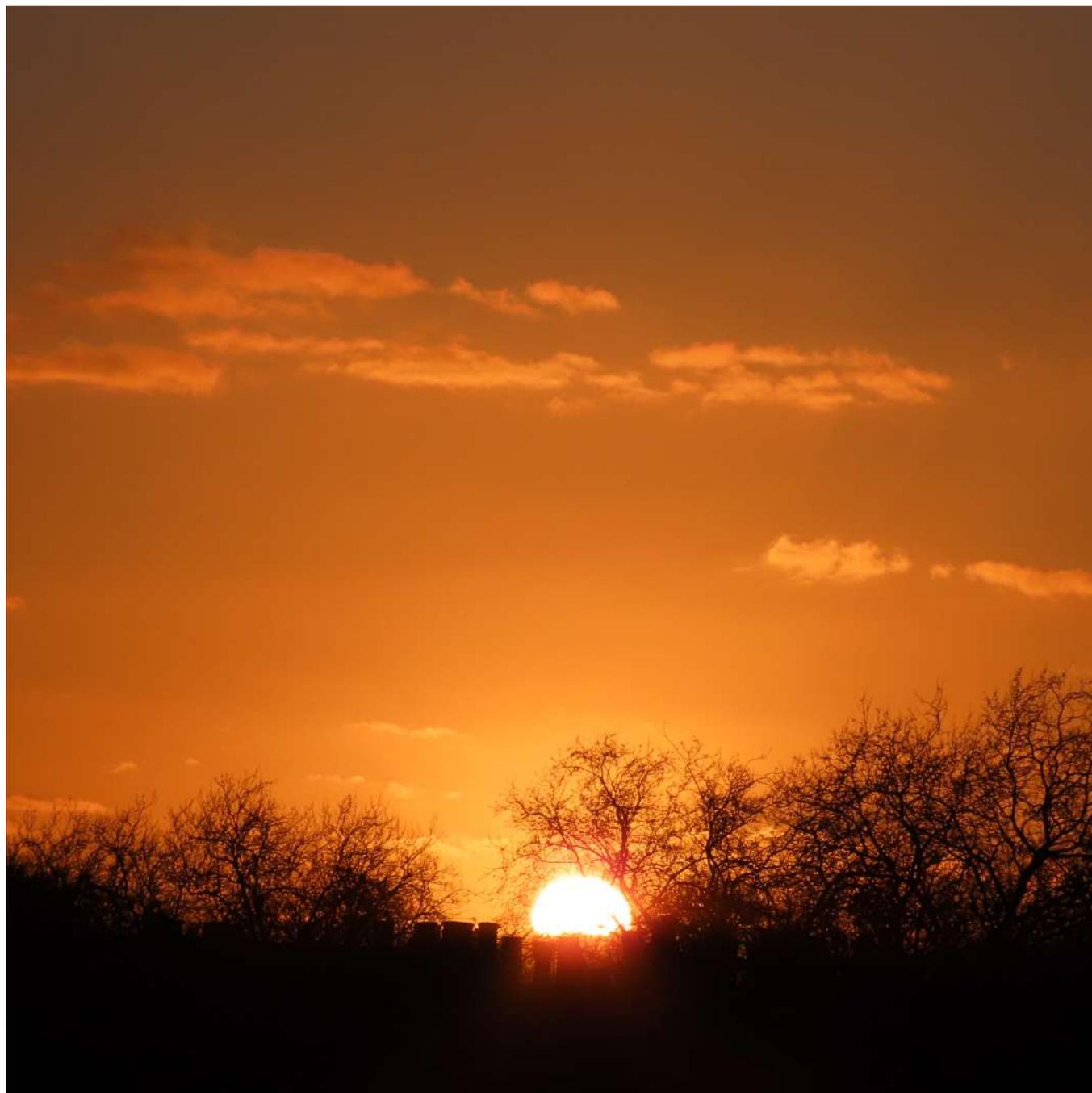
March 24 The first sunset



Mar 26,27



Mar 28,29



