

Constellations

The 88 Constellations

Constellation Name	3 & 4 Letter Abbreviation	Meaning <i>Latin Genitive</i> ¹	Page Number Reference to Celestial Atlas ²
ANDROMEDA	And	Daughter of Cassiopeia	44, 43, 45
	Andr	<i>Andromedae</i>	
ANTLIA	Ant	Air Pump	46, 47
	Antl	<i>Antliae</i>	
APUS	Aps	Bird of Paradise	50
	Apus	<i>Apodis</i>	
AQUARIUS	Aqr	Water Bearer	44, 49
	Aqar	<i>Aquarii</i>	
AQUILA	Aql	Eagle	49
	Aqil	<i>Aquila</i>	
ARA	Ara	Altar	50, 48, 49
	Arae	<i>Arae</i>	
ARIES	Ari	Ram	44, 45
	Arie	<i>Arietis</i>	
AURIGA	Aur	Charioteer	45, 43, 46
	Auri	<i>Aurigae</i>	
BOOTES	Boo	Herdsman	47, 48, 43
	Boot	<i>Bootis</i>	
CAELUM	Cae	Engraving Tool	45, 46, 50
	Cael	<i>Caeli</i>	
CAMELOPARDALIS	Cam	Giraffe	43
	Caml	<i>Camelopardalis</i>	
CANCER	Cnc	Crab	46
	Canc	<i>Crabri</i>	
CANES VENATICI	CVn	Hunting Dog	43, 47, 48
	CVen	<i>Canum Venaticorum</i>	
CANIS MAJOR	CMa	Big Dog	46, 45
	CMaj	<i>Canis Majoris</i>	
CANIS MINOR	CMi	Little Dog	46
	CMin	<i>Canis Minoris</i>	
CAPRICORNUS	Cap	Sea Goat	49, 44
	Capr	<i>Capricorni</i>	
CARINA	Car	Ship's Keel	50
	Cari	<i>Carinae</i>	
CASSIOPEIA	Cas	Queen	43
	Cass	<i>Cassiopeiae</i>	

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Greek Alphabet

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η	eta
θ	theta
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κ	kappa
λ	lambda
μ	mu
ν	nu
ξ	xi
ο	omicron
π	pi
ρ	rho
σ	sigma
τ	tau
υ	upsilon
φ	phi
χ	chi
ψ	psi
ω	omega

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CENTAURUS	Cen	Centaur	50 , 47, 48
	Cent	<i>Centauri</i>	
CEPHEUS	Cep	King	43
	Ceph	<i>Cephei</i>	
CETUS	Cet	Whale	44, 45
	Ceti	<i>Ceti</i>	
CHAMELEON	Cha	Chameleon	50
	Cham	<i>Chamaeleontis</i>	
CIRCINUS	Cir	Drawing Compass	50
	Circ	<i>Circini</i>	
COLUMBA	Col	Dove	45, 46, 50
	Colm	<i>Columbae</i>	
COMA BERENICES	Com	Berenice's Hair	47, 48
	Coma	<i>Comae Berenices</i>	
CORONA AUSTRALIS	CrA	Southern Crown	48, 49, 50
	CorA	<i>Coronae Australis</i>	
CORONA BOREALIS	CrB	Northern Crown	48
	CorB	<i>Coronae Borealis</i>	
CORVUS	CrV	Crow	47
	Corv	<i>Corvi</i>	
CRATER	Crt	Cup	47
	Crat	<i>Crateris</i>	
CRUX	Cru	Southern Cross	50
	Crux	<i>Crucis</i>	
CYGNUS	Cyg	Swan	49, 43
	Cygn	<i>Cygni</i>	
DELPHINUS	Del	Dolphin	49
	Dlph	<i>Delphini</i>	
DORADO	Dor	Goldfish	50
	Dora	<i>Doradus</i>	
DRACO	Dra	Dragon	43
	Drac	<i>Draconis</i>	
EQUULEUS	Equ	Little Horse	44, 49
	Equl	<i>Equulei</i>	
ERIDANUS	Eri	River Eridanus	45, 44, 50
	Erid	<i>Eridani</i>	

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FORNAX	For	Furnace	45, 44
	Forn	<i>Fornacis</i>	
GEMINI	Gem	Twins	46, 45
	Gemi	<i>Geminorum</i>	
GRUS	Gru	Crane	44, 49, 50
	Grus	<i>Gruis</i>	
HERCULES	Her	The Son of Zeus	48, 49
	Herc	<i>Herculis</i>	
HOROLOGIUM	Hor	Clock	50, 45
	Horo	<i>Horologii</i>	
HYDRA	Hya	Sea Serpent	46, 47, 48
	Hyda	<i>Hydrae</i>	
HYDRUS	Hyi	Water Snake	50
	Hydi	<i>Hydri</i>	
INDUS	Ind	Indian	50, 49
	Indi	<i>Indi</i>	
LACERTA	Lac	Lizard	43, 44, 49
	Lacr	<i>Lacertae</i>	
LEO	Leo	Lion	47, 46
	Leon	<i>Leonis</i>	
LEO MINOR	LMi	Little Lion	46, 47
	LMin	<i>Leonis Minoris</i>	
LEPUS	Lep	Hare	45, 46
	Leps	<i>Leporis</i>	
LIBRA	Lib	Scales	48, 47
	Libr	<i>Librae</i>	
LUPUS	Lup	Wolf	48, 47, 50
	Lupi	<i>Lupi</i>	
LYNX	Lyn	Lynx	43, 46, 47
	Lync	<i>Lyncis</i>	
LYRA	Lyr	Lyre	49, 48
	Lyra	<i>Lyrae</i>	
MENSA	Men	Table Mountain	50
	Mens	<i>Mensae</i>	
MICROSCOPIUM	Mic	Microscope	49, 44, 50
	Micr	<i>Microscopii</i>	

Greek Alphabet

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 δ delta
 ϵ epsilon
 ζ zeta
 η eta
 θ theta
 ι iota
 κ kappa
 λ lambda
 μ mu
 ν nu
 ξ xi
 \omicron omicron
 π pi
 ρ rho
 σ sigma
 τ tau
 υ upsilon
 ϕ phi
 χ chi
 ψ psi
 ω omega

