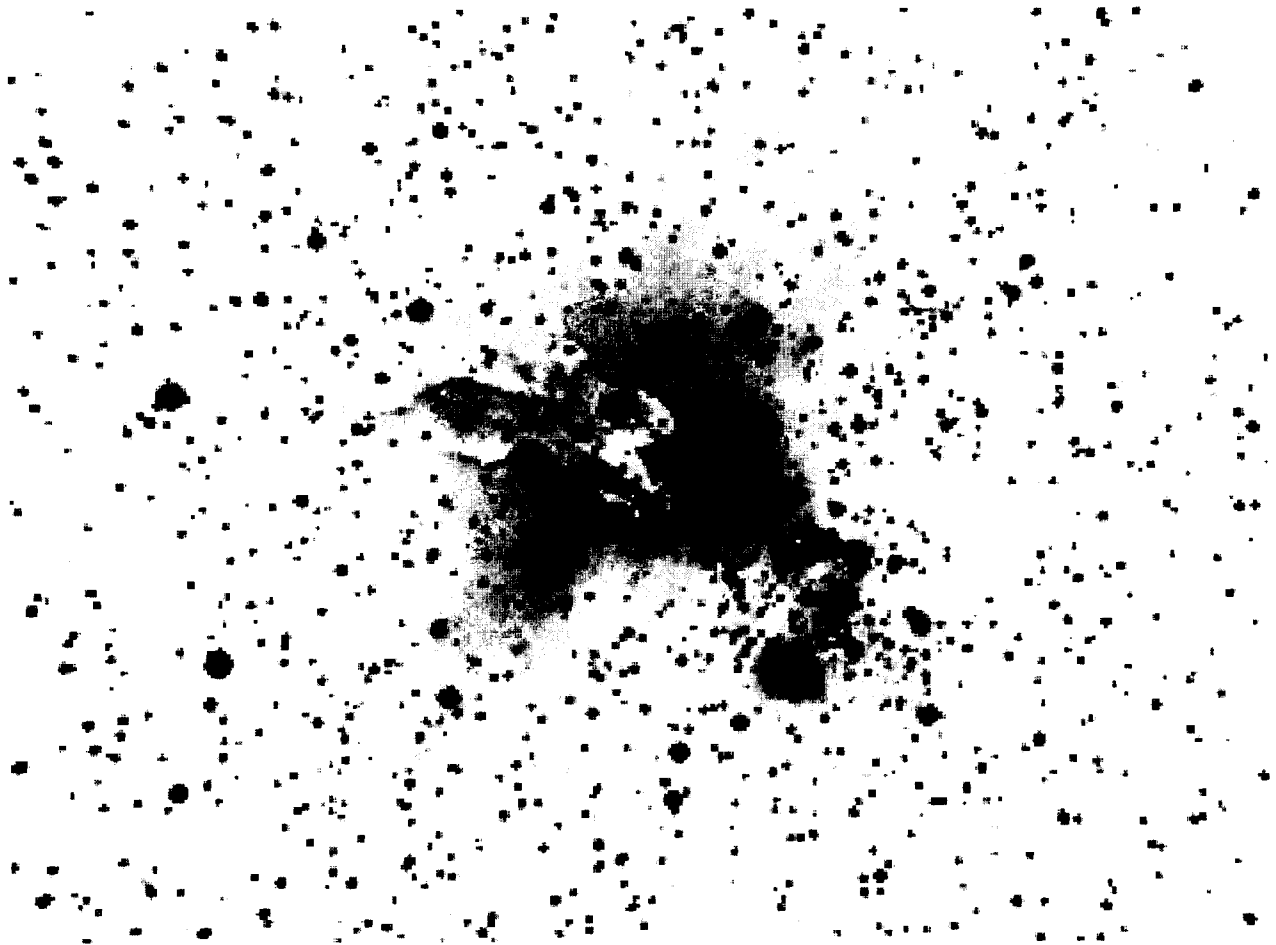


Telescopic Companion to the Messier Objects



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This book was written to provide an easy-to-use resource for use at the eyepiece. The charts are laid out with a 30-degree chart oriented North up, for naked eye use. They are followed by 6-degree charts with a limiting magnitude of tenth magnitude for more precise zeroing with your finder. These charts are in two formats, North down direct view, and North down mirrored view for those that use a diagonal with their finder. Under these are 1-degree charts plotted to the twelfth magnitude with all deep sky symbols and names removed. These are for sketching purposes.

At the top of the page, you'll find a small area that contains information on the object. The comments are based on what can be seen with a 6-inch telescope. Larger scopes will show more detail and colour. Distances are in thousands of light years.

The charts are formatted to fit a three-ring binder for several reasons. The main reason is that the Messier catalog's numbering system has no relation to the objects position in the sky. It is more related to the time of historical discovery. I also wanted to leave the book as adaptable as possible. Possible uses are for laying out the charts in a sequence for a messier marathon, or just selecting the sheets that would be used on one night. The charts are only printed on one side of the paper for similar reasons, also to leave space for comments or sketches that wouldn't fit on the chart. The exception is where an object is quite large, in this case, a larger chart is printed on the back of the page. Objects that fit into this category are M24, M31, M33, M42, M44 and M45.

Also included are a checklist, Messier's sorted by Right Ascension, and large scale finder charts to aid in observing. A total of 554 charts are contained within.

