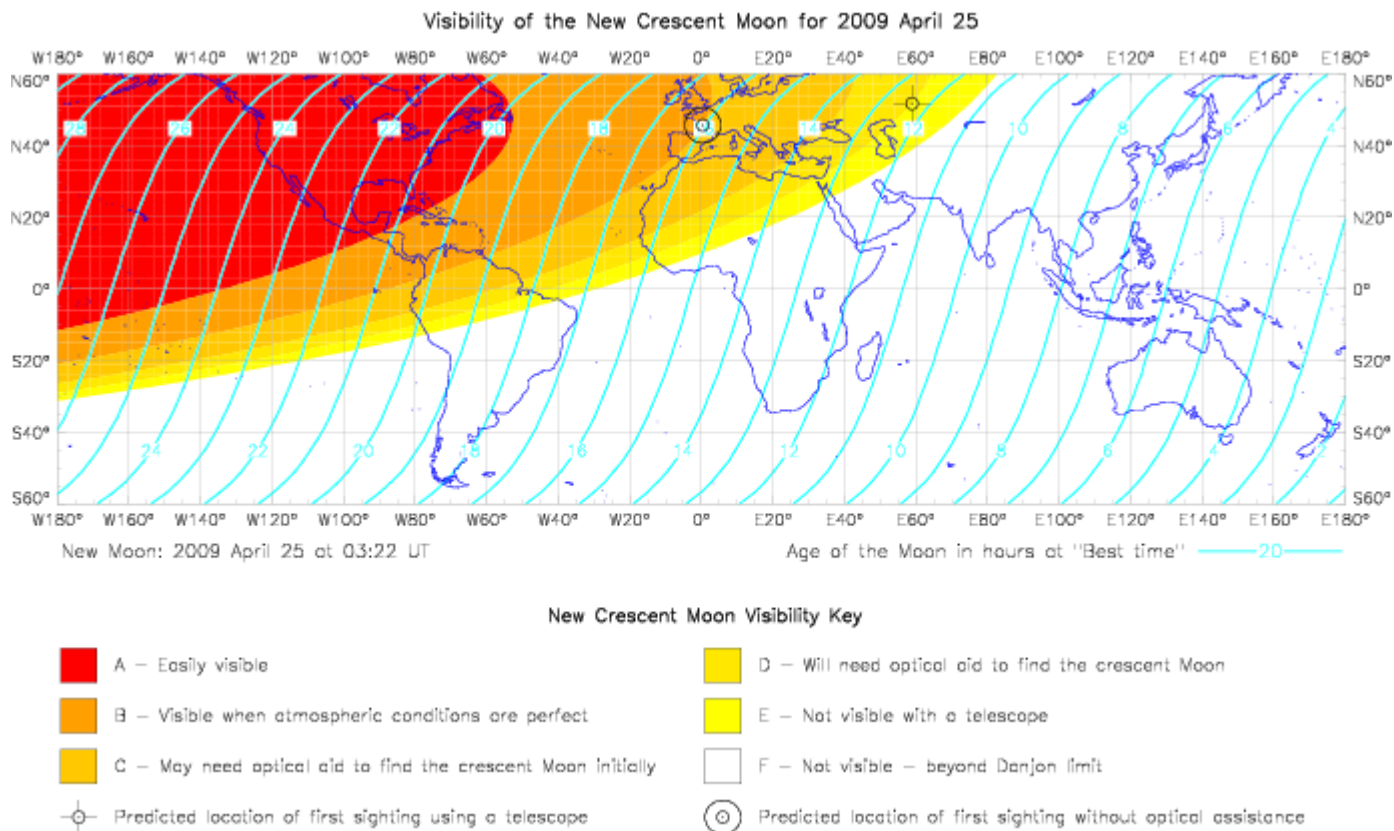
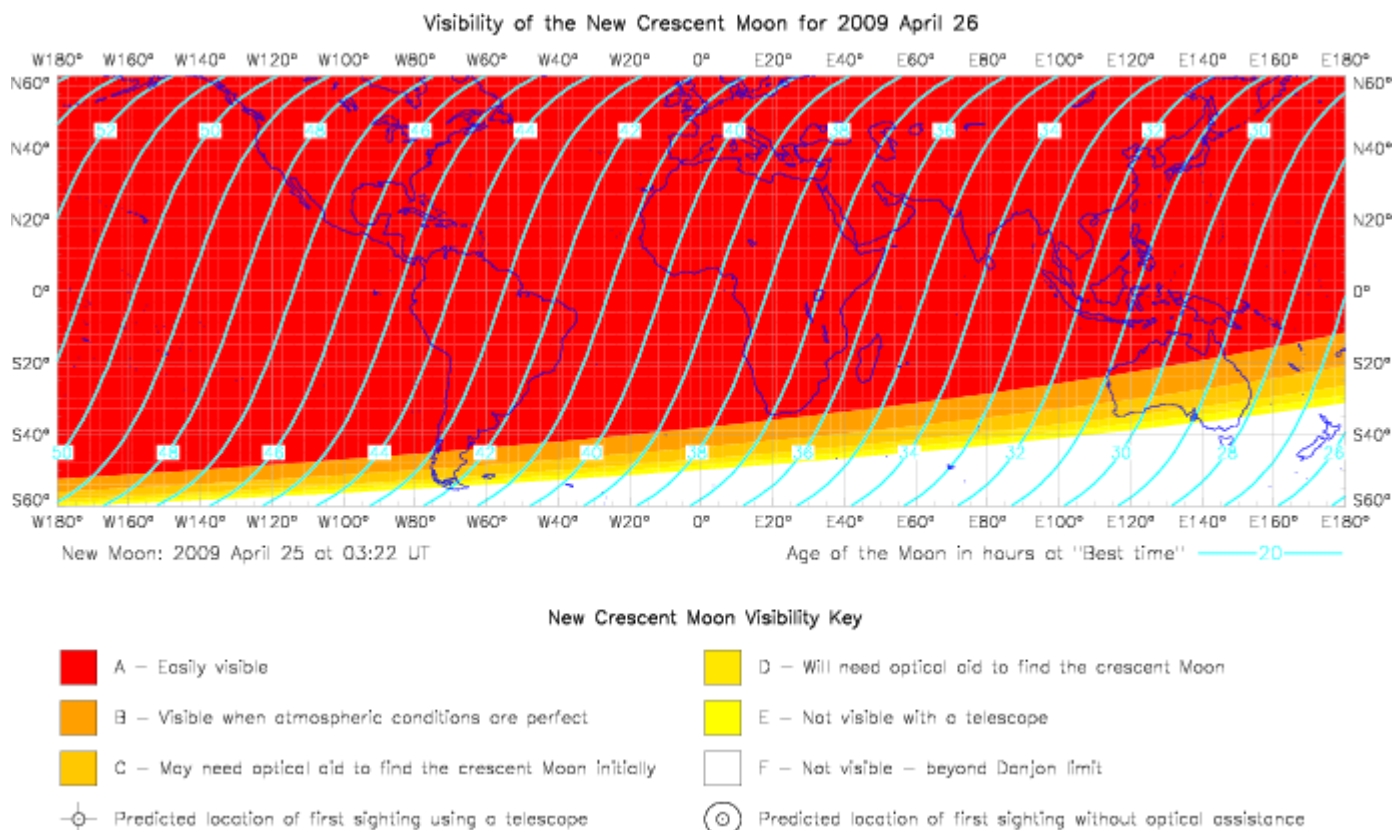