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MONOCEROS	Mon	Unicorn <i>Monocerotis</i>	46, 45
	Mono	<i>Monocerotis</i>	
MUSCA	Mus	Fly <i>Muscae</i>	50
	Musc	<i>Muscae</i>	
NORMA	Nor	Level <i>Normae</i>	48, 50
	Norm	<i>Normae</i>	
OCTANS	Oct	Octant <i>Octantis</i>	50
	Octn	<i>Octantis</i>	
OPHIUCHUS	Oph	Snake Holder <i>Ophiuchi</i>	48, 49
	Ophi	<i>Ophiuchi</i>	
ORION	Ori	The Hunter <i>Orionis</i>	45, 46
	Orio	<i>Orionis</i>	
PAVO	Pav	Peacock <i>Pavonis</i>	50
	Pavo	<i>Pavonis</i>	
PEGASUS	Peg	The Winged Horse <i>Pegasi</i>	44, 49
	Pegs	<i>Pegasi</i>	
PERSEUS	Per	Rescuer of Andromeda <i>Persei</i>	43, 45
	Pers	<i>Persei</i>	
PHOENIX	Phe	Phoenix <i>Phoenicis</i>	50, 44, 45
	Phoe	<i>Phoenicis</i>	
PICTOR	Pic	Easel <i>Pictoris</i>	50
	Pict	<i>Pictoris</i>	
PISCES	Psc	Fishes <i>Piscium</i>	44, 45
	Pisc	<i>Piscium</i>	
PISCIS AUSTRINUS	PsA	Southern Fish <i>Piscis Austrini</i>	44, 49
AUSTRINUS	PscA	<i>Piscis Austrini</i>	
PUPPIS	Pup	Ship's Stern <i>Puppis</i>	46, 45, 50
	Pupp	<i>Puppis</i>	
PYXIS	Pyx	Ship's Compass <i>Pyxis</i>	46
	Pyxi	<i>Pyxis</i>	
RETICULUM	Ret	Eyepiece Reticle <i>Reticuli</i>	50
	Reti	<i>Reticuli</i>	
SAGITTA	Sge	Arrow <i>Sagittae</i>	49
	Sgte	<i>Sagittae</i>	
SAGITTARIUS	Sgr	Archer <i>Sagittarii</i>	48, 49
	Sgtr	<i>Sagittarii</i>	

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SCORPIUS	Sco	Scorpion <i>Scorpii</i>	48, 49, 50
	Scor	<i>Scorpii</i>	
SCULPTOR	Scl	Sculptor's Apparatus <i>Sculptoris</i>	44
	Scul	<i>Sculptoris</i>	
SCUTUM	Sct	Shield <i>Scuti</i>	48, 49
	Scut	<i>Scuti</i>	
SERPENS³	Ser	Snake <i>Serpentis</i>	48, 49
	Serp	<i>Serpentis</i>	
SEXTANS	Sex	Sextant <i>Sextantis</i>	46, 47
	Sext	<i>Sextantis</i>	
TAURUS	Tau	Bull <i>Tauri</i>	45, 46
	Taur	<i>Tauri</i>	
TELESCOPIUM	Tel	Telescope <i>Telescopii</i>	48, 49, 50
	Tele	<i>Telescopii</i>	
TRIANGULUM	Tri	Triangle <i>Trianguli</i>	44, 45
	Tria	<i>Trianguli</i>	
TRIANGULUM AUSTRALE	TrA	Southern Triangle <i>Trianguli Australis</i>	50
AUSTRALE	TrAu	<i>Trianguli Australis</i>	
TUCANA	Tuc	Toucan <i>Tucanae</i>	50
	Tucn	<i>Tucanae</i>	
URSA MAJOR	UMa	Big Bear <i>Ursae Majoris</i>	43, 46, 47, 48
	UMaj	<i>Ursae Majoris</i>	
URSA MINOR	UMi	Little Bear <i>Ursae Minoris</i>	43
	UMin	<i>Ursae Minoris</i>	
VELA	Vel	Sail <i>Velorum</i>	46, 50, 47
	Velr	<i>Velorum</i>	
VIRGO	Vir	Virgin <i>Virginis</i>	47, 48
	Virg	<i>Virginis</i>	
VOLANS	Vol	Flying Fish <i>Volantis</i>	50
	Voln	<i>Volantis</i>	
VULPECULA	Vul	Little Fox <i>Vulpeculae</i>	49
	Vulp	<i>Vulpeculae</i>	

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Names of Stars

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Commonly Used Names of Stars

Name of Star (Magnitude)	Constellation	Greek Letter Desig ¹	Name of Star (Magnitude)	Constellation	Greek Letter Desig ¹
ACAMAR (3.3)	Eridanus	θ	ALPHEKKA (2.2)	Corona Borealis	α
ACHERNAR (0.5)	Eridanus	α	ALPHERATZ (2.1)	Andromeda	α
ACRUX (0.8)	Crux	α	ALRAKIS (5.1)	Draco	μ
ACUBENS (4.3)	Cancer	α	ALRESCHA (3.9)	Pisces	α
ADHAFERA (3.4)	Leo	ξ	ALSHAIN (3.9)	Aquila	β
ADHARA (1.5)	Canis Major	ε	ALSUHAIL (2.2)	Vela	λ
ALBALI (3.8)	Aquarius	ε	ALTAIR (0.8)	Aquila	α
ALBIREO (3.4)	Cygnus	β	ALTAIS (3.1)	Draco	δ
ALCHIBA (4.2)	Corvus	α	ALTERF (4.5)	Leo	λ
ALCOR (4.0)	Ursa Major	80 ¹	ALUDRA (2.4)	Canis Major	η
ALDEBARAN (0.9)	Taurus	α	ALULA AUSTRALIS (3.9)	UMaj	ξ
ALDERAMIN (2.5)	Cepheus	α	ALULA BOREALIS (3.5)	UMaj	ν
ALFIRK (3.2)	Cepheus	β	ALYA (4.5)	Serpens	θ
ALGEDI (3.6)	Capricorn	α	ANCHA (4.3)	Aquarius	θ
ALGENIB (2.8)	Pegasus	γ	ANKAA (2.4)	Phoenix	α
ALGIEBA (2.6)	Leo	γ	ANTARES (1.1)	Scorpius	α
ALGOL (2.1)	Perseus	β	ARCTURUS (-0.1)	Bootes	α
ALGORAB (2.9)	Corvus	δ	ARKAB (4.5)	Sagittarius	β
ALHENA (1.9)	Gemini	γ	ARNEB (2.6)	Lepus	α
ALIOOTH (1.8)	Ursa Major	ε	ASCELLIA (2.6)	Sagittarius	ζ
ALKAIID (1.9)	Ursa Major	η	ASELLUS AUSTRALIS (4.2)	Canc	δ
ALKALUROPS (4.5)	Bootes	μ	ASELLUS BOREALIS (4.7)	Canc	γ
ALKES (4.2)	Crater	α	ASPIDISKE (2.2)	Carina	ι
ALMAAK (2.1)	Andromeda	γ	ATIK (2.8)	Perseus	ζ
ALNAIR (1.7)	Grus	α	ATRIA (1.9)	Triangulum Australe	α
ALNASL (3.1)	Sagittarius	γ	AVIOR (1.9)	Carina	ε
ALNATH (1.7)	Taurus	β	AZHA (4.2)	Eridanus	η
ALNILAM (1.7)	Orion	ε	BATEN KAITOS (3.9)	Cetus	ζ
ALNITAK (1.7)	Orion	ζ	BECRUX (1.3)	Crux	β
ALPHARD (2.0)	Hydra	α	BEID (4.1)	Eridanus	ο