The charts were generated using David Chander's software Deep Space version 5.5. The Skymap database, courtesy of the National Space Science Data Center, was used for the naked eye charts, and the tenth magnitude charts. The Hubble Guide Star catalog was used for the twelfth magnitude charts. If you are impressed with the charts David can be contacted at: dschandler@frumble.claremont.edu or <http://www.esz.com/dschandler>
Shareware versions of the software are available there. For those without electronic access:
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Other sources of information:
Burnham's Celestial Handbook, Vol. 1-3, Robert Burnham, Jr.
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Observer's Handbook, R.A.S.G., Roy Bishop editor
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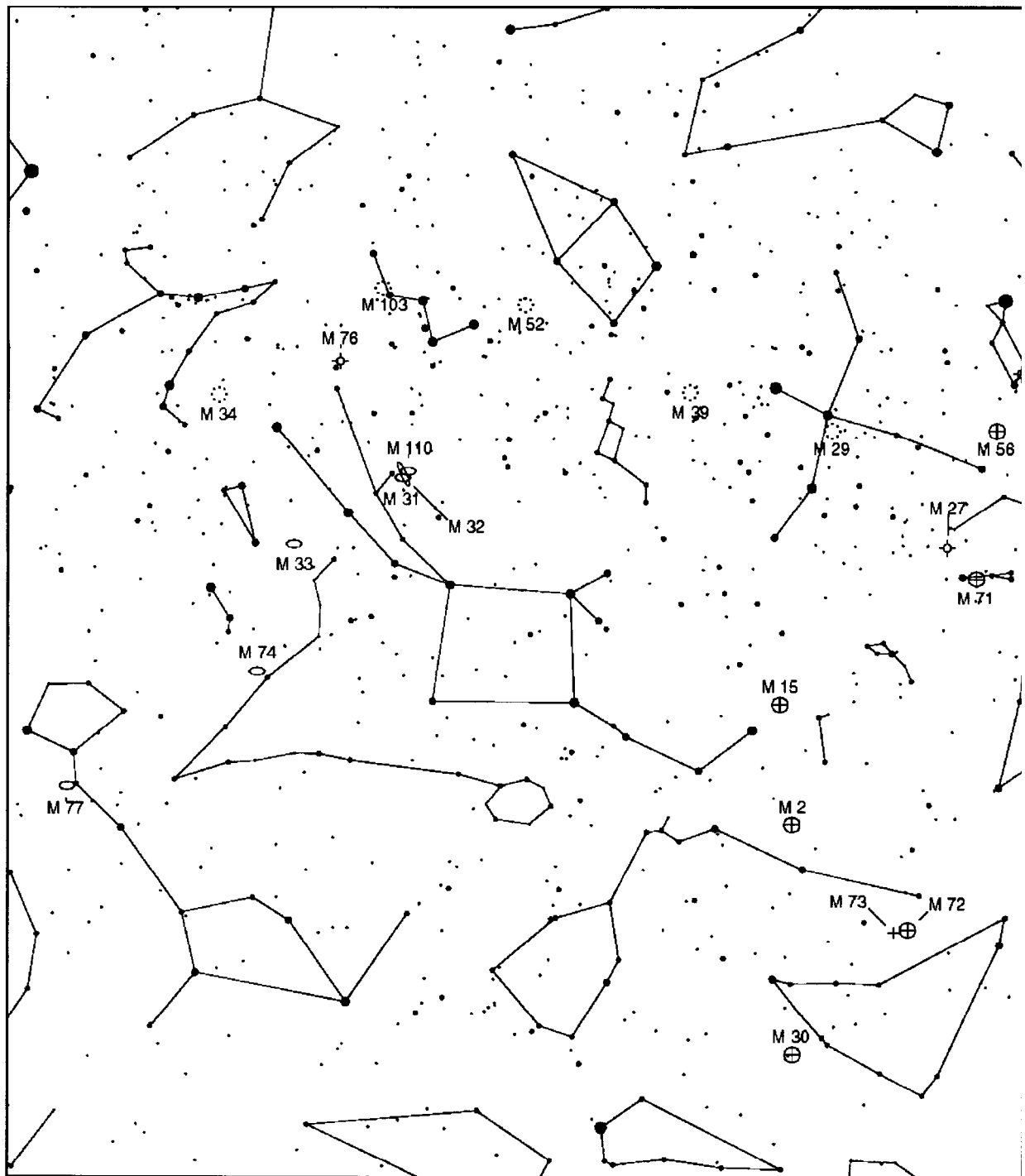
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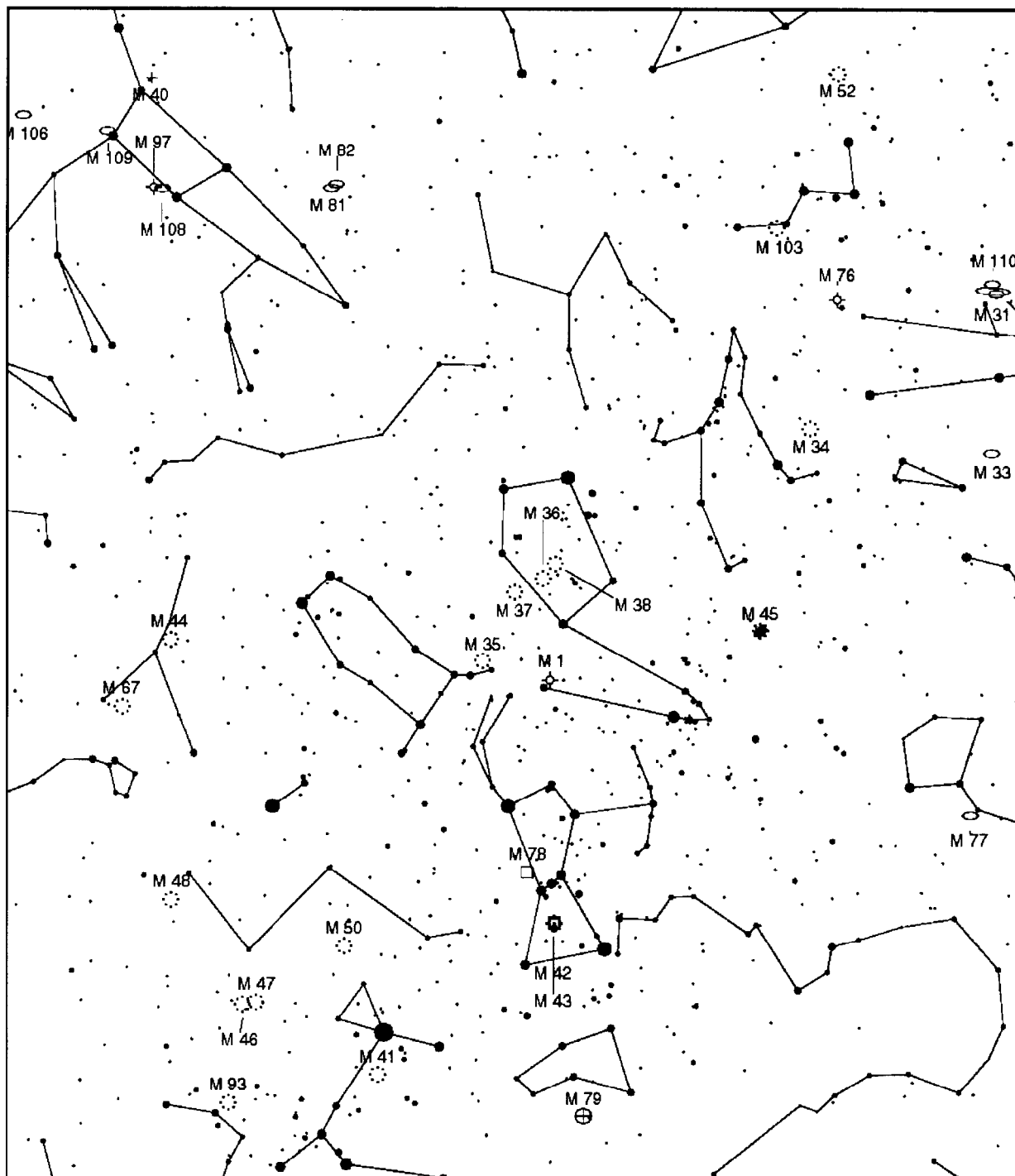
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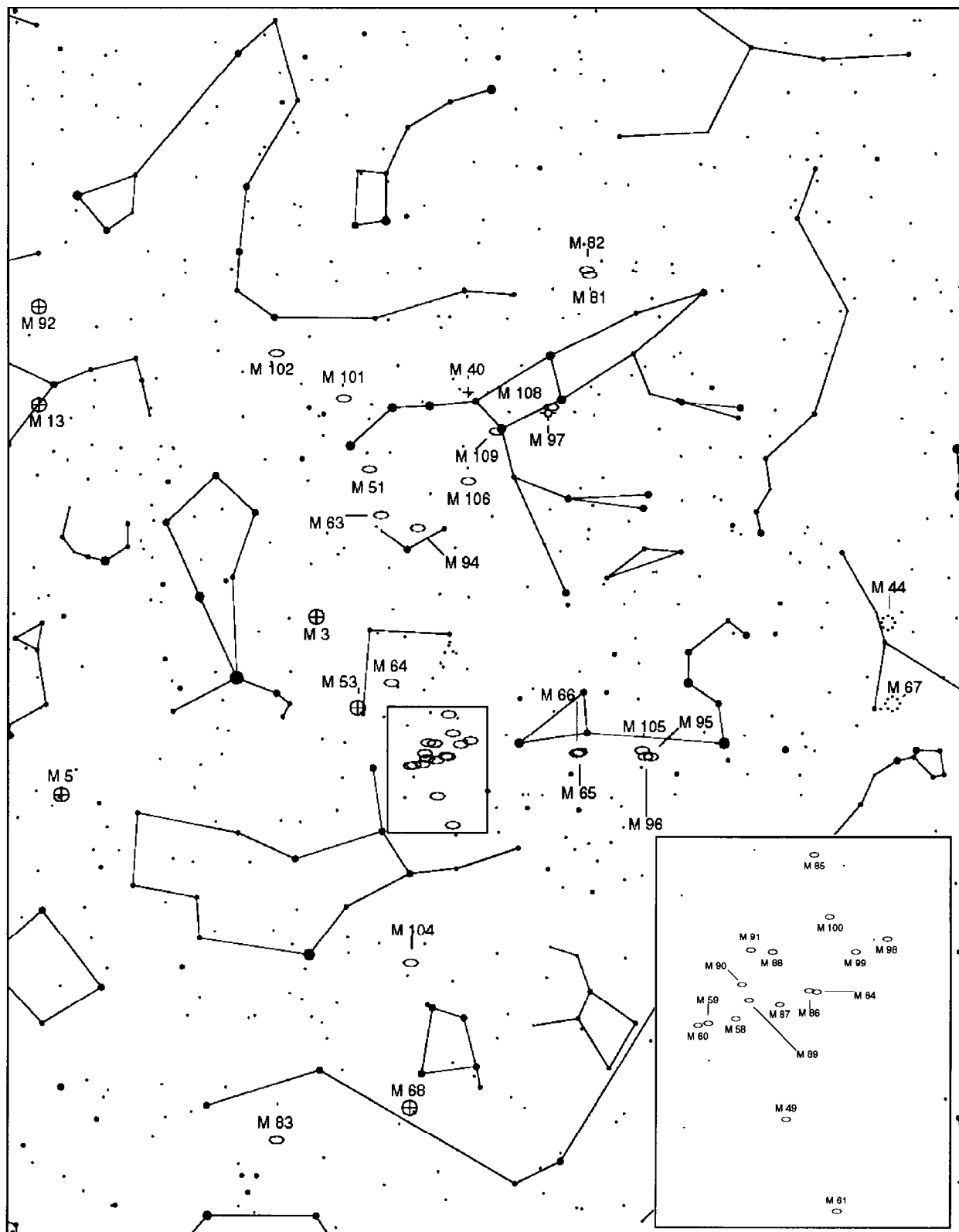
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M7_____	M35_____	M63_____	M91_____
M8_____	M36_____	M64_____	M92_____
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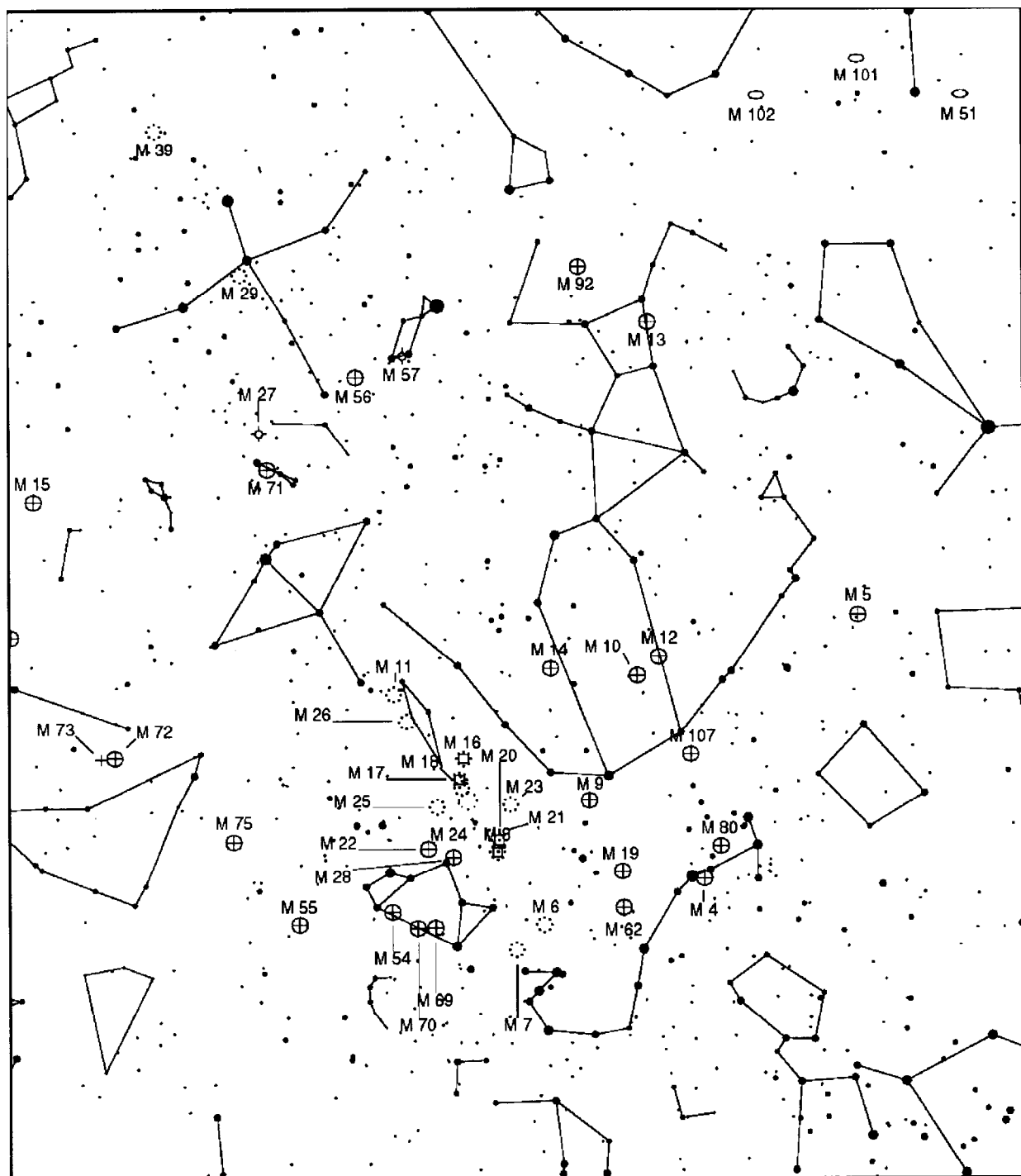
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M 110	10.8	8' x 3'	Elliptical Galaxy	Andromeda	M 89	9.8	2'	2'	Elliptical Galaxy
M 32	9.5	3.6' x 3.1'	Elliptical Galaxy	Andromeda	M 90	9.5	6' x 3'	6' x 3'	Elliptical Galaxy
M 31	5.0	160' x 40'	Spiral Galaxy	Andromeda	M 90	9.8	4' x 3'	4' x 3'	Barred Spiral Galaxy
M 103	8.0	8'	Open Cluster	Cassiopeia	M 58	8.0	9'	9'	Galobular Cluster
M 33	5.7	60' x 40'	Spiral Galaxy	Triangulum	M 104	8.3	7' x 2'	7' x 2'	Spiral Galaxy
M 74	9.2	8'	Spiral Galaxy	Pisces	M 59	9.8	3' x 2'	3' x 2'	Elliptical Galaxy
M 76	11.5	2' x 1'	Planetary Nebula	Perseus	M 94	8.9	5.0' x 3.5'	5.0' x 3.5'	Spiral Galaxy
M 77	10.0	2.5' x 1.7'	Spiral Galaxy	Cetus	M 64	8.6	7.5' x 3.5'	7.5' x 3.5'	Spiral Galaxy
M 34	5.5	30'	Open cluster	Perseus	M 53	8.0	10'	10'	Galobular Cluster
M 45	1.2	120'	Open Cluster	Perseus	M 63	9.8	9.0' x 4.0'	9.0' x 4.0'	Spiral Galaxy
M 79	8.4	7.5'	Galobular Cluster	Taurus	M 51	8.7	10.0' x 5.5'	10.0' x 5.5'	Spiral Galaxy
M 38	6.4	18'	Open Cluster	Lepus	M 83	8.0	10.0' x 8.0'	10.0' x 8.0'	Spiral Galaxy
M 78	8.0	8' x 6'	Reflection Nebula	Auriga	M 101	13.9	22'	22'	Galobular Cluster
M 1	8.4	6' x 4'	Supernova remnant	Orion	M 6	4.6	26'	26'	Open cluster
M 43	9.0	30' x 25'	Emission Nebula	Taurus	M 102	11.1	2.9' x 1.0'	2.9' x 1.0'	Elliptical Galaxy
M 42	4.0	66' x 60'	Emission Nebula	Lepus	M 5	5.8	20'	20'	Galobular cluster
M 36	6.0	12'	Open Cluster	Auriga	M 80	8.4	5'	5'	Galobular Cluster
M 37	5.6	20'	Open Cluster	Orion	M 4	5.9	23'	23'	Galobular Cluster
M 35	5.5	29'	Open Cluster	Taurus	M 107	8.1	8'	8'	Galobular Cluster
M 41	6.0	30'	Open Cluster	Orion	M 13	5.9	23'	23'	Galobular Cluster
M 50	6.0	10'	Open Cluster	Auriga	M 12	6.6	12'	12'	Galobular Cluster
M 47	4.6	26'	Open Cluster	Gemini	M 10	6.6	12'	12'	Galobular Cluster
M 46	6.5	27'	Open Cluster	Canis Major	M 62	6.6	6'	6'	Galobular Cluster
M 93	6.5	18'	Open Cluster	Monoceros	M 19	7.2	5'	5'	Galobular Cluster
M 48	5.8	30'	Open Cluster	Puppis	M 92	6.5	8'	8'	Galobular Cluster
M 44	4.5	80'	Open Cluster	Puppis	M 9	7.9	6'	6'	Galobular Cluster
M 67	6.9	18'	Open Cluster	Hydra	M 14	7.6	7'	7'	Galobular Cluster
M 81	14.0	16' x 10'	Galaxy	Cancer	M 7	3.3	50'	50'	Open Cluster
M 82	13.4	7' x 2'	Galaxy	Ursa Major	M 23	5.1	17'	17'	Galobular Cluster
M 95	11.0	4.0' x 3.0'	Spiral Galaxy	Ursa Major	M 20	8.5	29' x 27'	29' x 27'	Emis/Reflec Nebula
M 96	10.2	6.0' x 4.0'	Spiral Galaxy	Leo	M 8	5.8	90' x 40'	90' x 40'	Emission Nebula
M 105	10.6	2.1' x 2.0'	Elliptical Galaxy	Leo	M 21	5.9	12'	12'	Open Cluster
M 108	13.8	8' x 2'	Spiral Galaxy	Leo	M 16	6.0	8'	8'	Open Cluster
M 97	11.2	3' x 3'	Planetary Nebula	Ursa Major	M 18	6.9	7'	7'	Open Cluster
M 65	10.3	7.8' x 1.6'	Spiral Galaxy	Ursa Major	M 24	4.6	90'	90'	Open Cluster
M 66	9.7	8.0' x 2.5'	Spiral Galaxy	Ursa Major	M 28	6.9	15'	15'	Galobular Cluster
M 109	14.4	7'	Galaxy	Ursa Major	M 25	4.6	4'	4'	Open Cluster
M 98	11.0	8.2' x 2.0'	Spiral Galaxy	Coma Berenices	M 69	7.7	4'	4'	Galobular Cluster
M 99	10.4	4.5' x 4.0'	Spiral Galaxy	Coma Berenices	M 22	5.9	17'	17'	Galobular Cluster
M 106	9.0	19.5' x 6.5'	Spiral Galaxy	Canes Venatici	M 70	8.1	4'	4'	Galobular Cluster
M 61	9.7	6' x 6'	Spiral Galaxy	Virgo	M 26	8.0	9'	9'	Open Cluster
M 100	10.4	5.2' x 5.0'	Spiral Galaxy	Coma Berenices	M 11	6.6	12'	12'	Galobular Cluster
M 85	10.5	3.0' x 2.0'	Galaxy	Coma Berenices	M 57	9.0	80" x 60"	80" x 60"	Planetary Nebula
M 84	9.3	3'	Elliptical Galaxy	Virgo	M 54	7.7	6'	6'	Galobular Cluster
M 86	9.2	4' x 3'	Elliptical Galaxy	Virgo	M 56	8.0	5'	5'	Galobular Cluster
M 49	8.4	4'	Elliptical Galaxy	Virgo	M 55	7.0	15'	15'	Galobular Cluster
M 87	8.6	3'	Elliptical Galaxy	Virgo	M 71	8.3	6'	6'	Galobular Cluster
M 88	10.5	5.7' x 2.5'	Spiral Galaxy	Coma Berenices	M 77	8.1	8' x 4'	8' x 4'	Planetary Nebula
M 40	8.0	--	Two Stars	Ursa Major	M 25	8.6	5'	5'	Galobular Cluster
					M 29	7.0	7'	7'	Open Cluster
					M 72	9.4	5'	5'	Galobular Cluster
					M 73	3	73' x 8'	73' x 8'	Open Cluster @ Nebula
					M 15	6.4	12'	12'	Galobular Cluster
					M 39	5.0	30'	30'	Open Cluster
					M 2	6.0	7'	7'	Galobular Cluster
					M 49	8.4	9'	9'	Galobular Cluster
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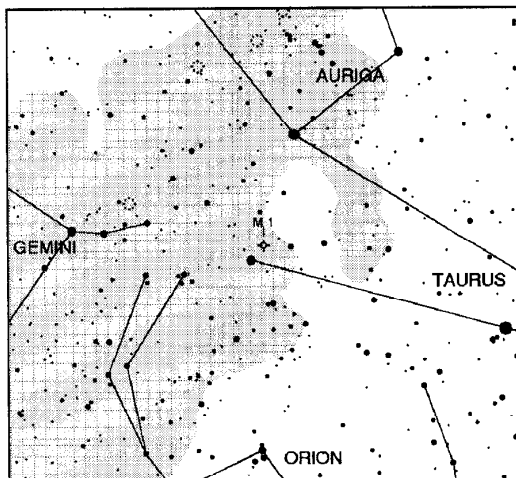


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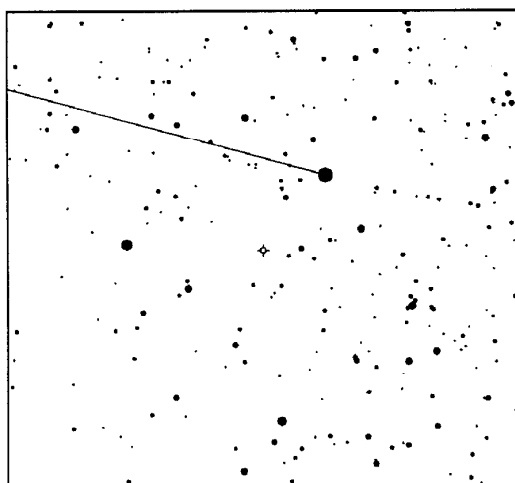
M1 - It is a hazy patch in small telescopes, large scopes can resolve some detail. With oxygen-III filter, filaments can be seen, obvious dark areas, oval shape dominates. Strongly polarized light, try polarizing filter to see if shape changes with rotation in larger scopes. Supernova remnant of 1054.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 35, 36, 37, 38