The following diagrams show the visibility of the new crescent Moon over the first three days of the lunation. The unshaded areas indicate regions from which the Moon cannot be seen. The Moon becomes more easily visible from the regions of increasing colour intensity i.e. the Moon will be seen easily from the regions shown in red. The near vertical blue lines show the age of the Moon at the so-called "best time" of observation.

The New Moon time is 04:22 (BST) on 25th April 2009. The following diagram shows the visibility of the new crescent Moon on 25th March 2009. This indicates that sighting is easily possible in N America but the conditions would have to be perfect for Western Europe and UK on the evening of 25th for the Hilal to be sighted.

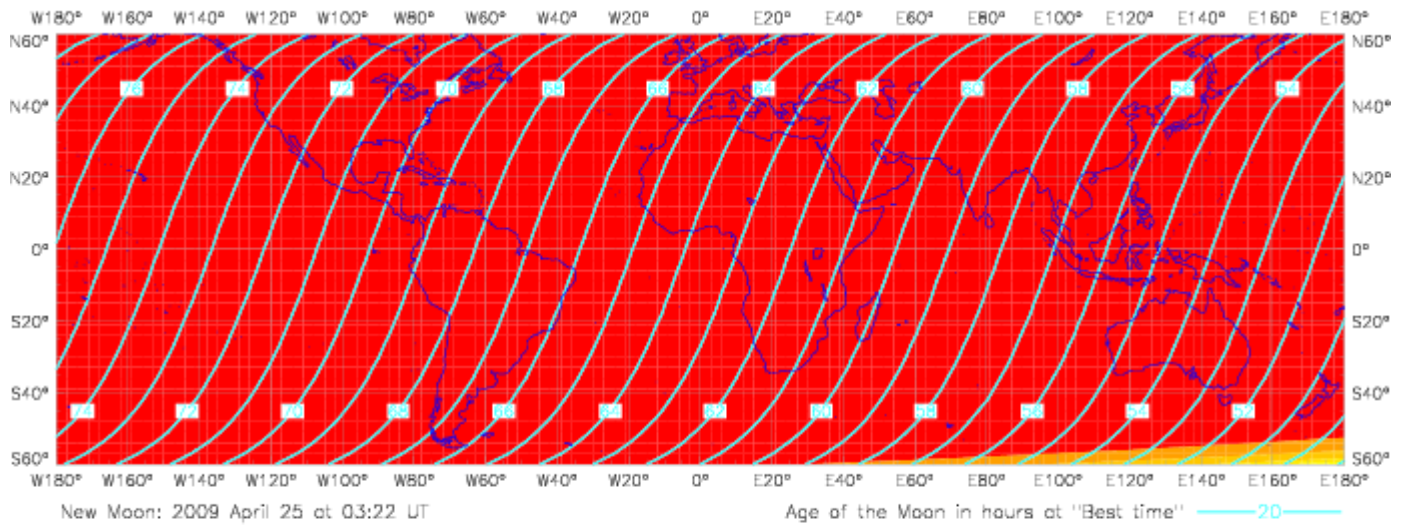


The second diagram is for 26th April 2009 and exhibits more shaded regions than those found in the map for 25th Apr. Consequently, majority of the Earth will be able to observe the crescent Moon with ease.



The third diagram is for 27th April 2009 and is totally shaded in red. The Entire Earth will be able to observe the crescent Moon with ease.

Visibility of the New Crescent Moon for 2009 April 27



New Crescent Moon Visibility Key

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|  A – Easily visible |  D – Will need optical aid to find the crescent Moon |
|  B – Visible when atmospheric conditions are perfect |  E – Not visible with a telescope |
|  C – May need optical aid to find the crescent Moon initially |  F – Not visible – beyond Danjon limit |
|  Predicted location of first sighting using a telescope |  Predicted location of first sighting without optical assistance |