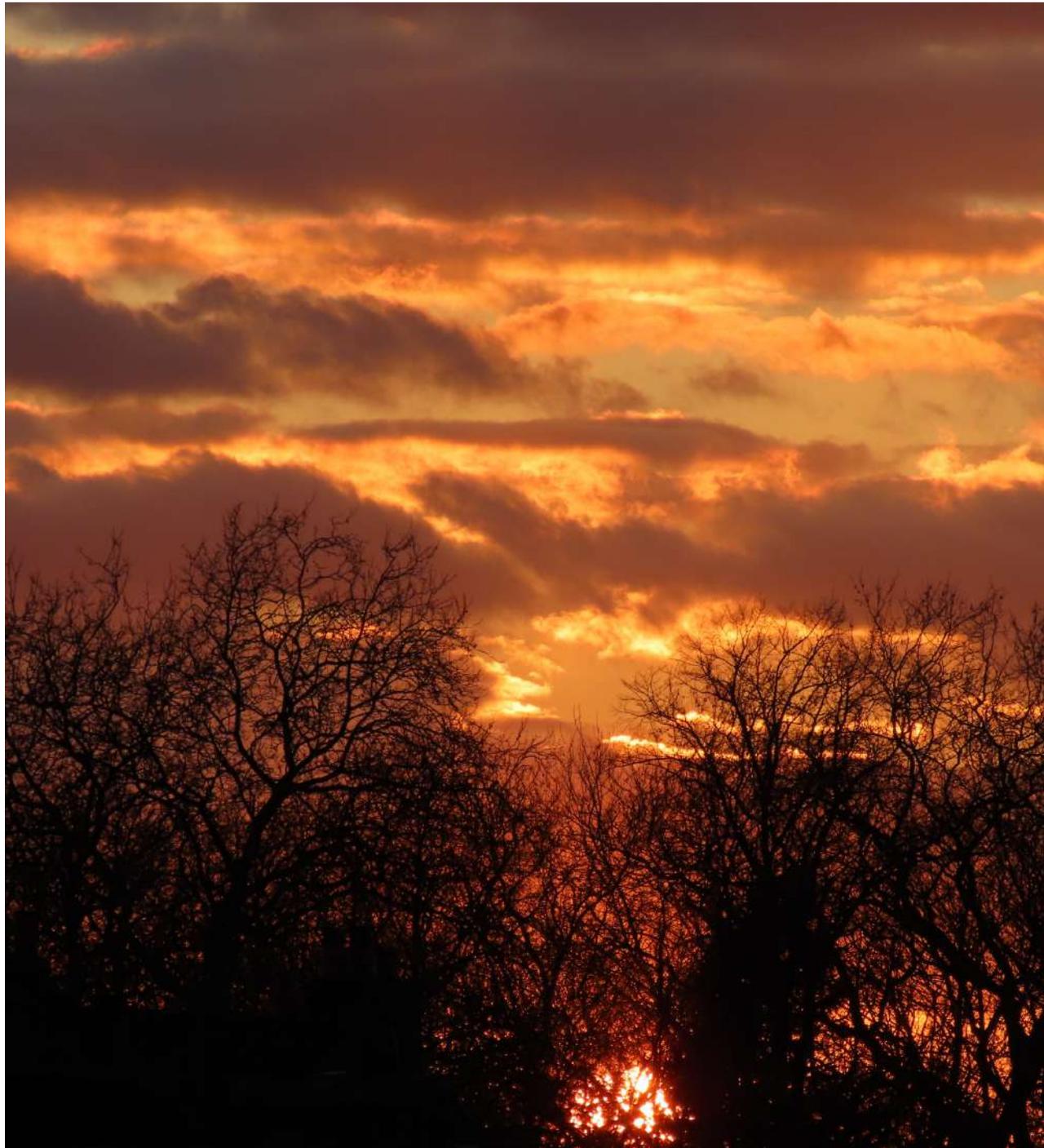
Mar 30



Mar 31



Apr 2



Apr 4



Apr 5



Apr 6



Apr 8



Apr 10



Apr 11