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υ upsilon
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BELLATRIX (1.6)	Orion	γ	KAUS BOREALIS (2.8)	Sagittarius	λ
BETELGEUSE (0.5)	Orion	α	KAUS MEDIA (2.7)	Sagittarius	δ
BIHAM (3.5)	Pegasus	θ	KEID (4.5)	Eridanus	ο
CANOPUS (-0.6)	Carina	α	KITALPHA (4.1)	Equuleus	α
CAPELLA (0.1)	Auriga	α	KOCHAB (2.1)	Ursa Minor	β
CAPH (2.3)	Cassiopeia	β	KORNEPHOROS (2.8)	Hercules	β
CASTOR (1.6)	Gemini	α	KURHAH (4.6)	Cepheus	ξ
CEBALRAI (2.8)	Ophiuchus	β	LESATH (2.7)	Scorpius	υ
CHARA (4.3)	Canes Venatici	β	MARFIK (3.8)	Ophiuchus	λ
CHERTAN (3.3)	Leo	θ	MARKAB (2.5)	Pegasus	α
COR CAROLI (2.9)	Canes Venatici	α	MATAR (2.9)	Pegasus	η
CURSA (2.8)	Eridanus	β	MEBSUTA (3.1)	Gemini	ε
DABIH (3.1)	Capricornus	β	MEGREZ (3.3)	Ursa Major	δ
DENEB (1.3)	Cygnus	α	MEISSA (3.4)	Orion	λ
DENEB ALGEDI (2.9)	Capricornus	δ	MEKBUDA (3.8)	Gemini	ζ
DENEKAITOS (2.1)	Cetus	β	MENKALINAN (1.9)	Auriga	β
DENEBOLEA (2.1)	Leo	β	MENKAR (2.5)	Cetus	α
DUBHE (1.8)	Ursa Major	α	MENKENT (2.1)	Centaurus	θ
EDASICH (3.3)	Draco	ι	MENKIB (4.0)	Perseus	ξ
ENIF (2.4)	Pegasus	ε	MERAK (2.3)	Ursa Major	β
ERRAI (3.2)	Cepheus	γ	MESARTIM (4.8)	Aries	γ
ETAMIN (2.2)	Draco	γ	MIAPLACIDUS (1.7)	Carina	β
FOMALHAUT (1.2)	Piscis Austrinus	α	MINTAKA (2.3)	Orion	δ
FURUD (3.0)	Canis Major	ζ	MIRA (3.0)	Cetus	ο
GACRUX (1.6)	Crux	γ	MIRACH (2.1)	Andromeda	β
GIAUSAR (4.1)	Draco	λ	MIRPHAK (1.8)	Perseus	α
GIENAH (3.0)	Corvus	ε	MIRZAM (2.0)	Canis Major	β
GOMEISA (2.9)	Canis Minor	β	MIZAR (2.2)	Ursa Major	ζ
GRAFFIAS (2.6)	Scorpius	β	MUPHRID (2.7)	Bootes	η
GRUMIUM (3.9)	Draco	ξ	MUSCIDA (3.4)	Ursa Major	ο
HADAR (0.6)	Centaurus	β	NASHIRA (3.8)	Capricornus	γ
HAMAL (2.1)	Aries	α	NEKKAR (3.5)	Bootes	β
HOMAM (3.4)	Pegasus	ζ	NIHAL (2.8)	Lepus	β
IZAR (2.4)	Bootes	ε	NUNKI (2.1)	Sagittarius	ο
KAUS AUSTRALIS (1.8)	Sagittarius	ε	NUSAKAN (3.7)	Corona Borealis	β

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PEACOCK (1.9)	Pavo	α	SHAULA (1.6)	Scorpius	λ
PHACT (2.7)	Columba	α	SHEDIR (2.2)	Cassiopeia	α
PHAD (2.4)	Ursa Major	γ	SHELIAK (3.5)	Lyra	β
PHERKAD (3.0)	Ursa Minor	γ	SHERATAN (2.6)	Aries	β
POLARIS (2.0)	Ursa Minor	α	SIRIUS (-1.4)	Canis Major	α
POLLUX (1.2)	Gemini	β	SKAT (3.3)	Aquarius	δ
PORRIMA (2.7)	Virgo	γ	SPICA (1.0)	Virgo	α
PROCYON (0.4)	Canis Minor	α	SULAFAT (3.3)	Lyra	γ
PROPUS (3.3)	Gemini	η	SYRMA (4.2)	Virgo	ι
RASALAS (3.9)	Leo	μ	TALITHA (3.1)	Ursa Major	ι
RASALGETHI (2.8)	Hercules	α	TANIA AUSTRALIS (3.1)	UMaj	μ
RASALHAGUE (2.1)	Ophiuchus	α	TANIA BOREALIS (3.5)	Ursa Major	λ
RASTABAN (2.8)	Draco	β	TARAZED (2.7)	Aquila	γ
REGOR (1.7)	Vela	γ	THUBAN (3.6)	Draco	α
REGULUS (1.4)	Leo	α	UNUKALHAI (2.6)	Serpens	α
RIGEL (0.2)	Orion	β	VEGA (0.0)	Lyra	α
RIGIL KENT ² (-0.0)	Centaurus	α	VINDEMIATRIX (2.9)	Virgo	ε
RUCHBAH (2.7)	Cassiopeia	δ	WASAT (3.5)	Gemini	δ
RUKBAT (4.1)	Sagittarius	α	WAZN (3.1)	Columba	β
SABIK (2.4)	Ophiuchus	η	WEZEN (1.8)	Canis Major	δ
SADACHBIA (4.0)	Aquarius	γ	YED POSTERIOR (3.2)	Ophiuchus	ε
SADALBARI (3.5)	Pegasus	μ	YED PRIOR (2.7)	Ophiuchus	δ
SADALMELIK (-0.2)	Aquarius	α	ZANIAH (4.0)	Virgo	η
SADALSUUD (3.1)	Aquarius	β	ZAURAK (3.0)	Eridanus	γ
SADR (2.2)	Cygnus	γ	ZAVIJAVA (3.8)	Virgo	β
SAIPH (2.1)	Orion	κ	ZOSMA (2.6)	Leo	δ
SARGAS (1.9)	Scorpius	θ	ZUBENELGENUBI (2.8)	Libra	α
SCHEAT (2.4)	Pegasus	β	ZUBENESCHAMALI (2.6)	Libra	β
SEGINUS (3.0)	Bootes	γ			

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60 Brightest Stars in the Sky

