Subject: Mars to be closer to Earth then in 60,000 years Posted by spotelmo on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 06:48:42 GMT

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it's true, you won't need a telescope to see it. you don't need a telescope now to see mars. but when you look at it with the naked eye, it will look just like a red star. you won't see any detail and it won't look as large as the moon. i'm not sure if that's what you were saying, but it sounded to me like you were saying looking at mars would be like looking at the moon. that's simply not true. as for pluto, many scientists have been trying to take away it's "planet" status because of it's size and it's irrational orbit. it is classified by many as a kuiper belt object. (basically an asteroid) but, it is still officially called a planet.

as far as i'm concerned, it will always be a planet because if we called it anything else, we would end up with only 8 planets and who wants to have less of something?