### **Preparing for a Solar Eclipse**

Credit: NASA Goddard

#### **Presentation Overview**

- What are solar eclipses
- How to enjoy a solar eclipse safely
- Solar eclipse resources for everyone

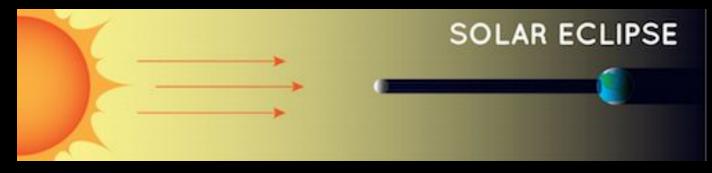


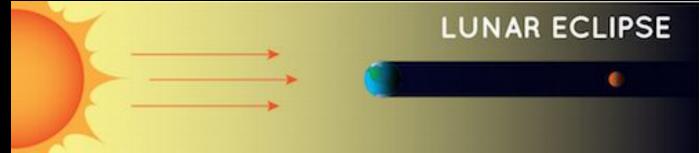
#### Have You Ever Seen a Solar Eclipse?



Credit: Tomruen

# What is the Difference Between a Solar and Lunar Eclipse?

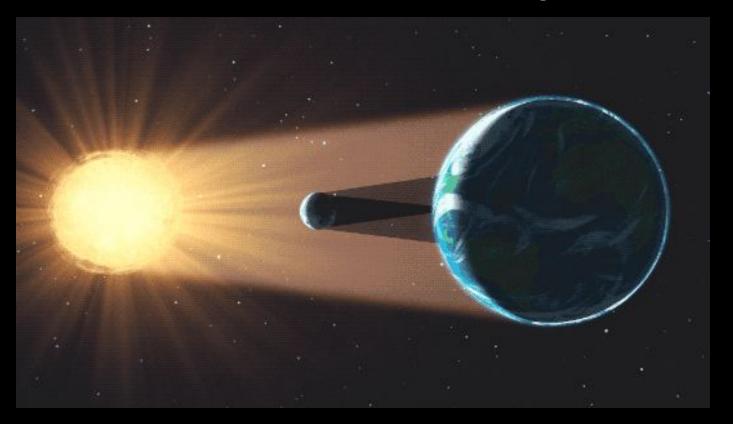




Illustrations not to scale

Credit: NASA Space Place

#### What is a Solar Eclipse?



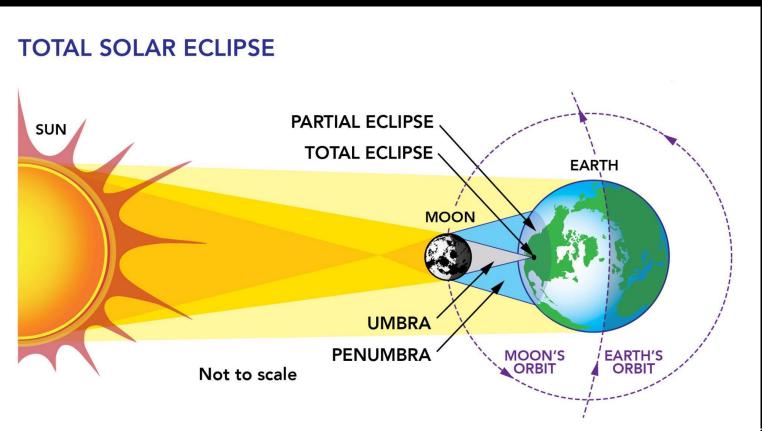
Credit: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