Name of Star (Greek Design ¹)	Constellation	Mag	Name of Star (Greek Design ¹)	Constellation	Mag
SUN		-26.8	ALNAIR (α)	Grus	1.7
SIRIUS (α)	Canis Major	-1.4	ALNITAK (ζ)	Orion	1.7
CANOPUS (α)	Carina	-0.6	REGOR (γ)	Vela	1.7
ARCTURUS (α)	Bootes	-0.1	ALIOTH (ε)	Ursa Major	1.8
RIGIL KENT ² (α)	Centaurus	-0.0	MIRPHAK (α)	Perseus	1.8
VEGA (α)	Lyra	0.0	KAUS ASTRALIS (ε)	Sagittarius	1.8
CAPELLA (α)	Auriga	0.1	DUBHE (α)	Ursa Major	1.8
RIGEL (β)	Orion	0.2	WEZEN (δ)	Canis Major	1.8
PROCYON (α)	Canis Minor	0.4	ALKAIID (η)	Ursa Major	1.9
ACHERNAR (α)	Eridanus	0.5	AVIOR (ε)	Carina	1.9
BETELGEUSE (α)	Orion	0.5	SARGAS (θ)	Scorpius	1.9
HADAR (β)	Centaurus	0.6	MENKALINAN (β)	Auriga	1.9
ALTAIR (α)	Aquila	0.8	ATRIA (α)	Triangulum Australe	1.9
ACRUX (α)	Crux	0.8	ALHENNA (γ)	Gemini	1.9
ALDEBARAN (α)	Taurus	0.9	DELTA VELA (δ)	Vela	1.9
SPICA (α)	Virgo	1.0	PEACOCK (α)	Pavo	1.9
ANTARES (α)	Scorpius	1.1	POLARIS (α)	Ursa Minor	2.0
POLLUX (β)	Gemini	1.2	MIRZAM (β)	Canis Major	2.0
FOMALHAUT (α)	Piscis Austrinus	1.2	ALPHARD (α)	Hydra	2.0
BECRUX (β)	Crux	1.3	NUNKI (σ)	Sagittarius	2.1
DENEB (α)	Cygnus	1.3	ALGOL (β)	Perseus	2.1
REGULUS (α)	Leo	1.4	DENEBOLE (β)	Leo	2.1
ADHARA (ε)	Canis Major	1.5	HAMAL (α)	Aries	2.1
CASTOR (α)	Gemini	1.6	ALPHERATZ (α)	Andromeda	2.1
GACRUX (γ)	Crux	1.6	KOCHAB (β)	Ursa Minor	2.1
SHAULA (λ)	Scorpius	1.6	SAIPH (κ)	Orion	2.1
BELLATRIX (γ)	Orion	1.6	DENEKAITOS (β)	Cetus	2.1
ALNATH (β)	Taurus	1.7	ALSUHAIL (λ)	Vela	2.2
MIAPLACIDUS (β)	Carina	1.7	ASPIDISKE (ι)	Carina	2.2
ALNILAM (ε)	Orion	1.7	ALPHEKKA (α)	Corona Borealis	2.2

Greek Alphabet

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ι	iota
κ	kappa
λ	lambda
μ	mu
ν	nu
ξ	xi
ο	omicron
π	pi
ρ	rho
σ	sigma
τ	tau
υ	upsilon
φ	phi
χ	chi
ψ	psi
ω	omega

¹The brightest stars in each constellation are designated with a lowercase Greek letter, a system of notation used in astronomy known as the Bayer letters. This nomenclature was introduced by the German astronomer Johann Bayer (1572–1625) in his star atlas, *Uranometria*. Many of the stars in this list are designated with the Greek letter α or β indicating that they are the brightest stars in their respective constellations.

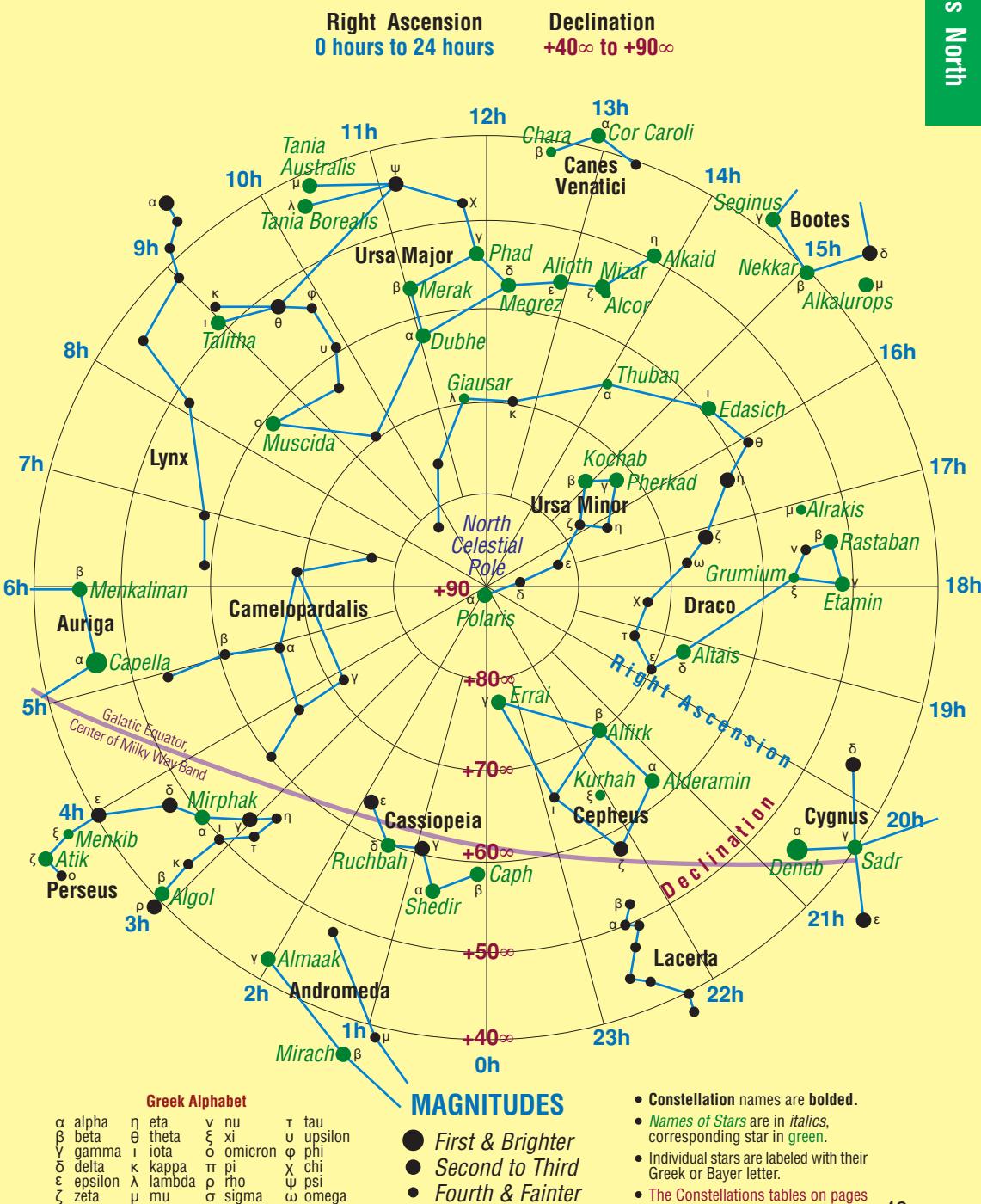
²Rigil Kent is also known as Rigil Kentaurus.