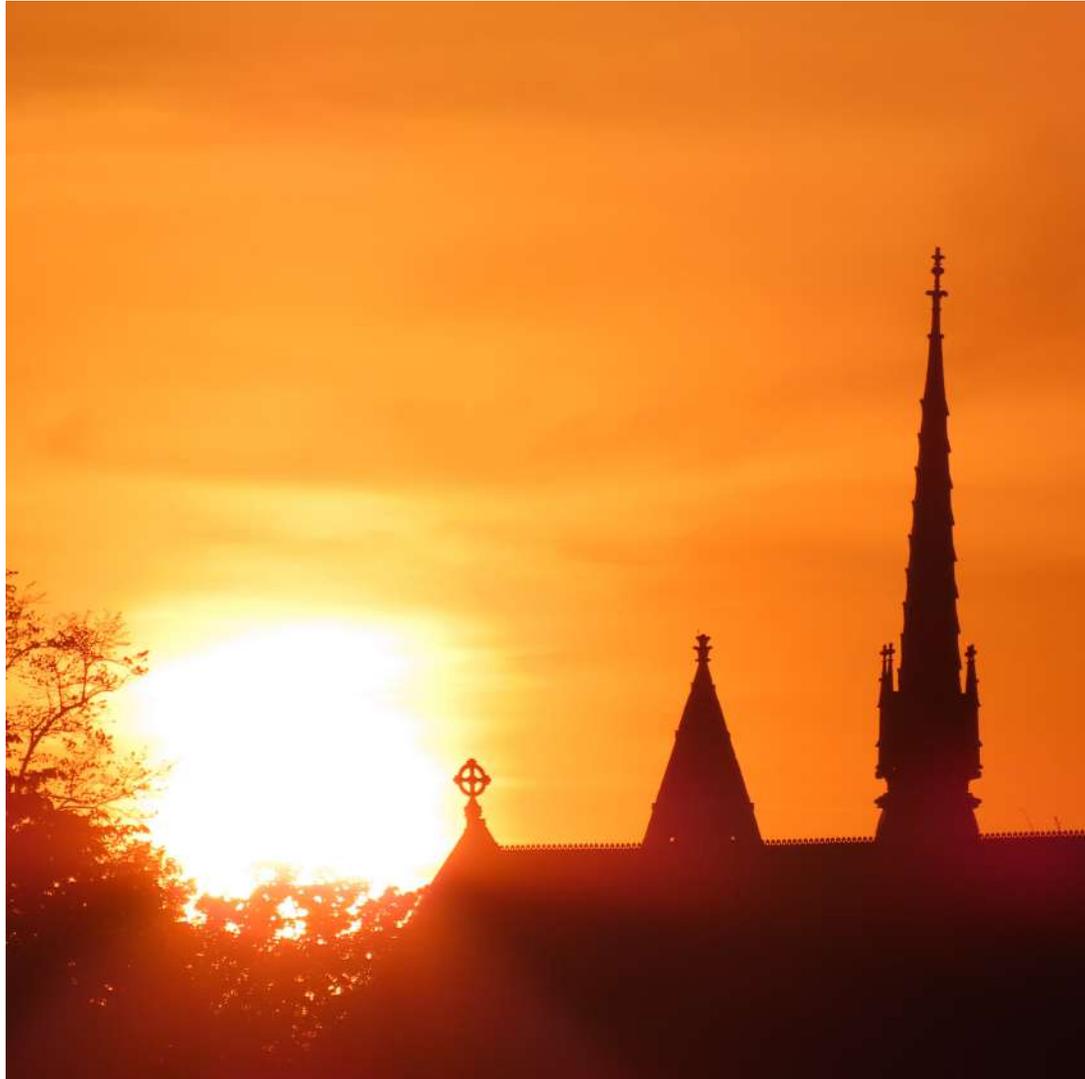
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Apr 16