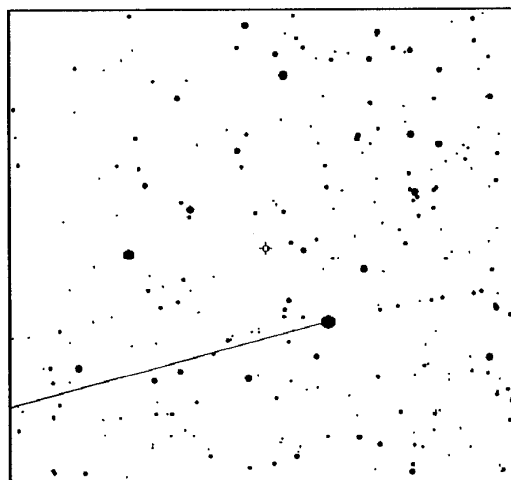


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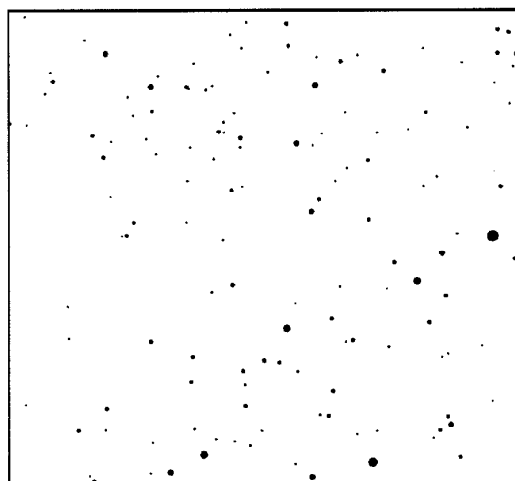
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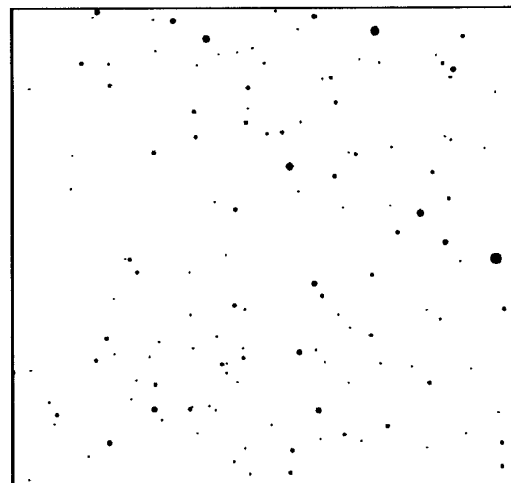
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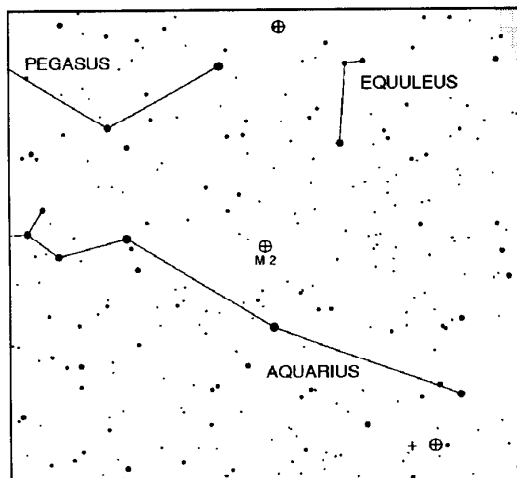


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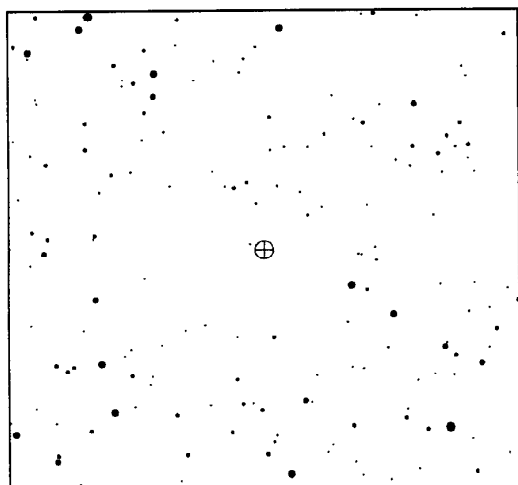
M2 - classic globular, look for dark lane that crosses NE corner of cluster.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 15, 72, 73

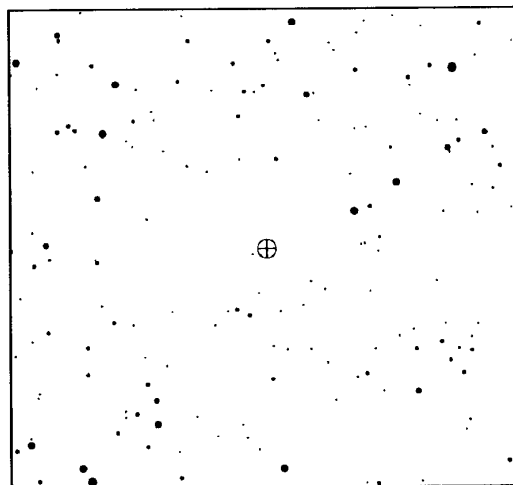


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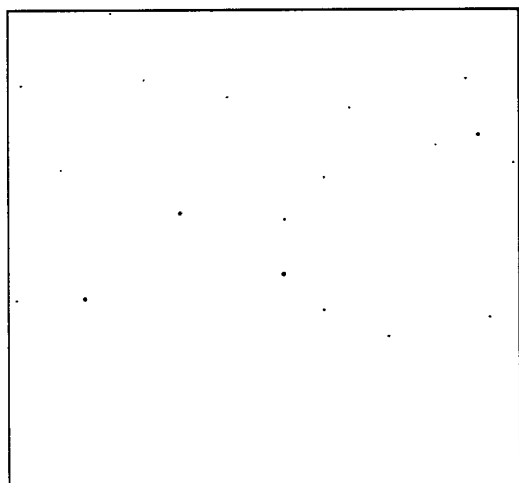
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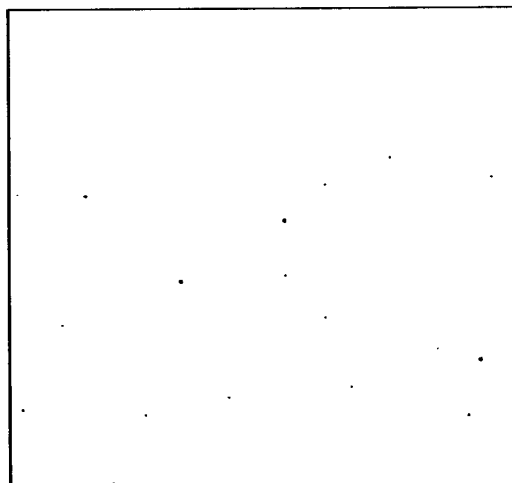
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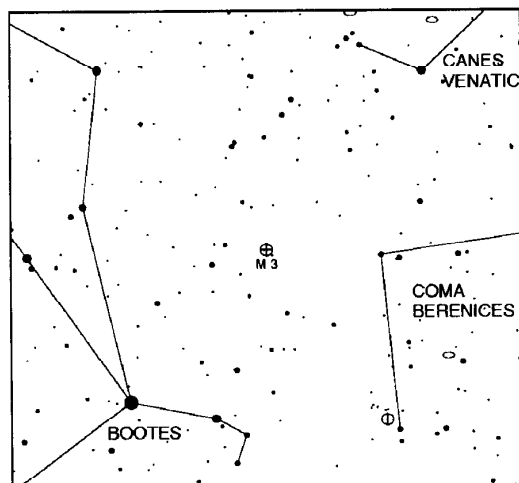
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M 3

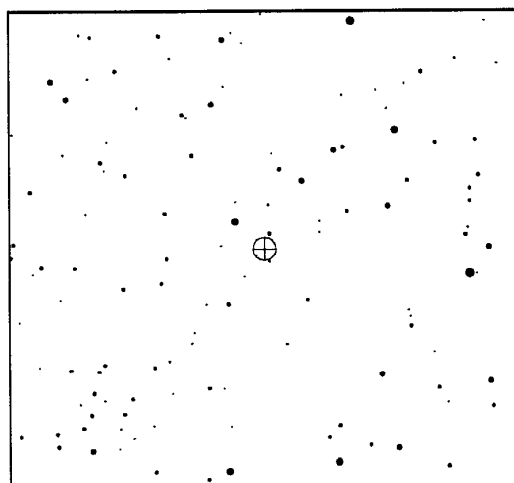
M3 - thousands of stars, bright triangle of stars in middle, with streamers of stars that radiate away from the cluster. Look for dark obscuring patches in the central mass.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 53, 63, 64, 94

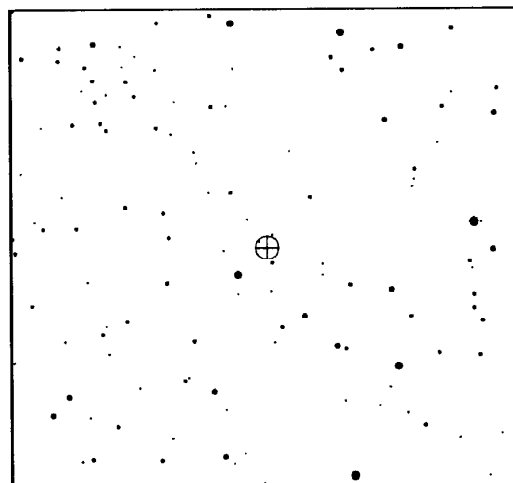


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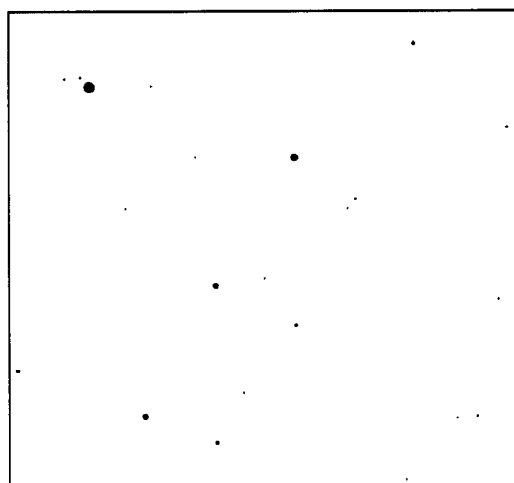
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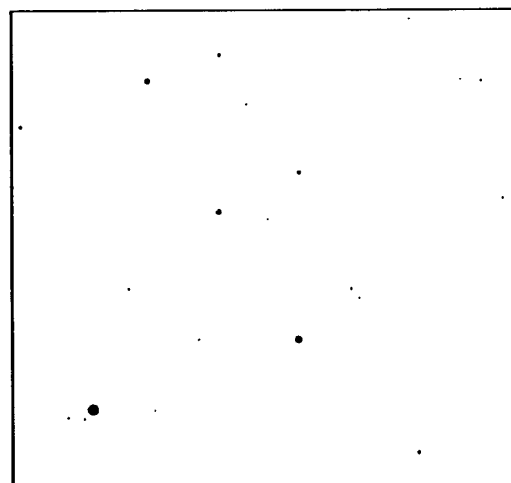
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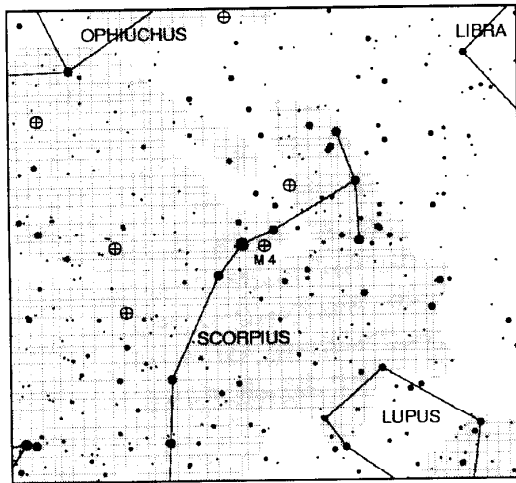


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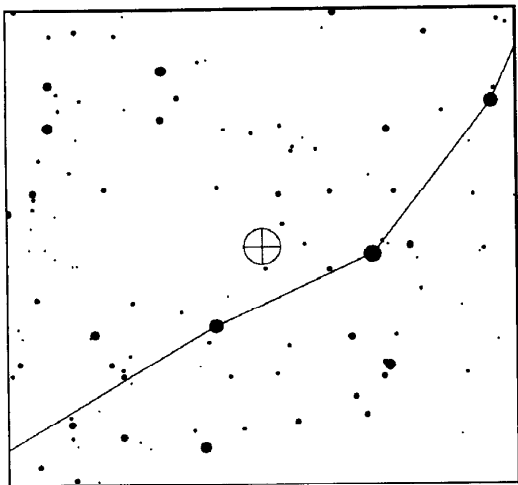
M4 - the trade mark of this globular is a line of bright stars crossing the center.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 9, 19, 62, 80, 107