21 Closest Stars to Earth

Name or Designation ¹	Constellation ²	Distance in Light Years ³	Visual Magnitude ⁴
Sun	—	0.000016 ⁵	-26.8
Proxima	Centaurus	4.22	11.01
Alpha (α) Centauri A ⁶	Centaurus	4.40	-0.01
Alpha (α) Centauri B ⁶	Centaurus	4.40	1.35
Barnard's Star	Ophiuchus	5.94	9.54
Wolf 359	Leo	7.79	13.46
2MASS 0253+16	Aries	7.9	15.40
BD +36°2147	Ursa Major	8.31	7.49
Sirius A ⁶	Canis Major	8.60	-1.44
Sirius B ⁶	Canis Major	8.60	8.44
L 726-8 A ⁶	Cetus	8.7	12.56
L 726-8 B ⁶	Cetus	8.7	12.96
Ross 154	Sagittarius	9.69	10.37
Ross 248	Andromeda	10.3	12.27
Epsilon (ϵ) Eridani	Eridanus	10.50	3.72
Lacaille 9352	Piscis Austrinus	10.73	7.35
Ross 128	Virgo	10.89	11.12
L 789-6 ABC ⁶	Aquarius	11.2	12.32
61 Cygni A ⁶	Cygnus	11.36	5.20
Procyon A ⁶	Canis Minor	11.41	0.40
Procyon B ⁶	Canis Minor	11.41	10.7

¹Many of these designations appear "unusual" because of listings in specialized astronomical catalogues. ²I am not providing the exact location of these stars within their constellations because most cannot be seen with the naked eye. ³One light year is approximately 6 trillion miles. ⁴Most of us can see stars as faint as magnitude 6 with our eyes. A 12-inch diameter telescope increases our ability to see stars as faint as magnitude 14. Any of the stars listed here between magnitudes 10 and 16 would be very difficult to identify in a telescope without experience and detailed star charts. ⁵The "fractional" distance in light years that the Earth is from the Sun. ⁶All of the A's, B's and C's refer to binary stars, where two or more stars orbit one another.

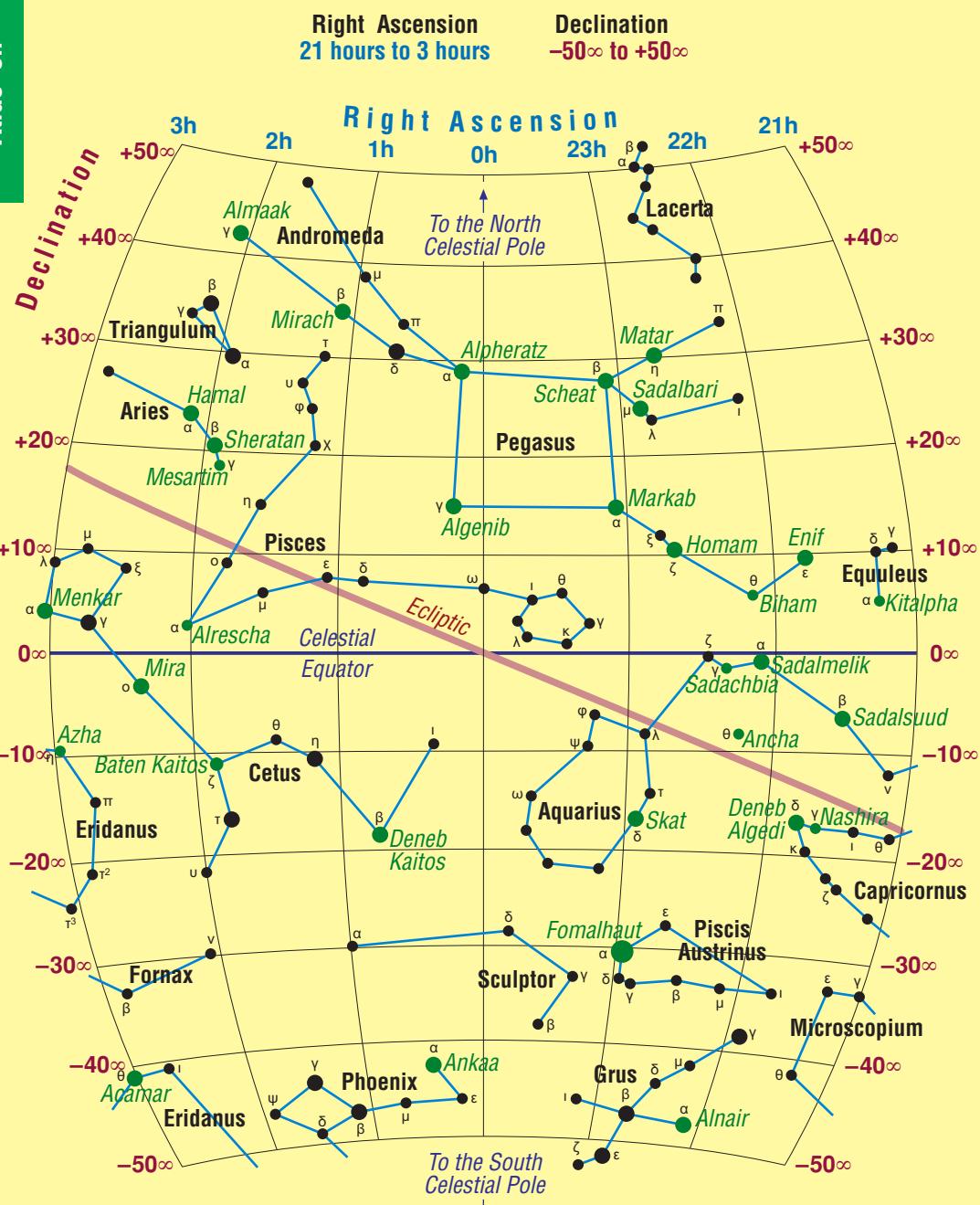
North Celestial Pole Area



Celestial Atlas

of the 88 Constellations

Atlas 0h



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- First & Brighter
- Second to Third
- Fourth & Fainter

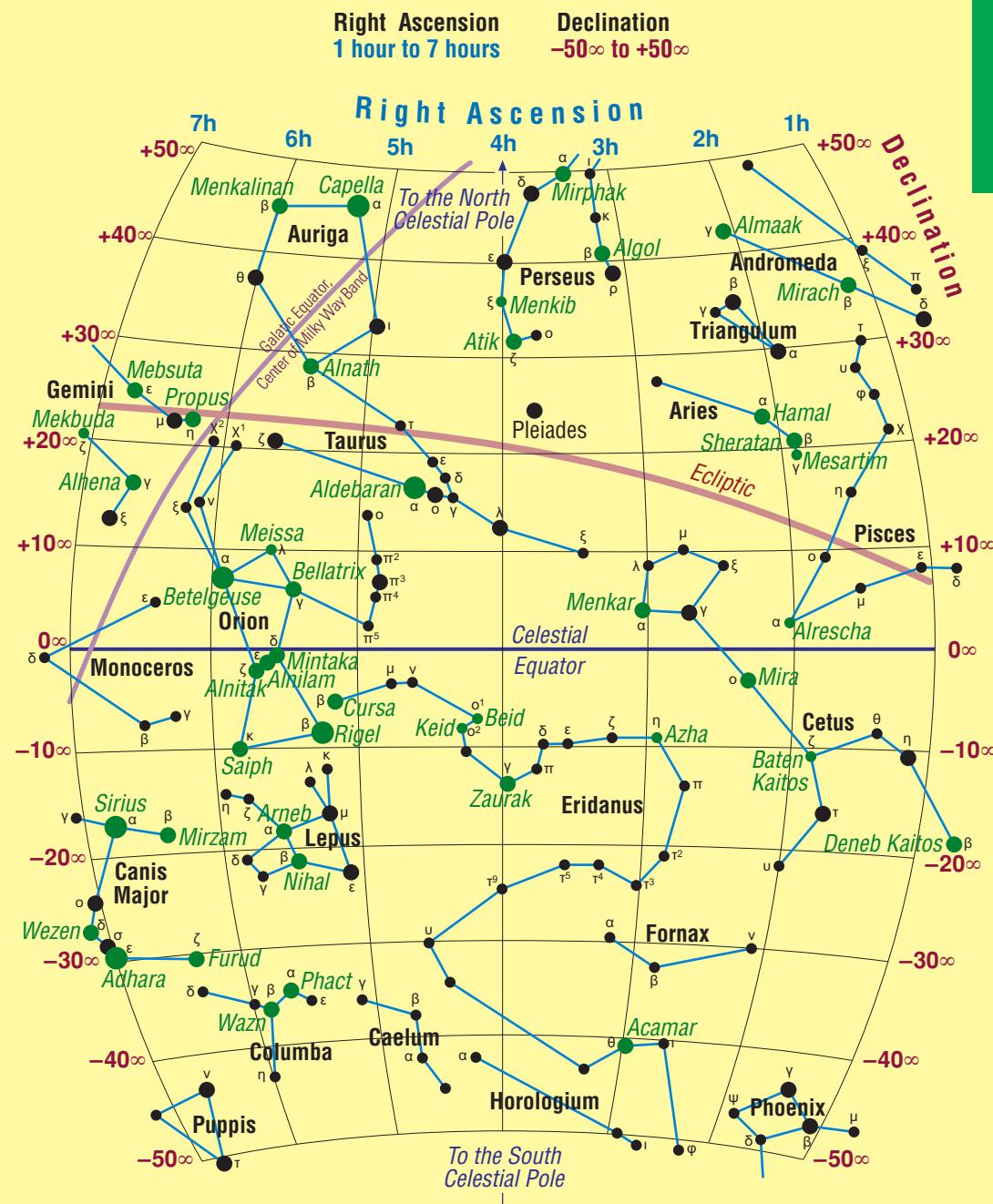
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4 Hour