#### Solar Eclipse from Space: the Moon's Shadow Moves Across Earth



#### Credit: NASA Earth Observatory animation by Joshua Stevens

#### Moon's Shadow: Umbra & Penumbra



# Different Types of Solar EclipsesTotalAnnularPartial





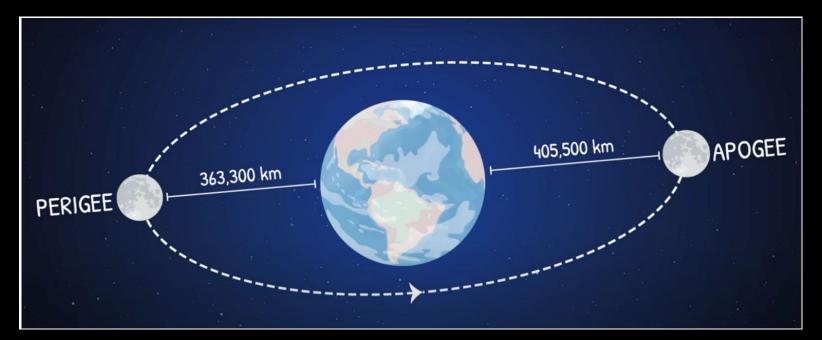


Credit: NASA/MSFC/Joseph Matus

Credit: NASA/Bill Dunford

Credit: NASA/Bill Ingalls

#### Total vs Annular Solar Eclipse? Due to the Elliptical Orbit of the Moon Different Distance between the Moon and the Earth



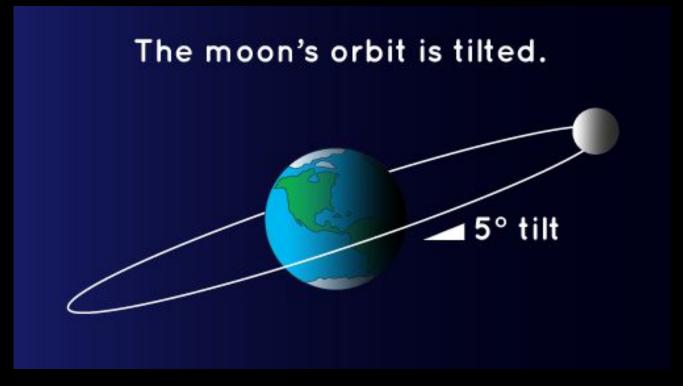
#### Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

## Solar eclipses are possible because the Sun and the Moon have the same *apparent size* in the sky.



The Sun's diameter is about 400 times wider than that of the Moon, but the Sun is also about 400 times farther away from Earth.

### **How Often Do Eclipses Happen?**



Credit: NASA Space Place

### Everyone Can Participate in a Solar Eclipse!



Credits: Science Museum of Minnesota and Emily Maletz for NISE Network

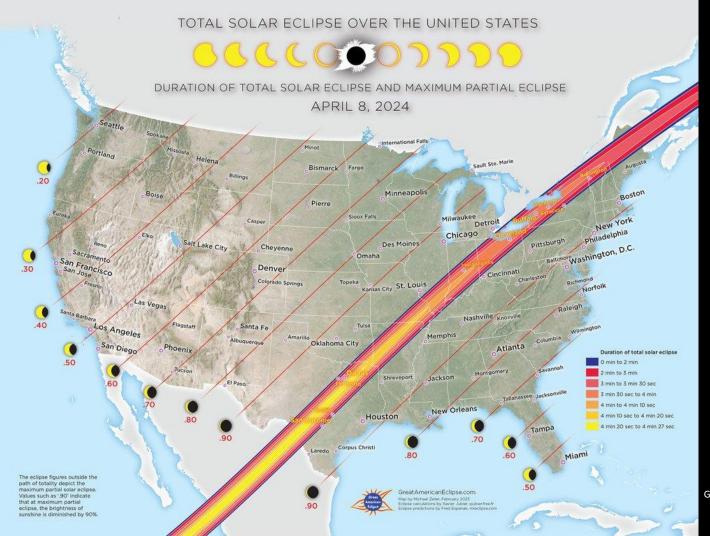
#### October 14, 2023 & April 8 2024 Solar Eclipses



#### Credit: NASA's Scientific Visualization Studio



Credit: Michael Zeiler GreatAmericanEclipse.com



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### Everyone in North American Should See at Least a Partial Eclipse...