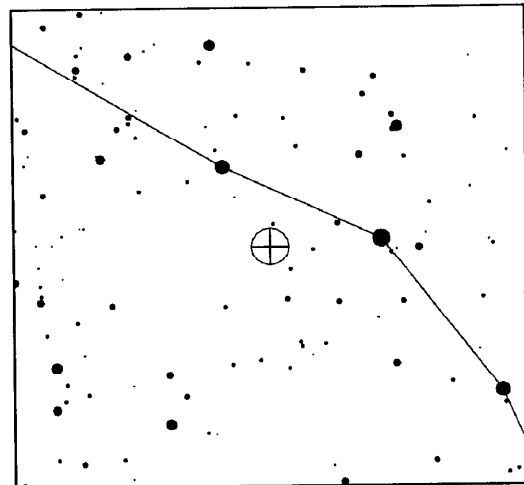


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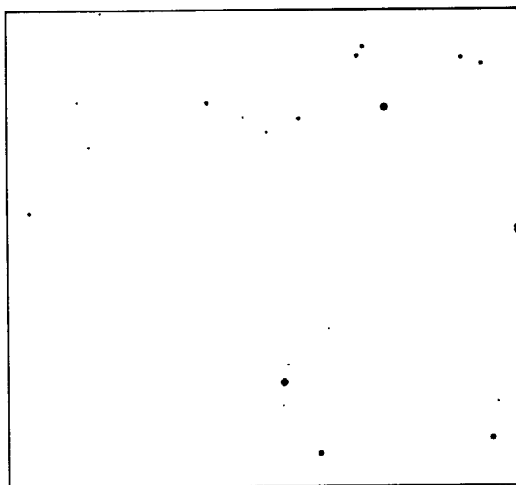
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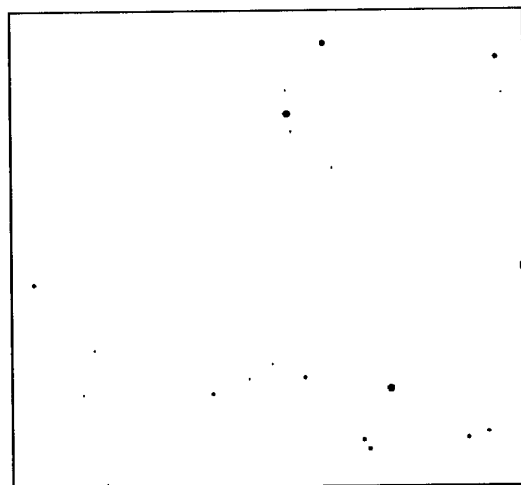
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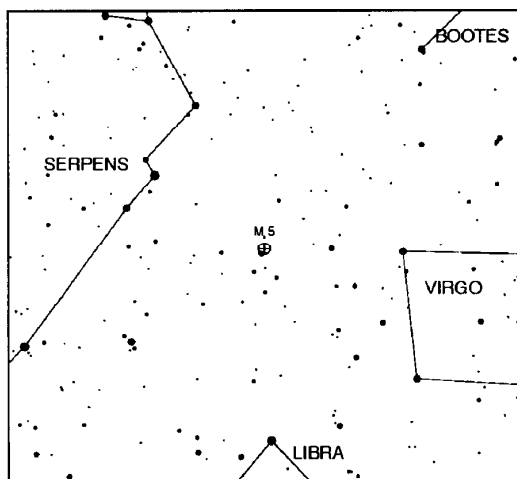
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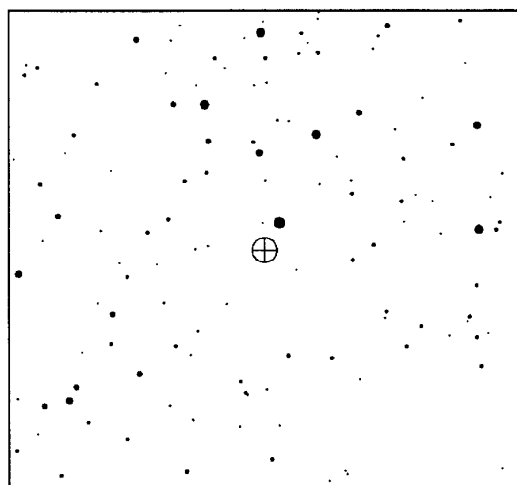
M5 - more condensed than M3; off-center nucleus, somewhat triangular, streamers of stars resemble spiders legs; bright core

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: none

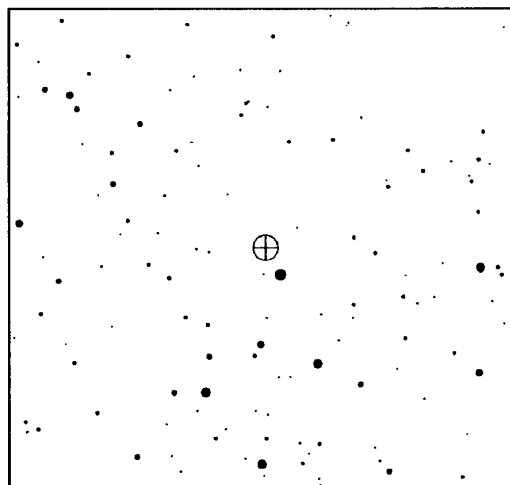


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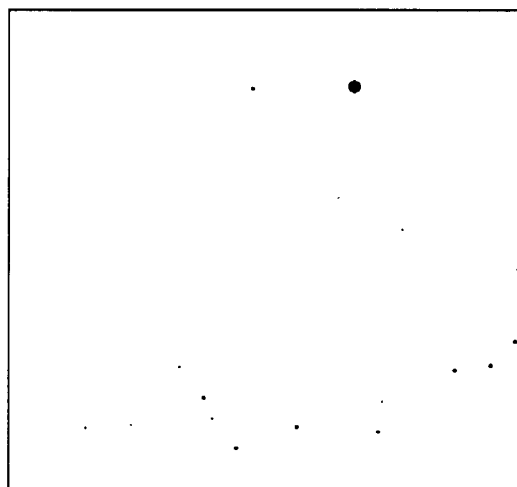
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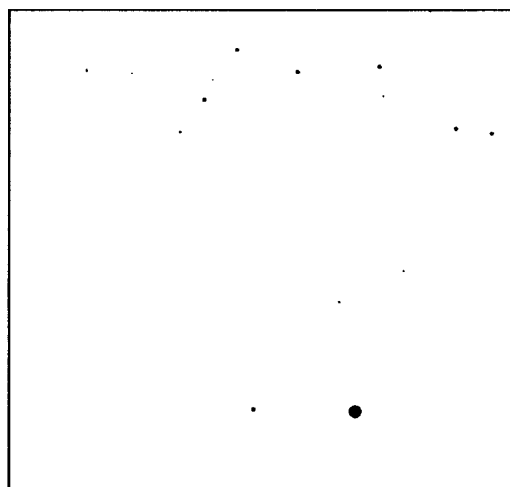
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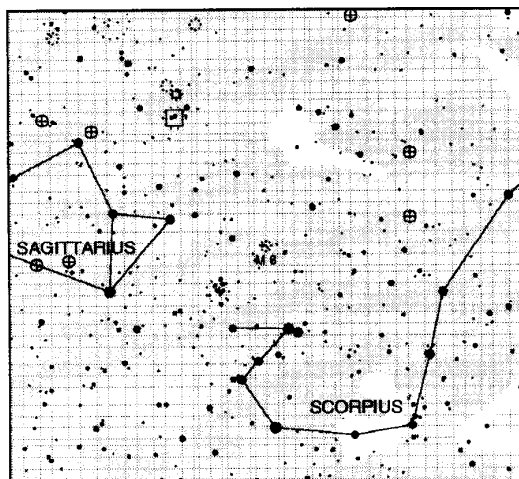
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M 6

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
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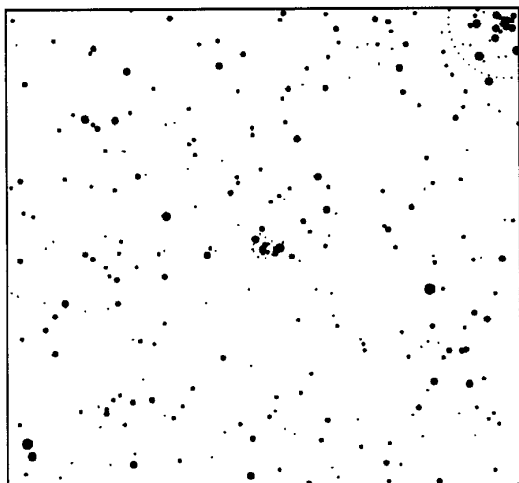
M6- chains of stars; Christmas tree asterism near center; nicest in low power wide angle eyepieces. General shape suggests a butterfly.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 62, 69, 70

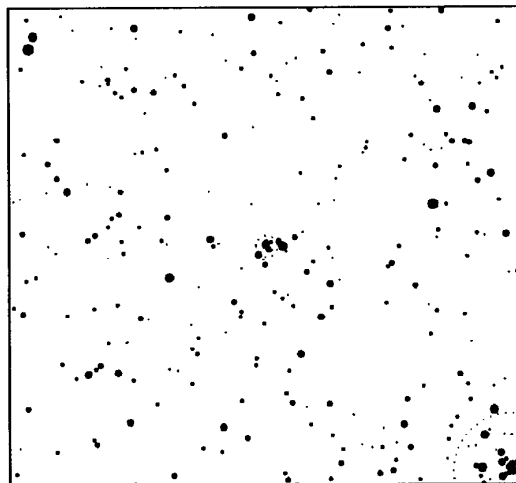


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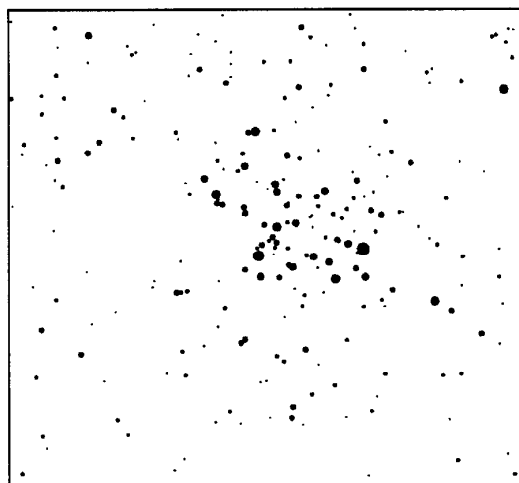
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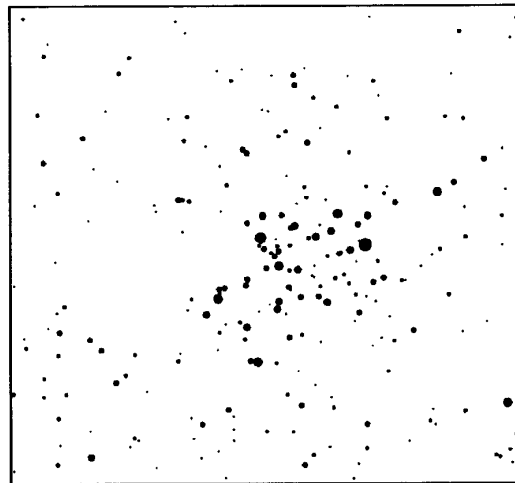
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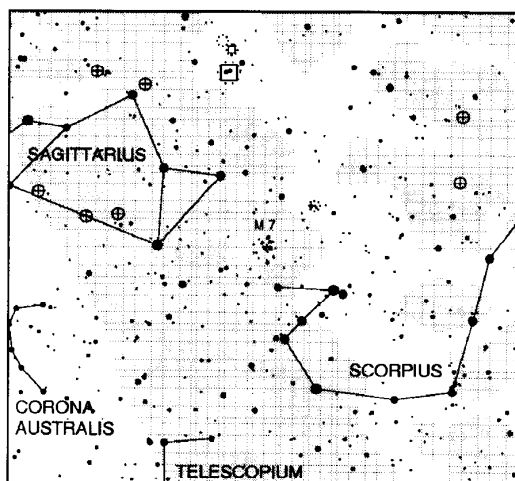


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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
7	6475	Sco	17 53.9	-34 49	3.5	30.0	OCI	.8k	Ptolemy's Cluster

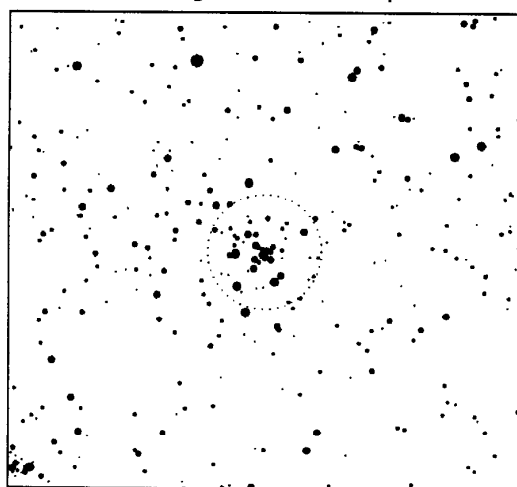
M7 - bigger than M6 with a bit brighter individual stars; use low power wide angle eyepiece with at least 1 degree of true field to contain it. Squarish central area always reminds me of Hercules!

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 6, 8, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 54, 62, 69, 70

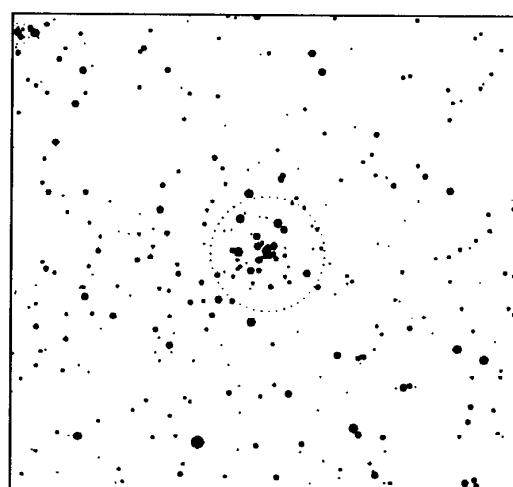


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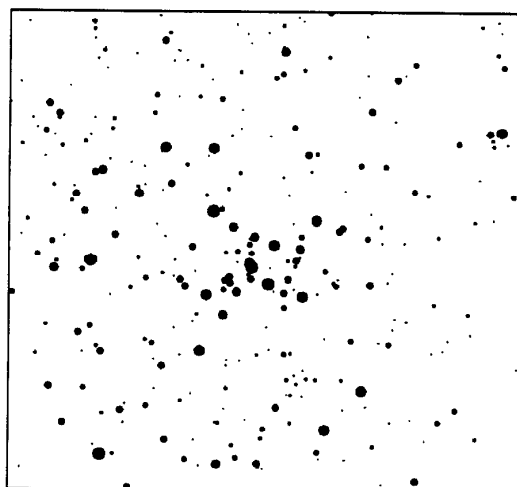
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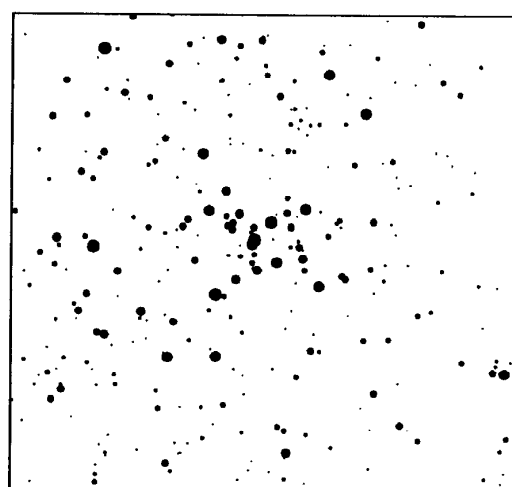
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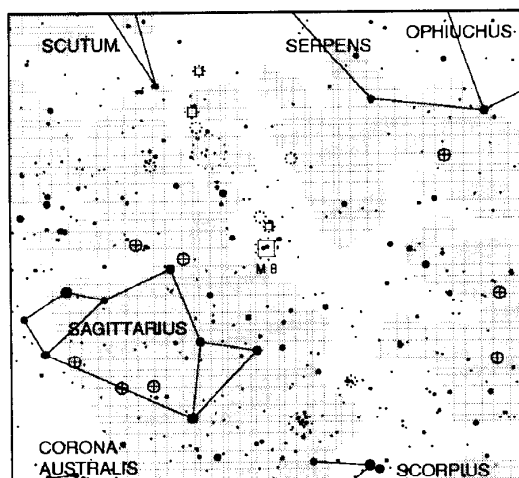