Celestial Atlas

of the 88 Constellations

Atlas 4h



MAGNITUDES

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- Fourth & Fainter

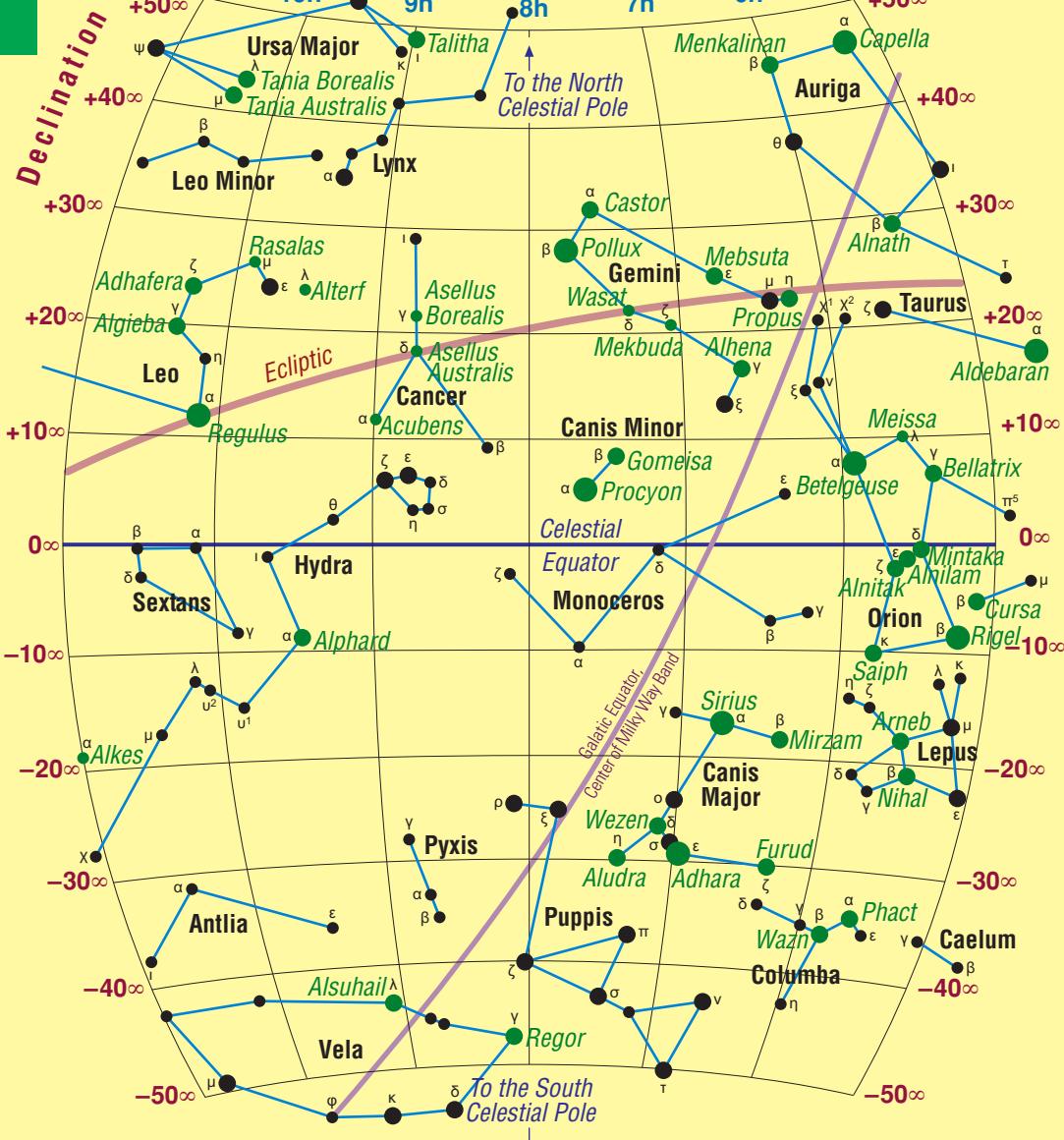
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Celestial Atlas ✦ 8 Hour