Apr 23



Apr 24



Apr 26



Apr 27



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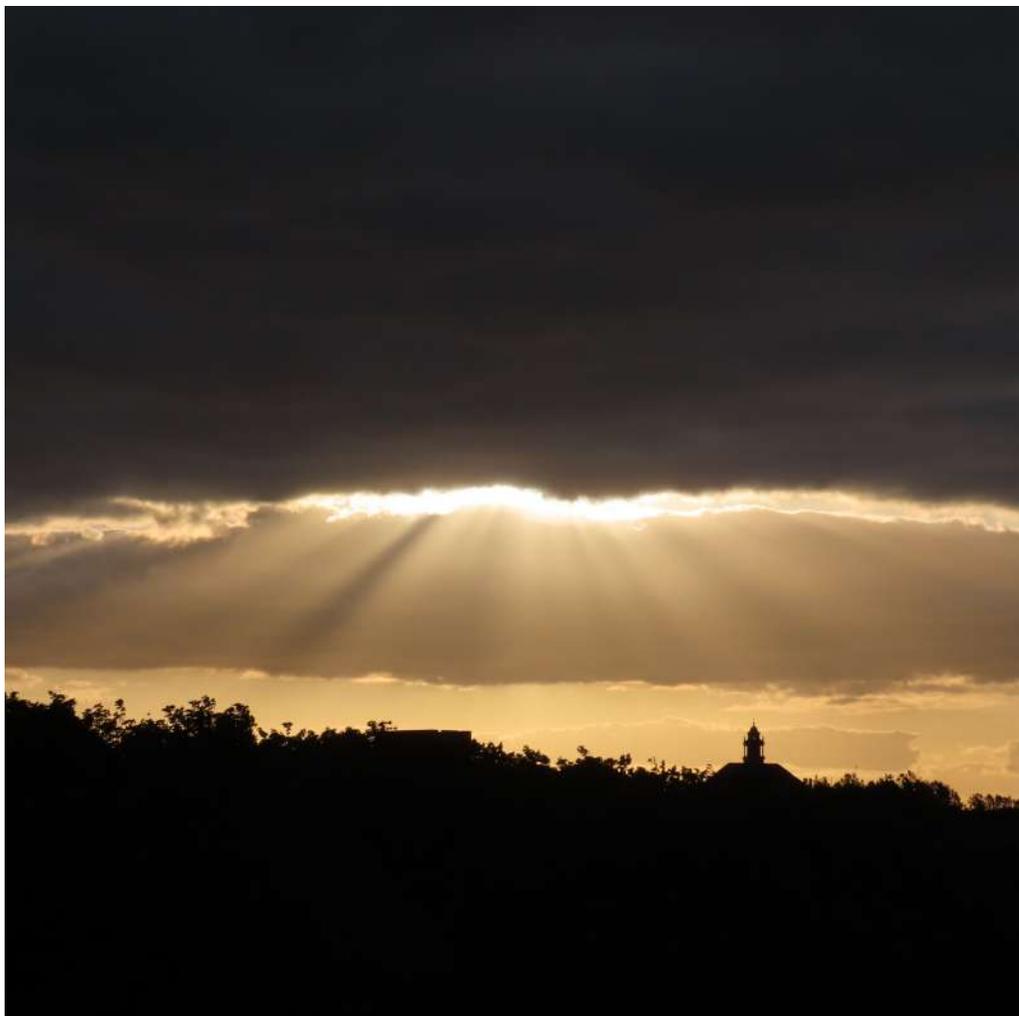
May 4