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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
8	6523	Sgr	18 03.8	-24 23	5.0	45 x 30	C/N	5.1k	Lagoon Nebula

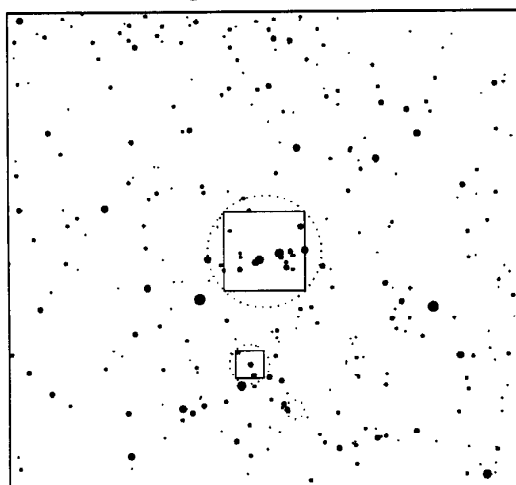
M8- star embedded in brightest part of neblosity. HII region. Neblosity and open cluster associated with each other. Look for dark lane, "Lagoon", crossing the nebula from NW to SE. Look for smaller Bok globules within the neblosity.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 6, 7, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 54, 62, 69, 70

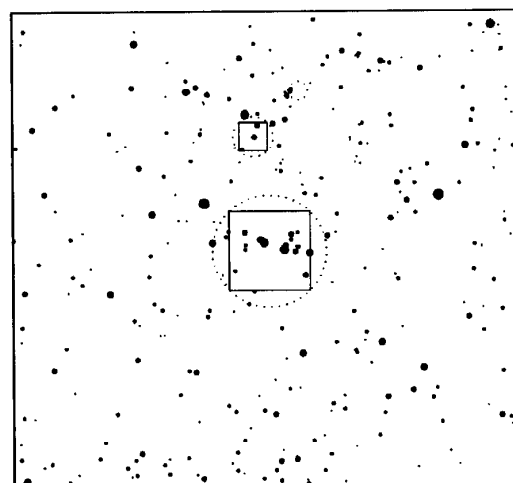


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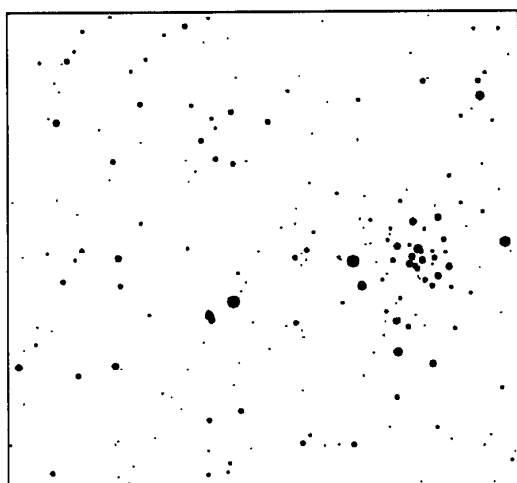
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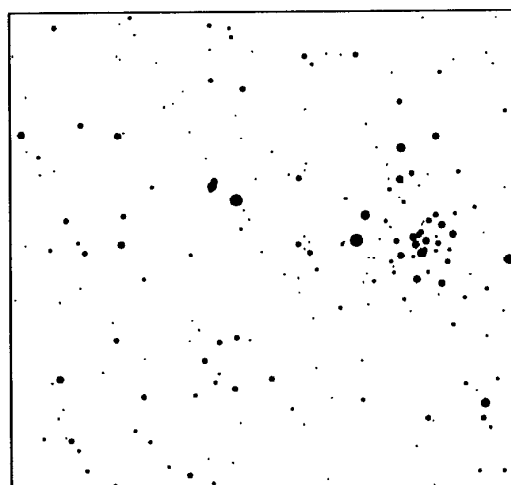
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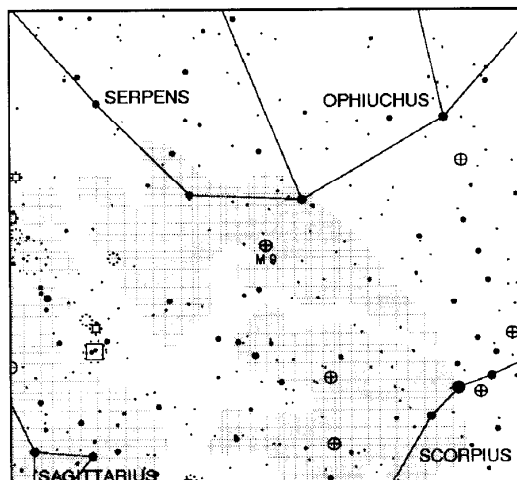
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M 9

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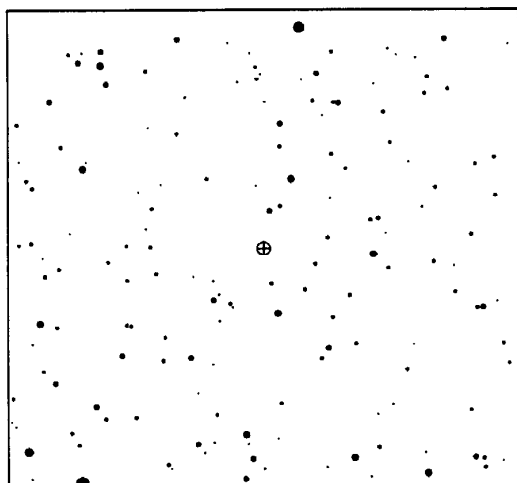
M9 - shows a somewhat oval appearance, a small cloudy patch with a brighter core.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 4, 6, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 28, 62, 80, 107

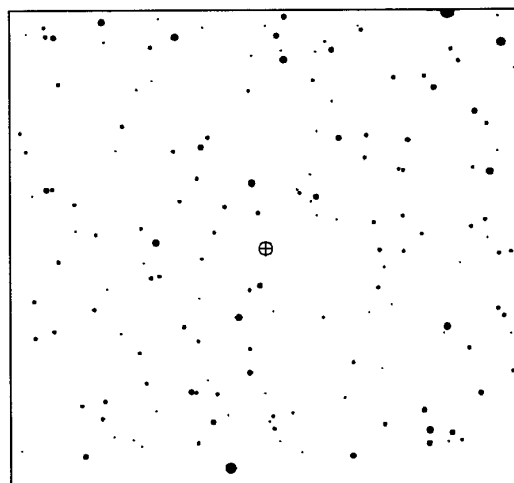


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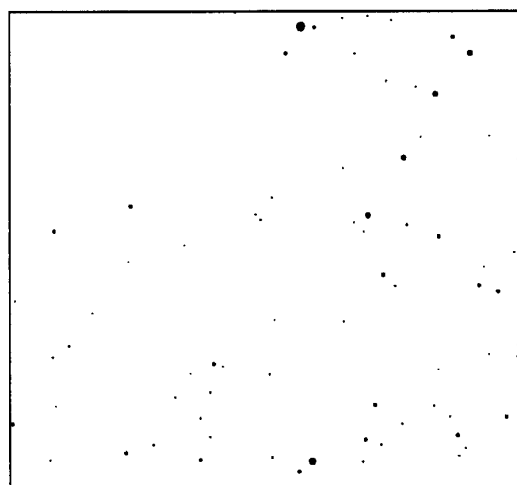
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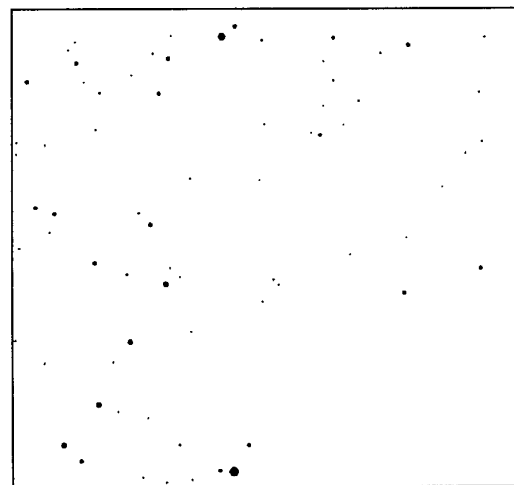
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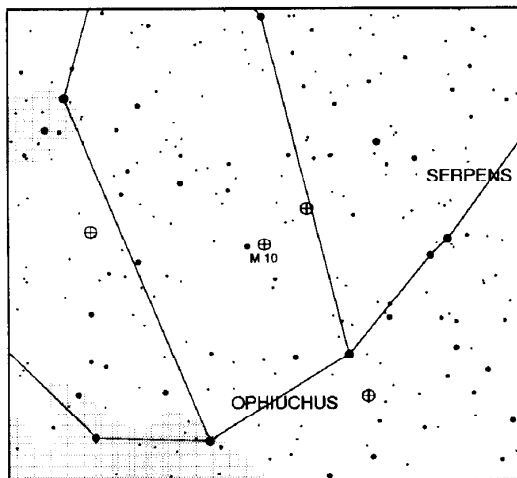
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10	6254	Oph	16 57.1	-04 06	7.0	12	GCI	16k	

M 10

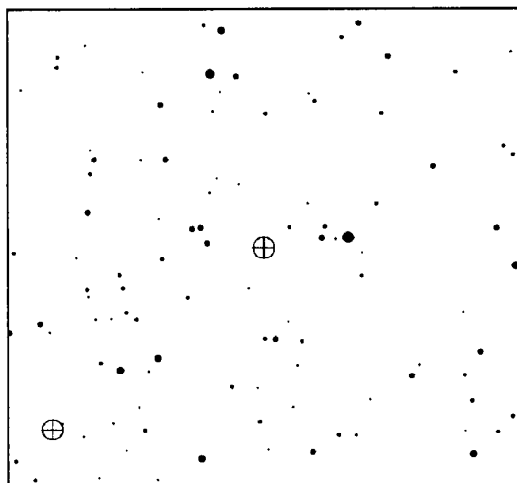
M10 - a real showpiece! Beautiful dusting of stars in outer regions. Look for dark lane passing through above the center. Is the top 1/6 of the cluster dimmer?

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 12,14,107

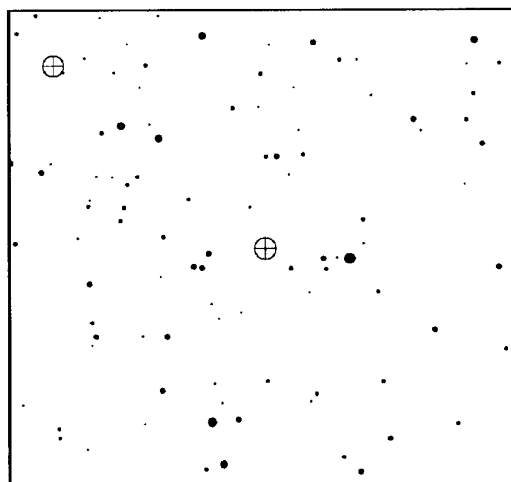


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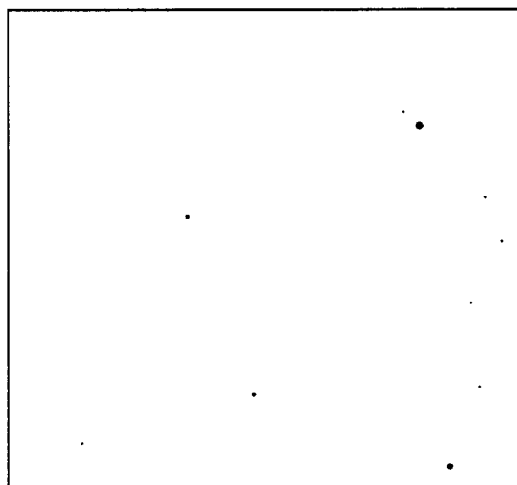
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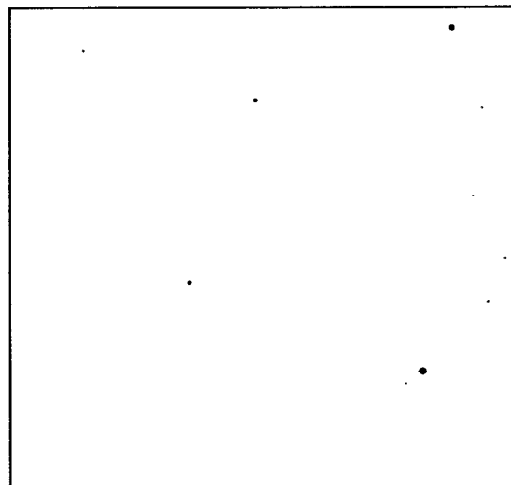
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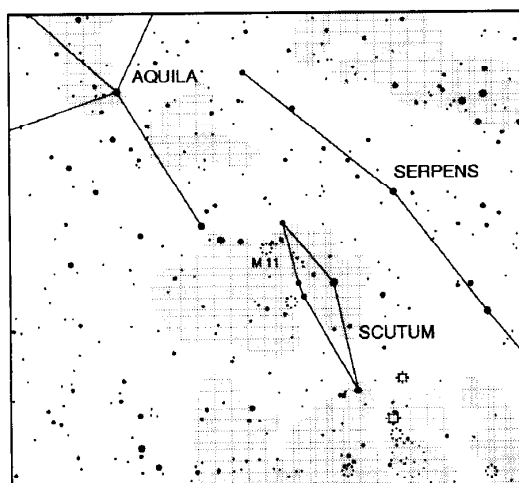
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
11	6705	Scr	18 51.1	-06 16	7.0	35	OCI	5.4k	Wild Duck Cluster

M 11

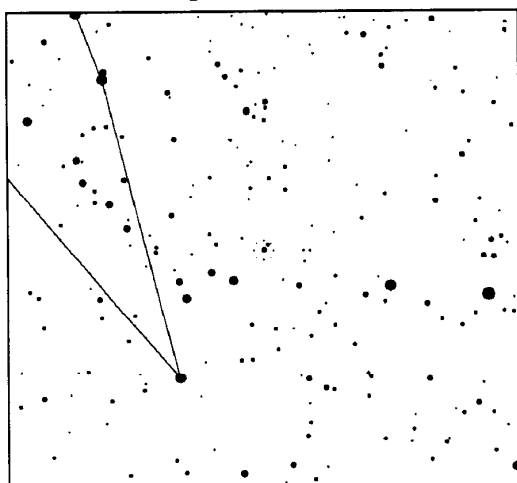
M11 - a splendid open cluster. One star stands out and gives an illusion of depth when first seen. Smaller scopes will give you the "flying V" shape that gives the cluster its common name.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26

