

On May 21st 2012 an annular solar eclipse begins over southeast China and passes over Japan. When the eclipse crosses the International Date Line. the local date becomes May 20th. The eclipse then enters the California/Oregon border, passes in the late afternoon over Nevada, Utah, Arizona, a corner of Colorado, New Mexico and ends at sunset in Texas.

Waiting to take this shot and hoping for cloudless skies is Jimmy Westlake. Jimmy is Professor of Astronomy and Physics at Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Jimmy's camera position on the night of May 20th was approximately twenty miles west of Sundown, TX. An appropriately named location for this rare event.

More of Jimmy's beautiful photos can be found at his website located at: http://www.jwestlake.com/JRWjr_Astrophotography/Welcome.html