May 7,8



May 11



May 22



May 25



May 23,27



May 27



May 31



June 2



June 1



June 5



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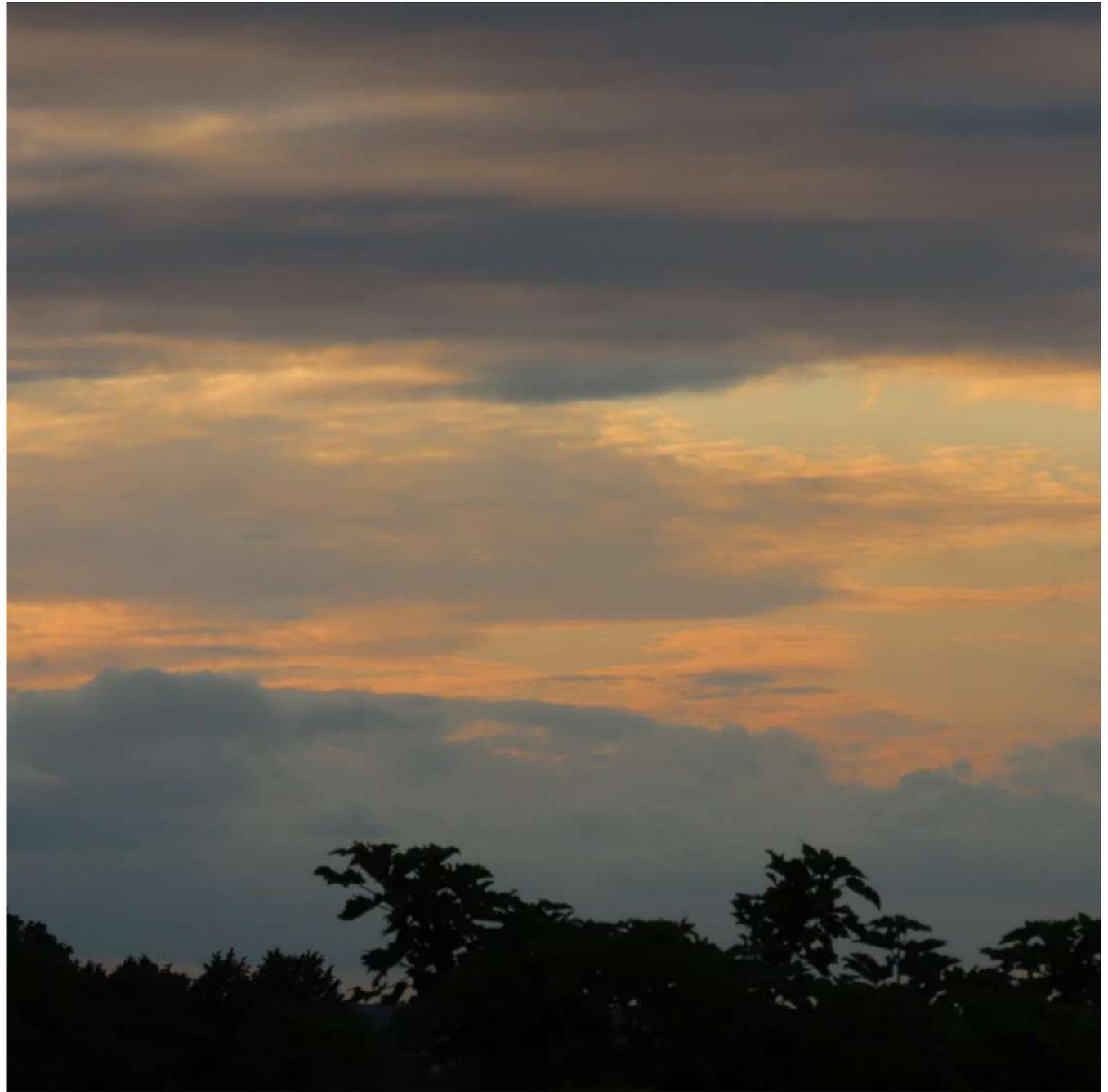
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June 7