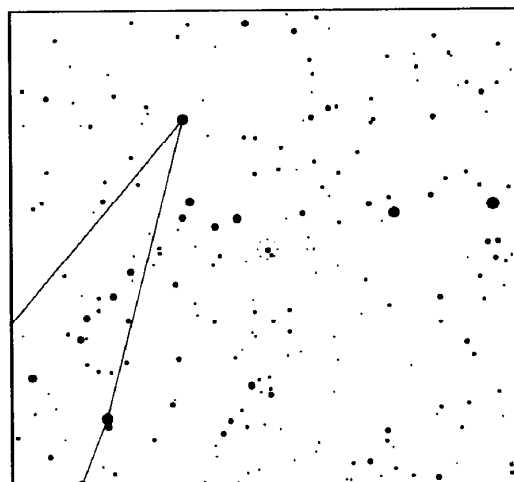


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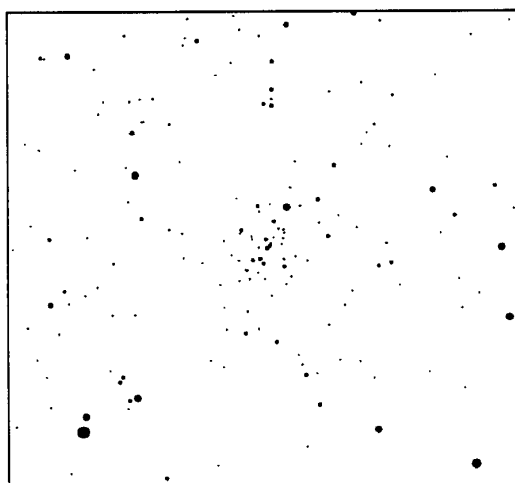
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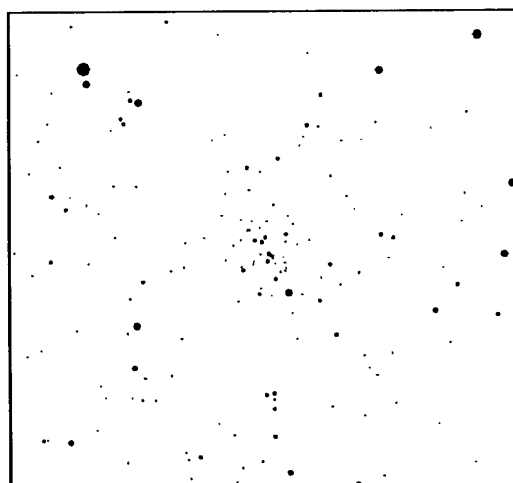
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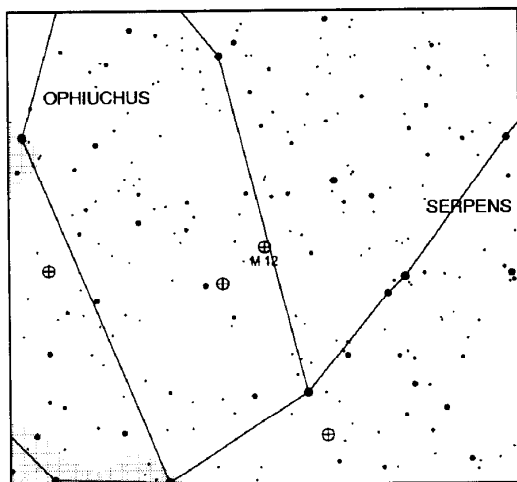
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M 12

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
12	6218	Oph	16 47.2	-01 57	8.0	14.5	Gcl	16k	

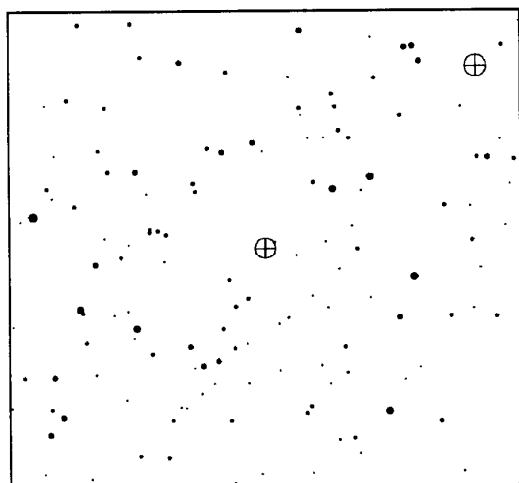
M12 - somewhat similar in appearance to M10, though a bit looser. Surrounded by 3 brighter stars that frame it.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 10, 14, 107

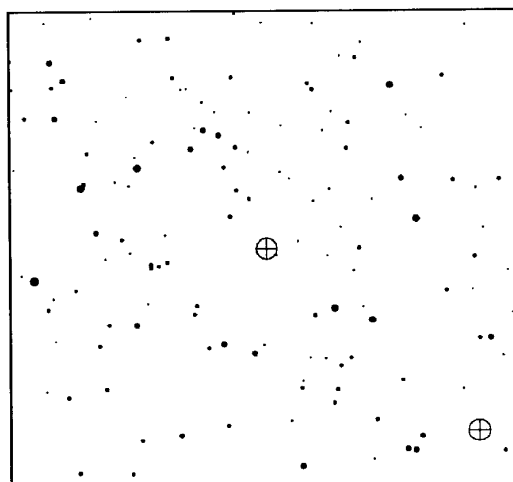


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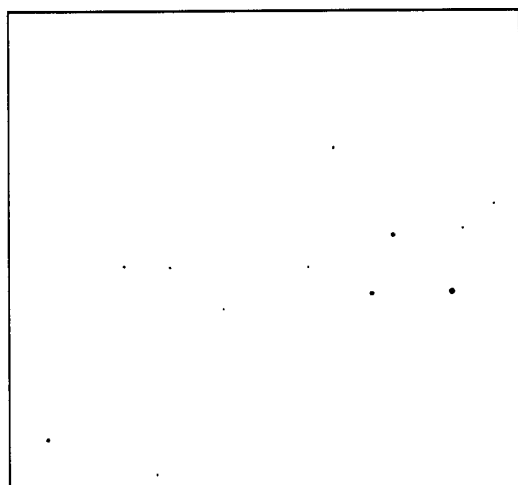
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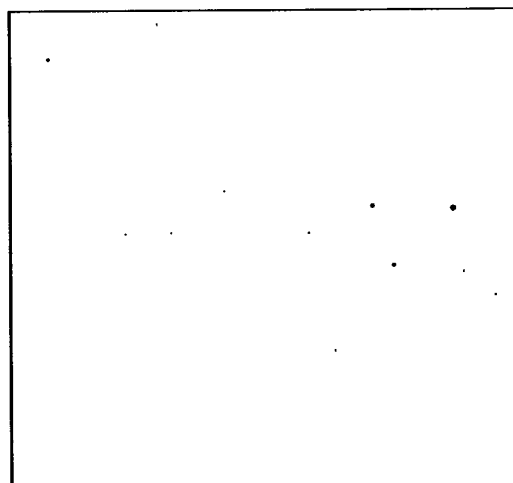
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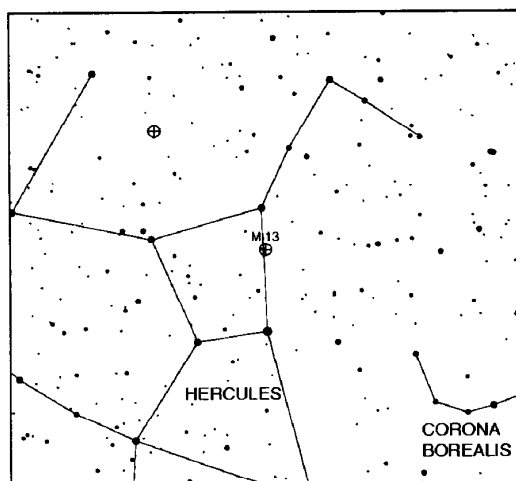


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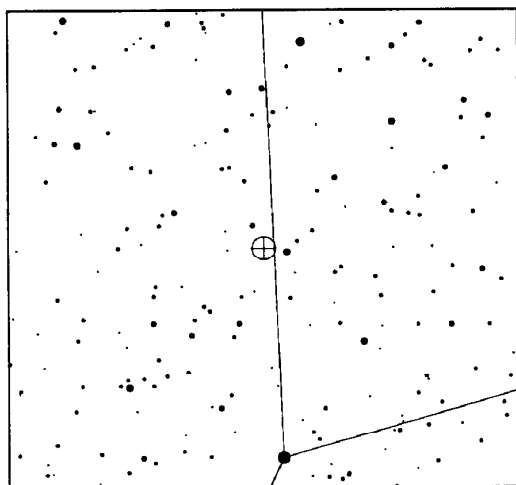
M 13

M13 - The Hercules cluster is bright enough to be seen *naked eye*. Binoculars easily show this cluster as a bright fuzzy ball. M13 is partially resolvable in small aperture telescope and becomes a swarm of tightly packed individual stars through larger scopes.
 Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 92

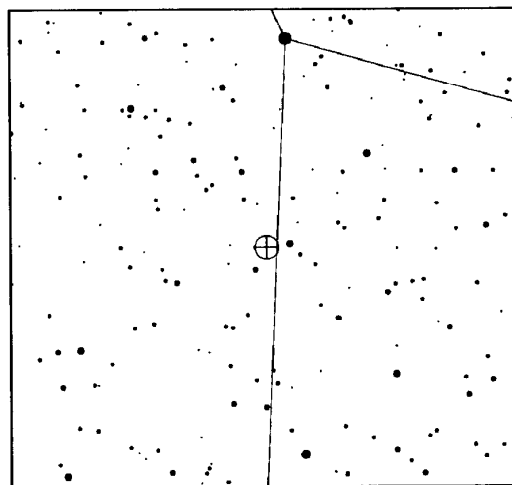


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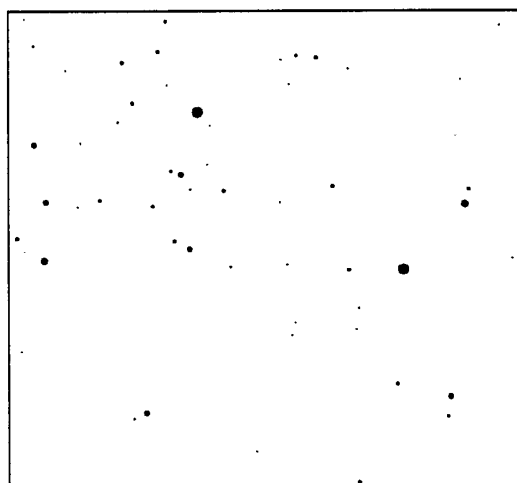
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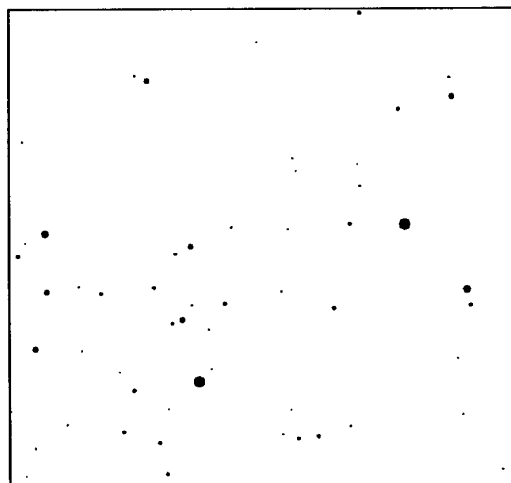
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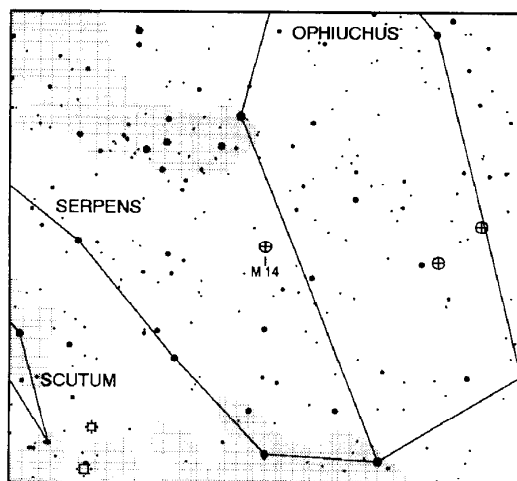
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14	6402	Oph	17 37.6	-03 15	6	11.7	GCl	30k	

M 14

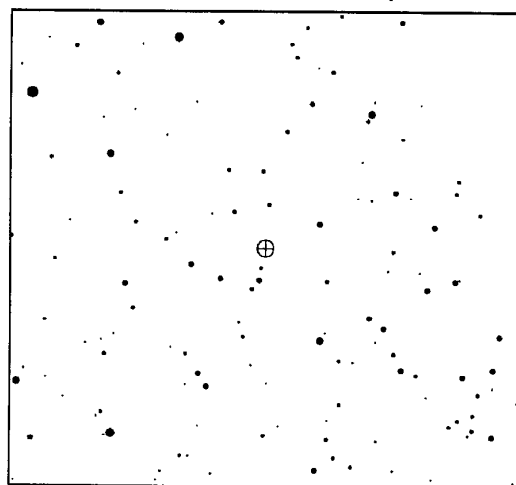
M14 - an even patch of light, the stars are not easily resolvable.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 10, 12, 16, 17