of the 88 Constellations

Atlas 8h



MAGNITUDES

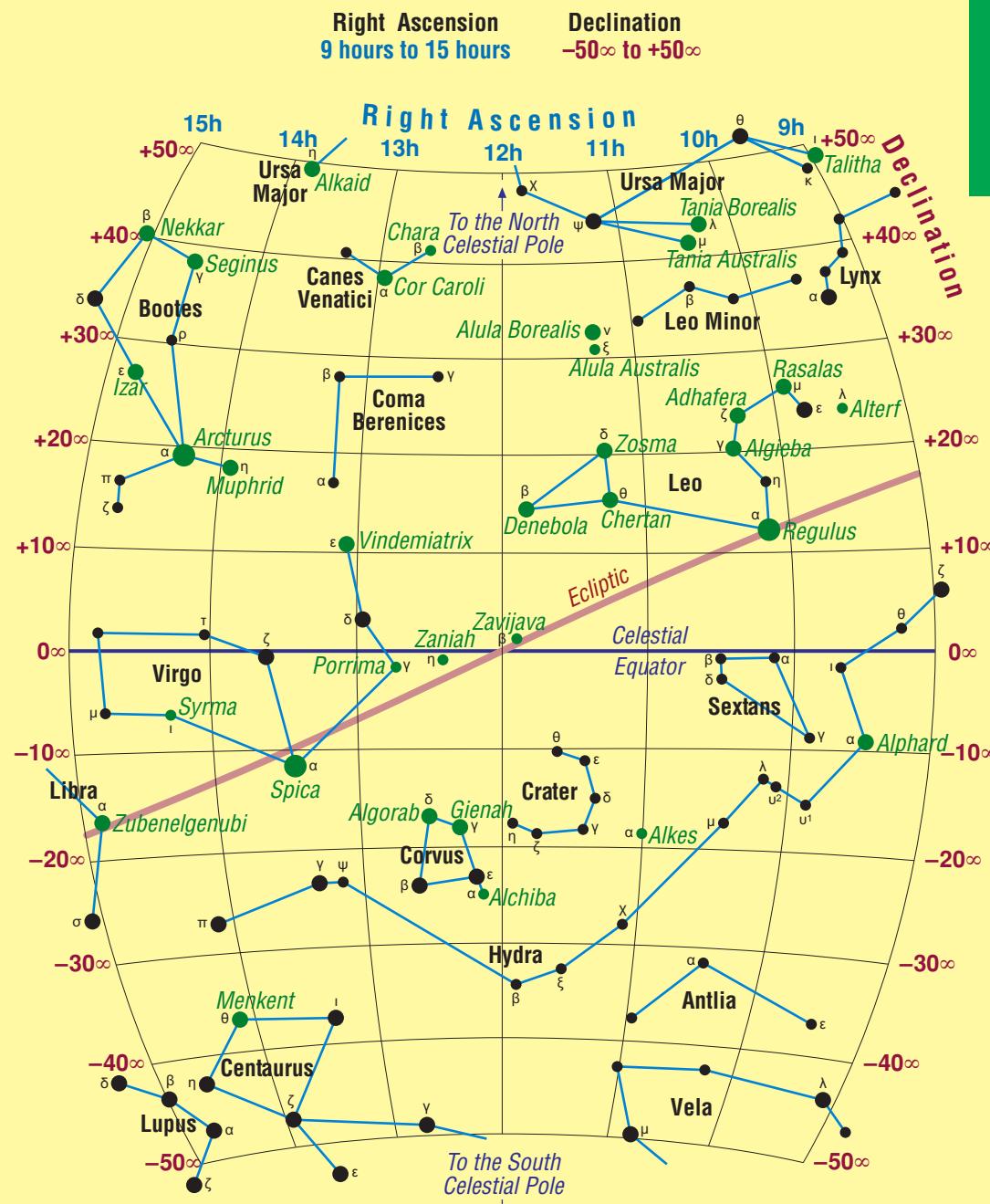
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12 Hour ✦ Celestial Atlas

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Atlas 12h



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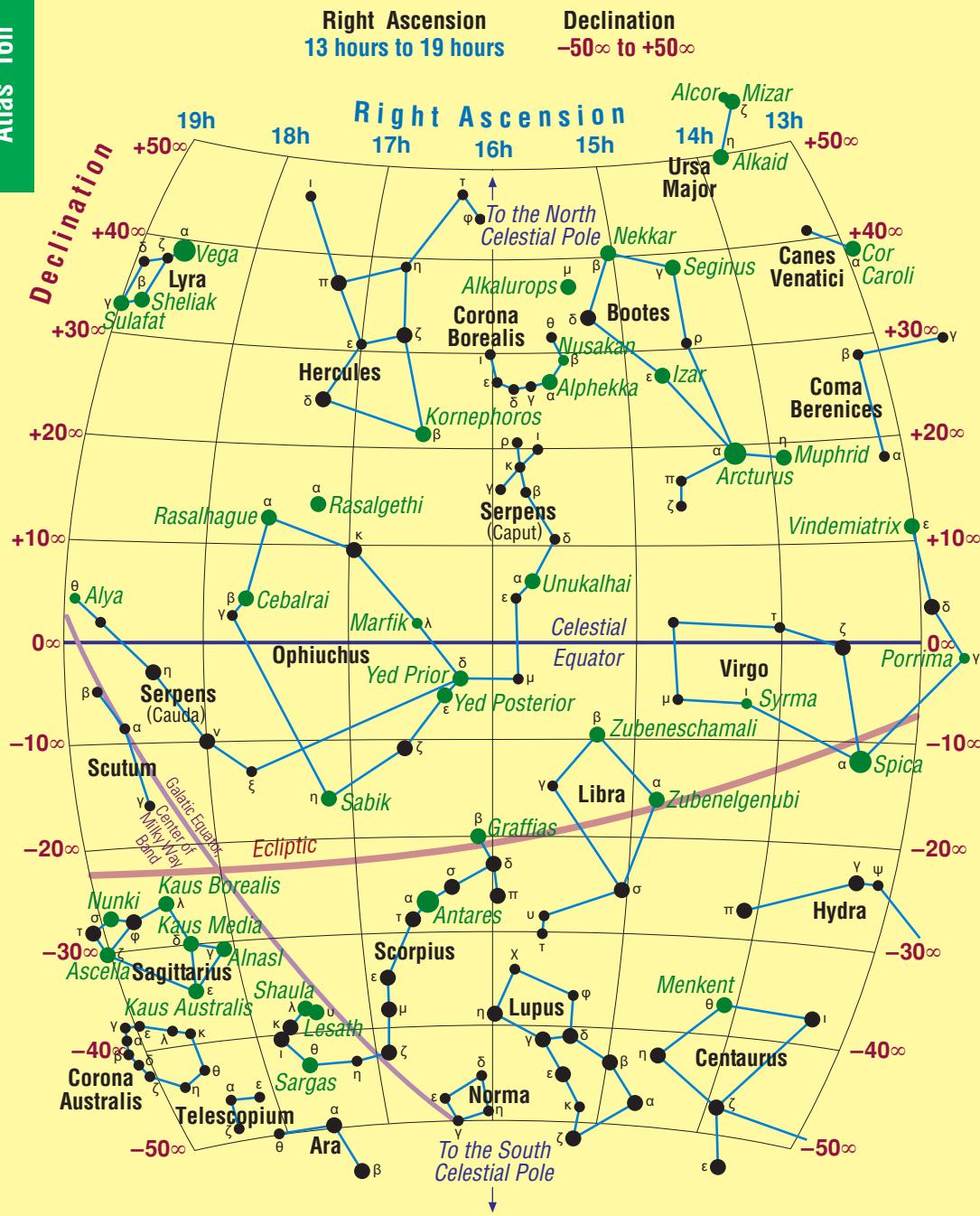
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Celestial Atlas ✦ 16 Hour