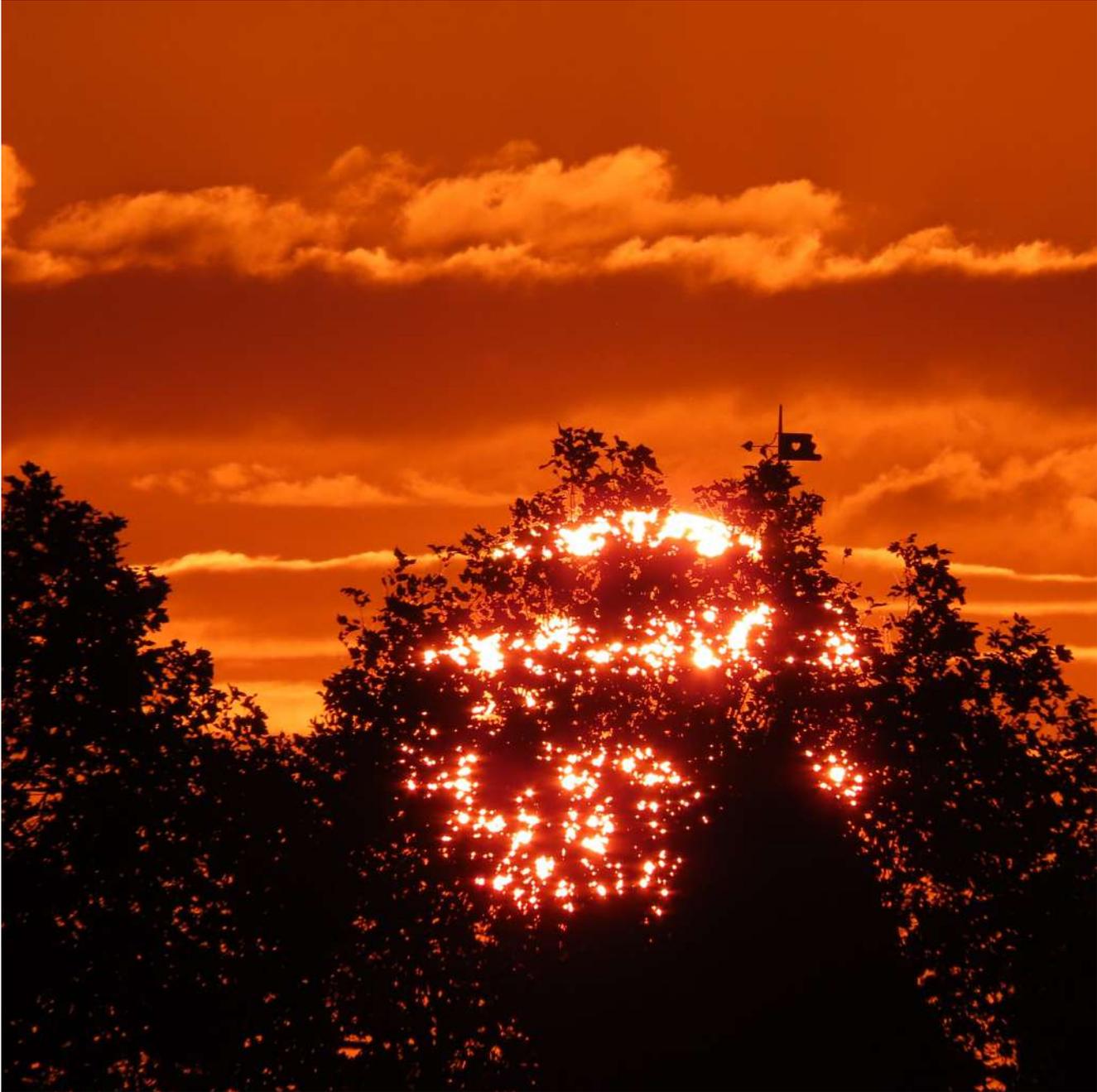
June 9



June 13



June 19



June 20  
The summer solstice



## Evening moons

- Waxing gibbous Apr 4, 5, 6, 30, May 1, 2, 4, 5, 6
- Waxing crescent Apr 25, 26
- Half Apr 30
- FULL
  - Apr 7 PINK MOON
  - May 7 FLOWER MOON
  - June 7 STRAWBERRY MOON
- Waning gibbous Apr 8, 9, June 6
- Waning crescent

Despite the exceptional weather this record falls far short of a complete sequence of the moon phases

Apr 4,5 Waxing gibbous



Apr 6, 7 full moon  
The Pink Moon



Apr 8, 9 Waning gibbous



Apr 25, 26, 30 Waxing crescent and half



Apr 30, May 1  
Waxing gibbous



May 2, 4  
Waxing gibbous



May 5, 6  
Waxing gibbous



May 7 Full Moon  
The Flower Moon



May 25, 26  
Waxing crescent



May 27, 28  
Waxing crescent



May 29, 30  
Waxing gibbous



June 2  
Waxing gibbous



June 5  
Full Moon  
Strawberry Moon



June 5  
Full Moon  
Strawberry Moon



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Full Moon  
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June 5  
Full Moon  
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June 5  
Full Moon  
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June 6  
Waning gibbous