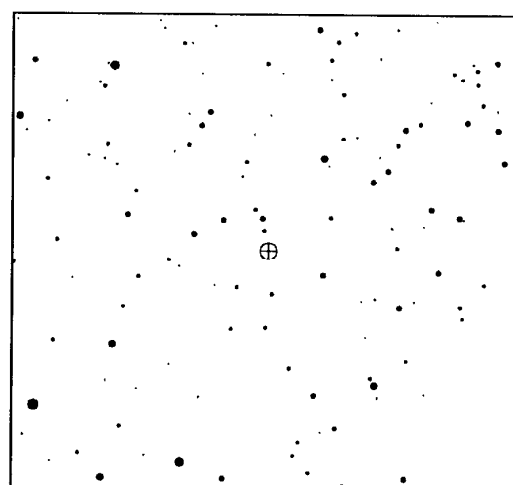


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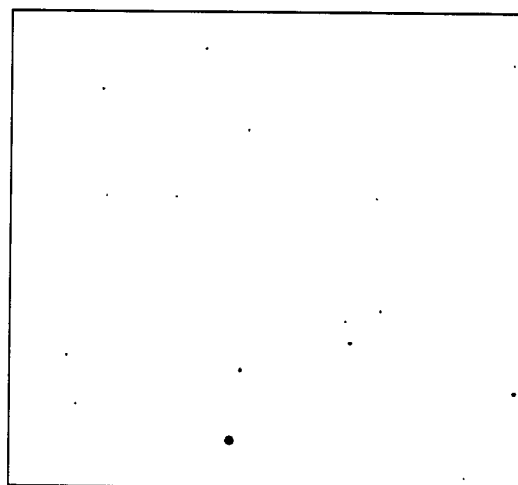
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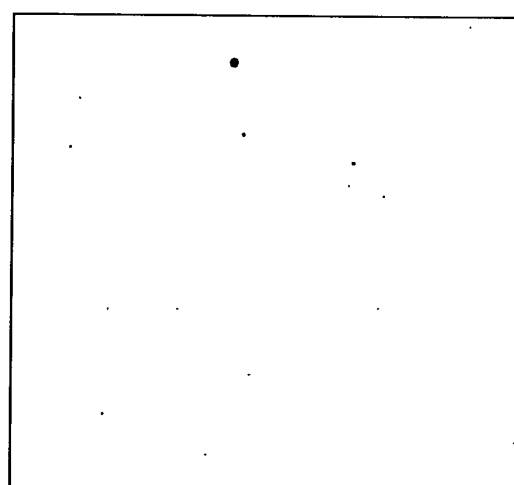
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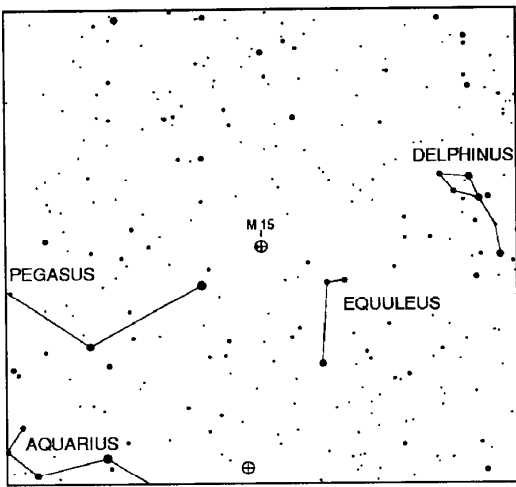


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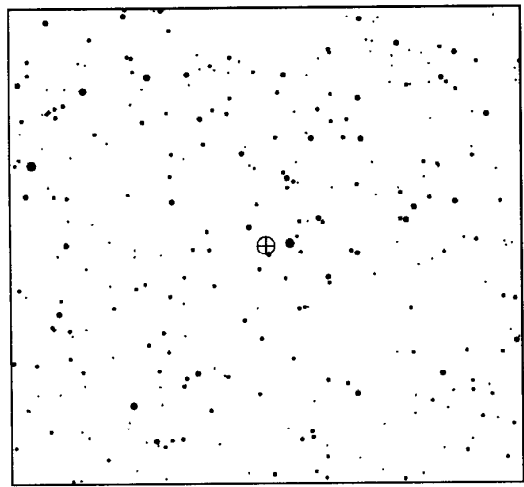
M15 - Very nice! Just resolves into a dust of stars. Dark patch near center. Small planetary nebula, (K648), on the NE side of the cluster, 1" diam.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 2

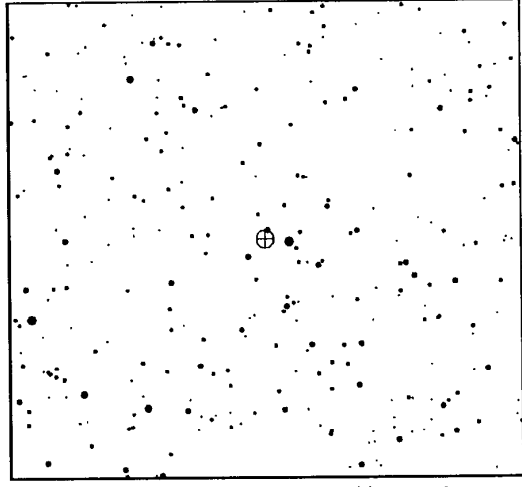


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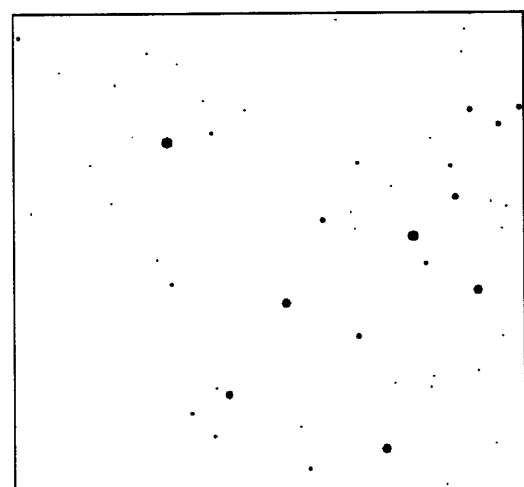
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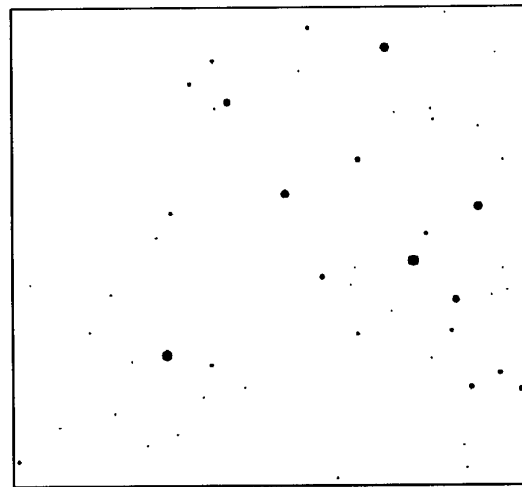
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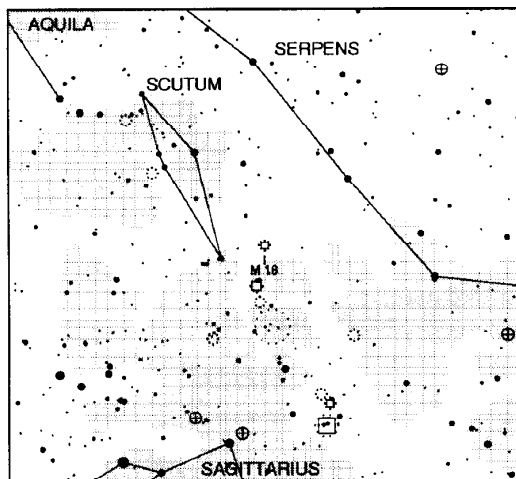
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
16	6611	Ser	18 18.8	-13 47	6.5	25	C/N	8k	assoc with Eagle Nebula, Star Queen Nebula

M16 - looks like a sparse open cluster of stars surrounded by faint wisps of nebulosity. Best in low power, wide angle view. Larger apertures show the dust pillars that make the "Star Queens" throne.

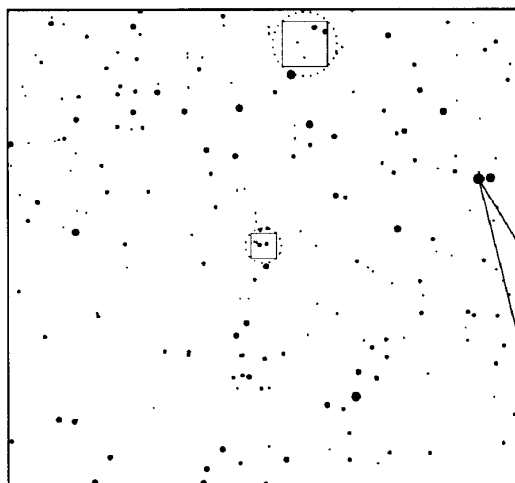
M 16

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 8, 9, 11, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28

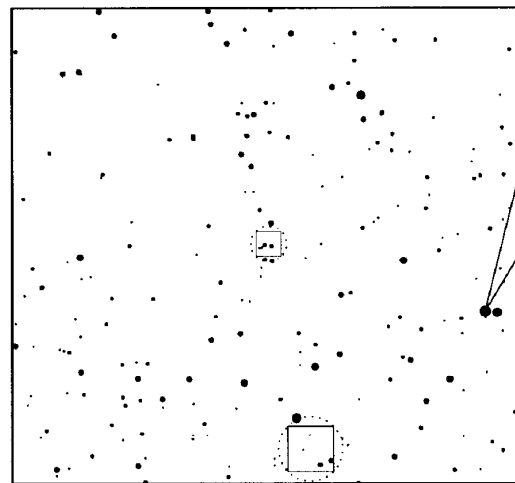


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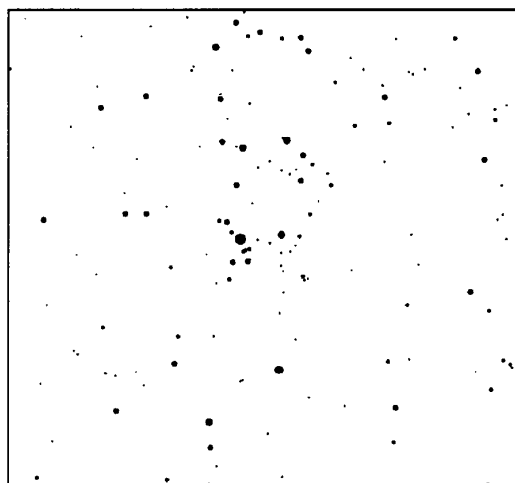
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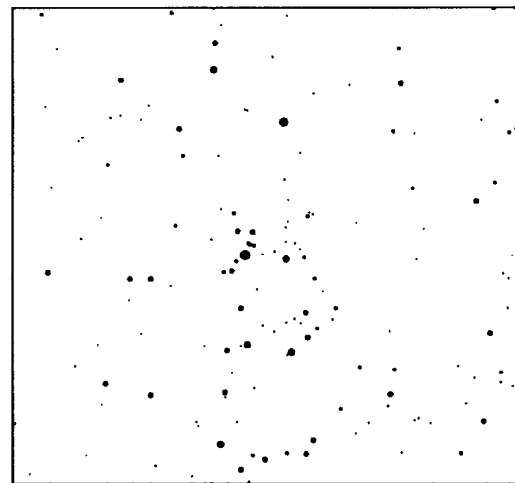
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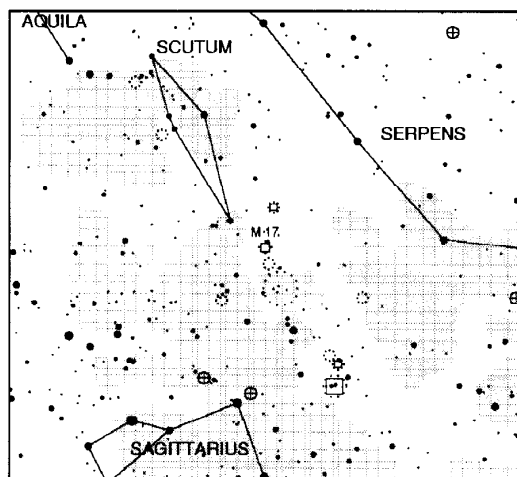
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17	6618	Sgr	18 20.8	-16 11	6.0	11.0	C/N	5.7k	Omega Nebula, Swan Nebula, Lobster Nebula, Horseshoe Nebula

M 17

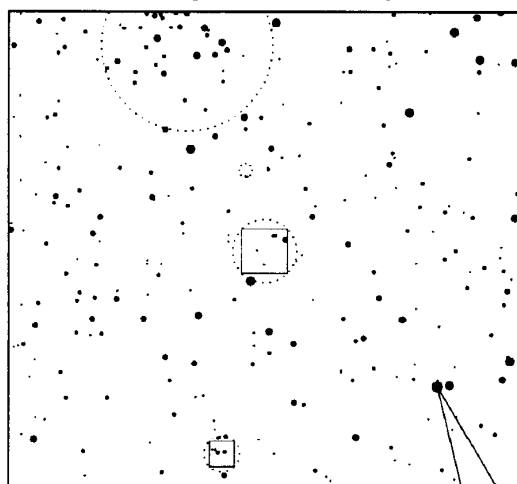
M17 - resembles the number 2 with a very long bottom slash. LPR filter enhances.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28

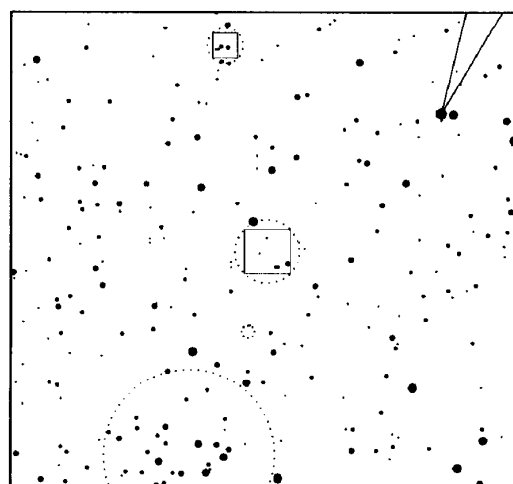


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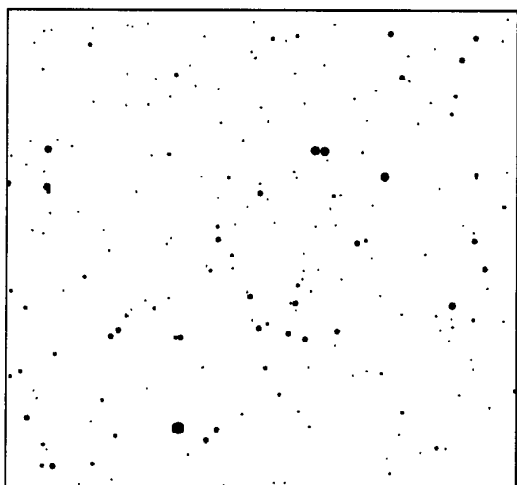
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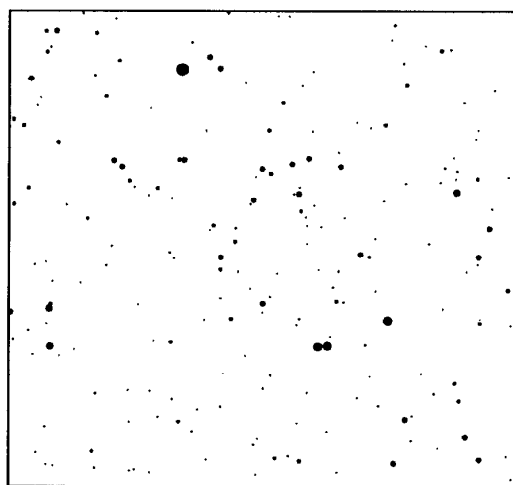
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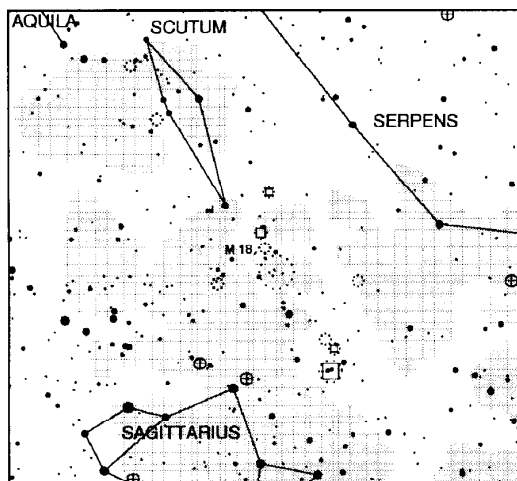
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M 18