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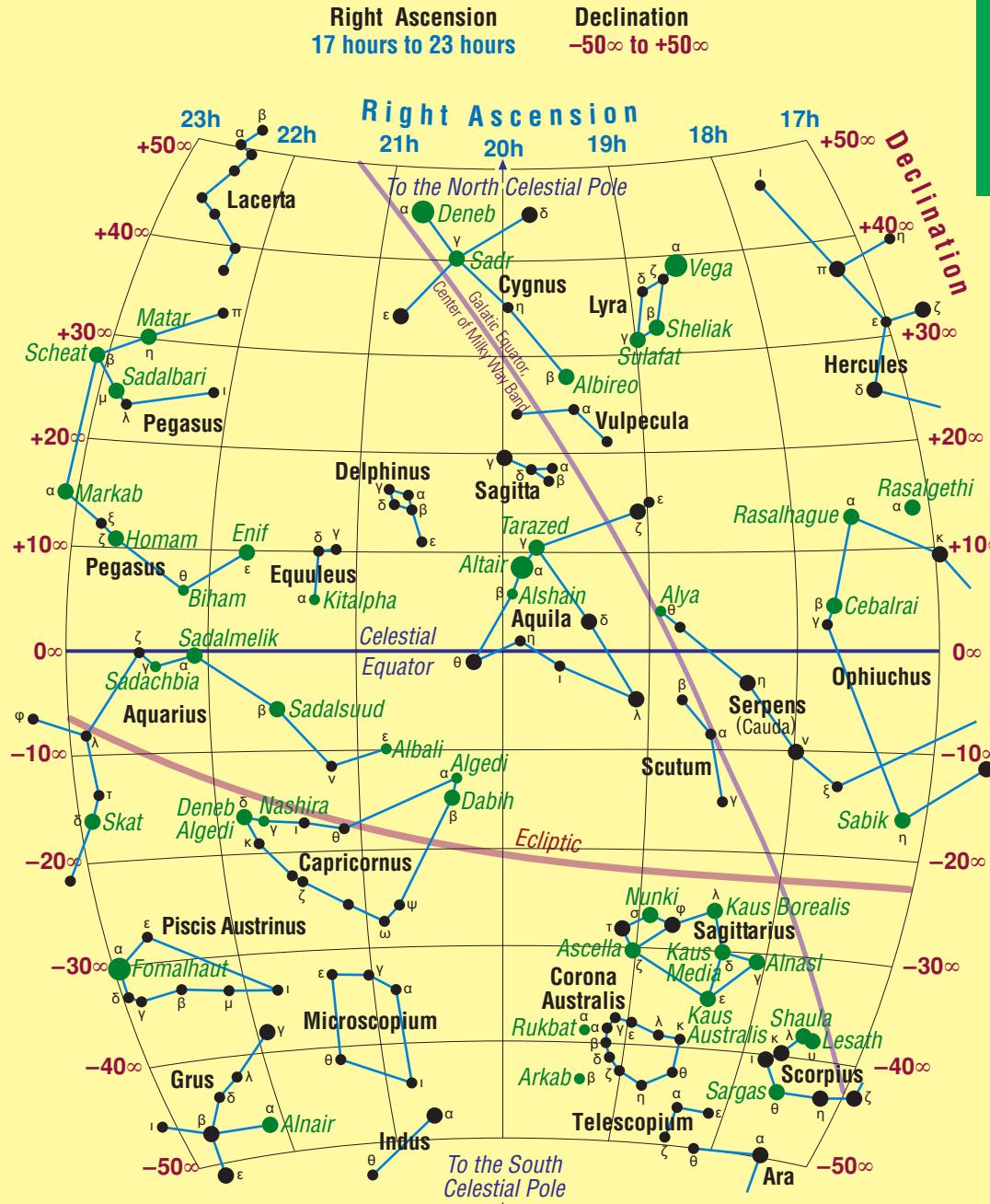
Atlas 16h



20 Hour ✦ Celestial Atlas

of the 88 Constellations

Atlas 20h



Celestial Atlas

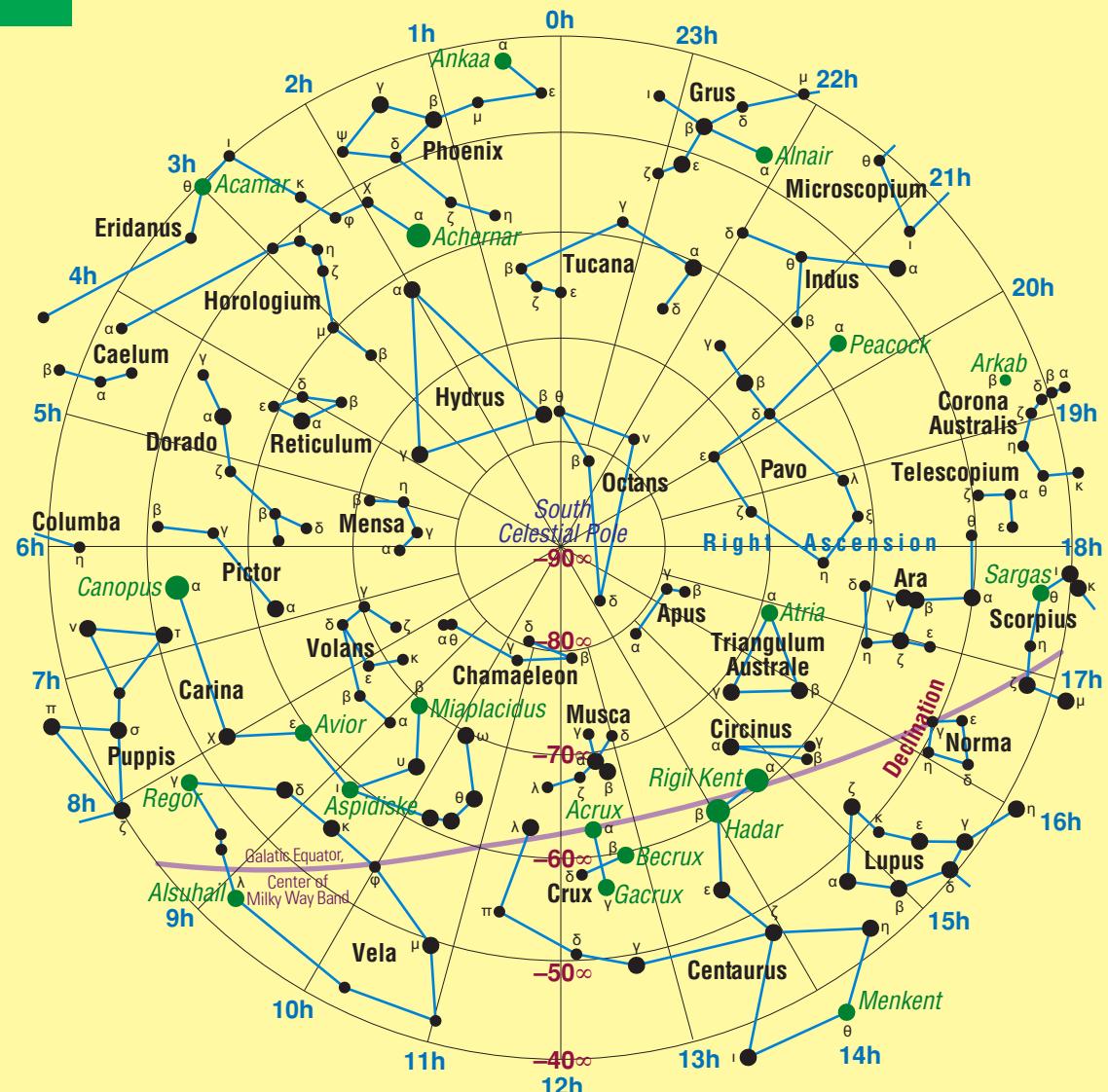
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Atlas South

South Celestial Pole Area

Right Ascension
0 hours to 24 hours

Declination
 -40° to -90°



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MAGNITUDES

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