#### If It's Clear Out!

Credit: NASA/Aubrey Gemignani

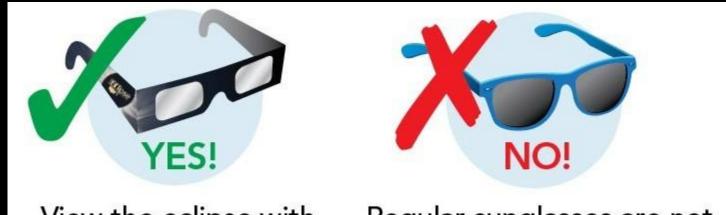
### Safe Eclipse Viewing

- Safety glasses
- Projection of images
  - Shadows
  - Pinhole projector
- Live streaming the event





### Safe Eclipse Viewing: Safety Glasses



View the eclipse with special eclipse glasses.

Regular sunglasses are not safe to view the eclipse.

Always use proper safety equipment to observe the Sun at any time!

Credit: NASA

#### Safe Eclipse Viewing: Shadows



#### Credit: Emily Maletz for the NISE Network

### Safe Eclipse Viewing: Pinhole Viewer





Credit: NASA/Mary Pat Hrybyk-Keith

### Safe Eclipse Viewing: Live Streaming

### exploratorium<sup>®</sup> SOLAR ECLIPSE

Find the app and livestream info at exploratorium.edu/eclipse

#### **Resources: Citizen Science Projects**

**Eclipse Soundscapes** What are the effects of a solar eclipse on animals, insects, and other living creatures on Earth?



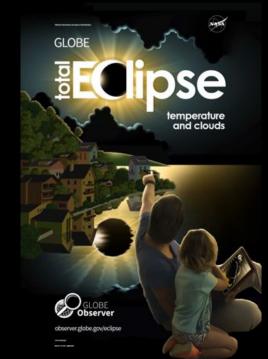
#### Find more info at EclipseSoundscapes.org

### **Resources: Citizen Science Projects**

## Eclipse

#### **GLOBE Observer**

What happens on Earth to temperature, clouds, and wind, when the Sun is blocked by the Moon during an eclipse?



#### Find the app & info at observer.globe.gov/eclipse

#### **Resources: Local Expertise**



Credit: Science Museum of Minnesota for NISE Network

#### **Resources: Event Planning**

**Compilation of Solar Eclipse public engagement resources:** 

- Hands-on activities
- Maps and images
- Safe viewing
- NASA's Solar Eclipse Tactile book
- Cultural connections and more!

#### nisenet.org/solareclipse



#### **NISE Network Solar Eclipse Activities**

Exploring the Solar System: **Big Sun,** Small Moon



Exploring the Solar System: Solar Eclipse



Exploring Earth: Bear's Shadow



Exploring the Solar System: Observe the Sun



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# Explore Science: Voyage through the Solar System Activities

Build a Moon Base

Space Souvenir

**Breath of Fresh Air** 



#### nisenet.org/solarsystem-kit

Credit: Emily Maletz for the NISE Network

#### **Companion Apps with Hands-on Activities**

#### **DIY** Sun Science









#### **Download from the App Store!**

#### **Tips for Hosting Solar Eclipse Events**

- Plan ahead!
- Spacious location
- Staff and volunteers
- Safe viewing
- Live stream
- Hands-on Activities



### **Tips for Taking Photos**

- Treat your camera like your eyes use safe solar viewing practices!
- Use the right solar filter for your specific model of camera
- If it is cloudy, you can still get some great photos of the event by just observing the people and environment around you.
- More advice:

https://eclipse.aas.org/imaging-video/images-videos



#### **Questions?**



Find More: solarsystem.nasa.gov/eclipses

## Thank you!

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