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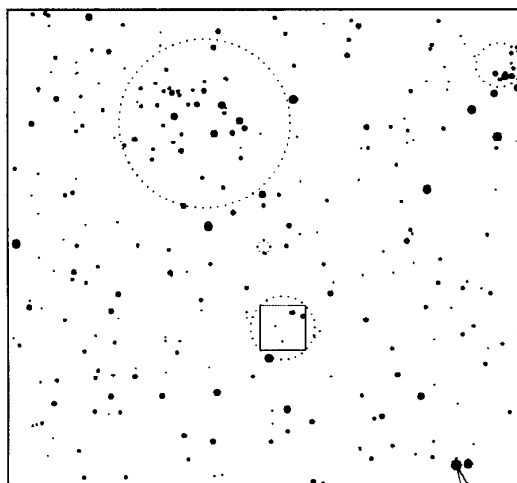
M18 - a small, sparse collection of fairly bright stars, but quite pretty.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 54

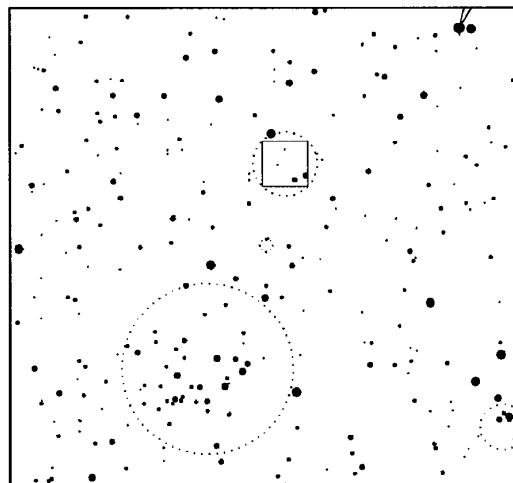


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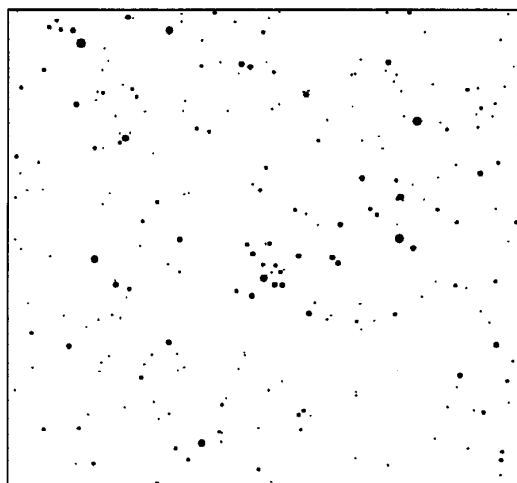
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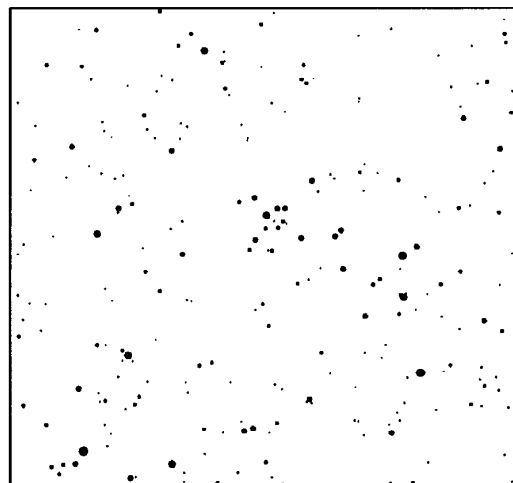
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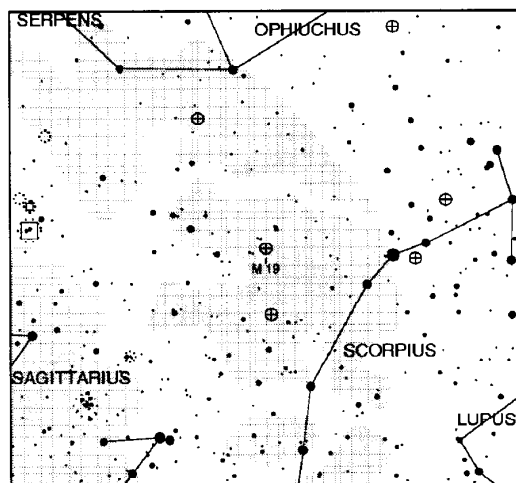
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19	6273	Oph	17 02.6	-26 16	7	6	GCl	25k	

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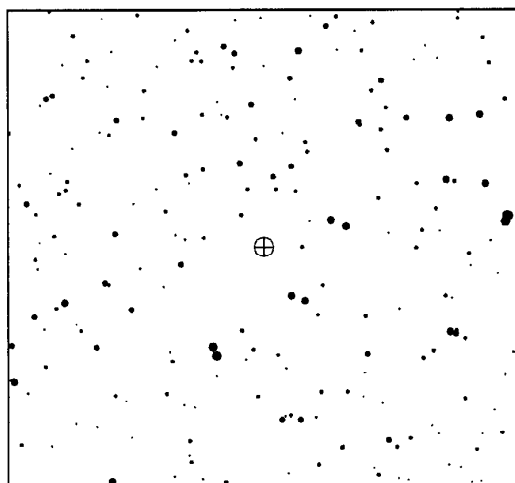
M19 - from where I live, M19 is very close to the horizon, down in the muck. It appears as a small cloudy spot. Two field stars are superimposed on the cluster on the NE side. Note the oblateness of the cluster.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 20, 21, 23, 62, 80, 107

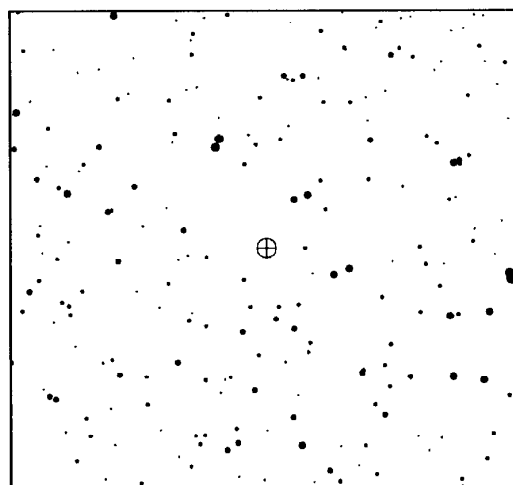


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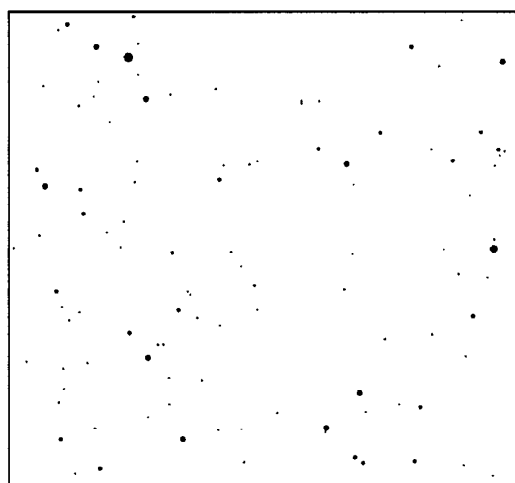
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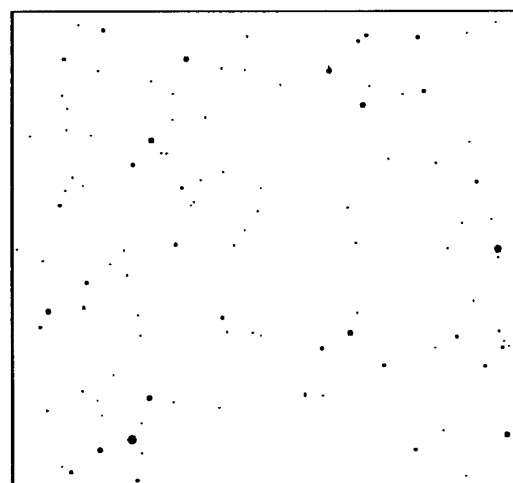
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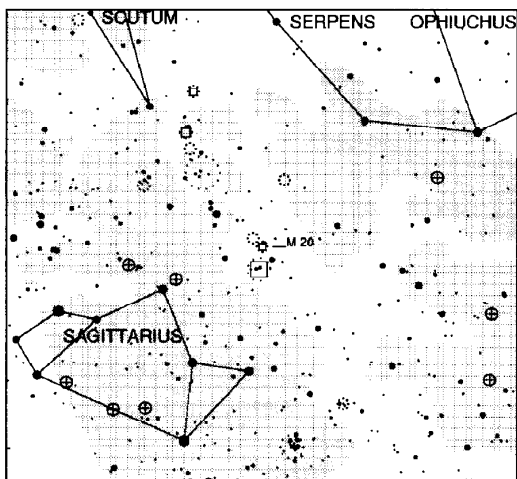
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M 20

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
20	6514	Sgr	18 02.6	-23 02	5.0	25.0	C/N	5.2k	Trifid Nebula

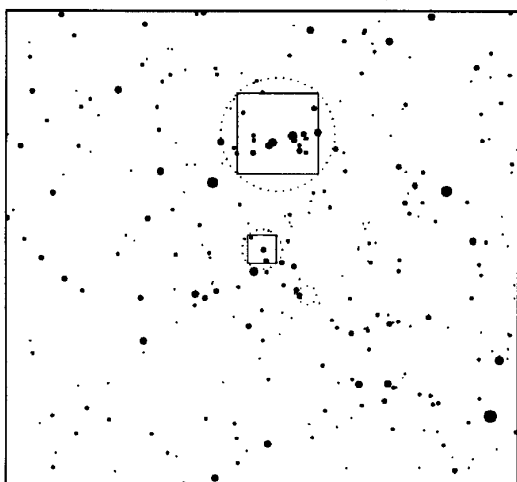
M20 - diffuse nebula, try to pick out the three dust lanes that gives M20 its name. Note triple star at intersection of two of the lanes.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 54, 62, 69, 70

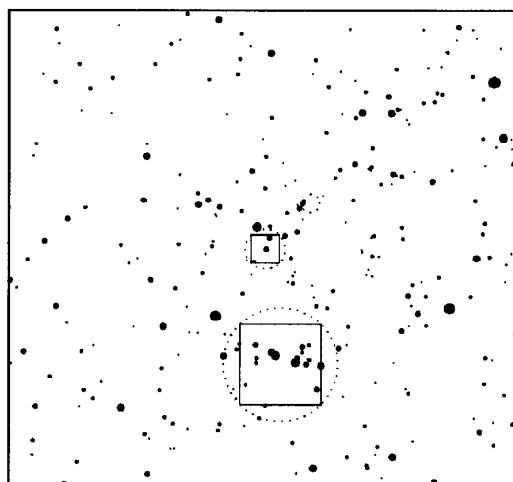


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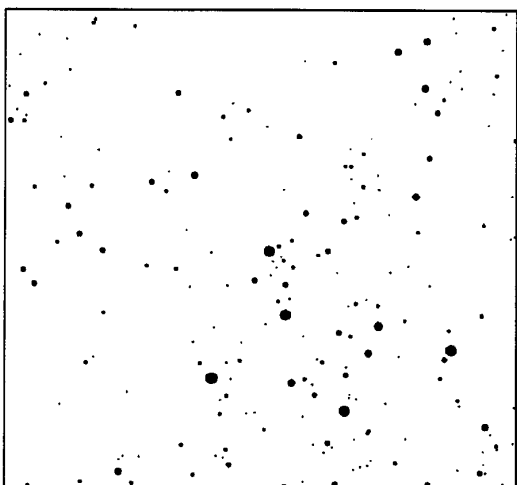
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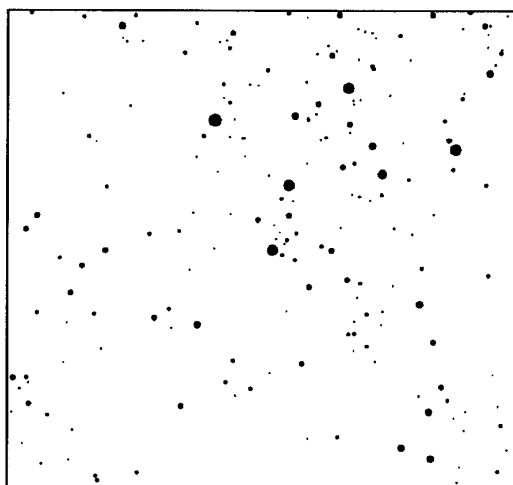
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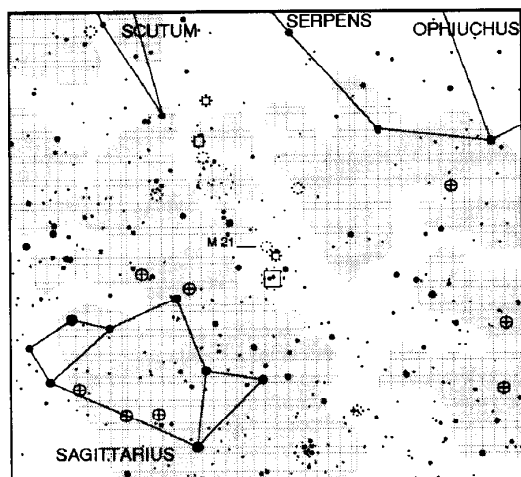


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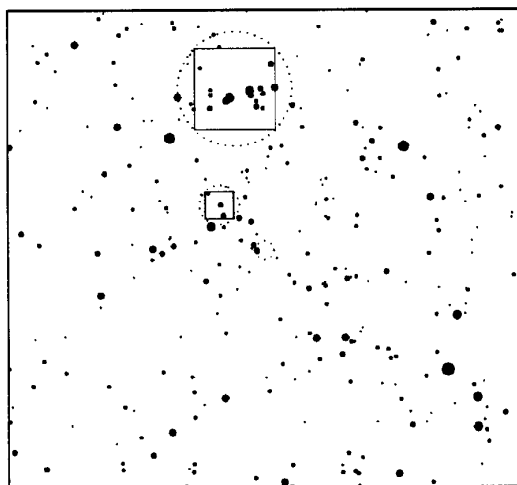
M21 - a small, bright open cluster right next to M20.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 54, 62, 69, 70

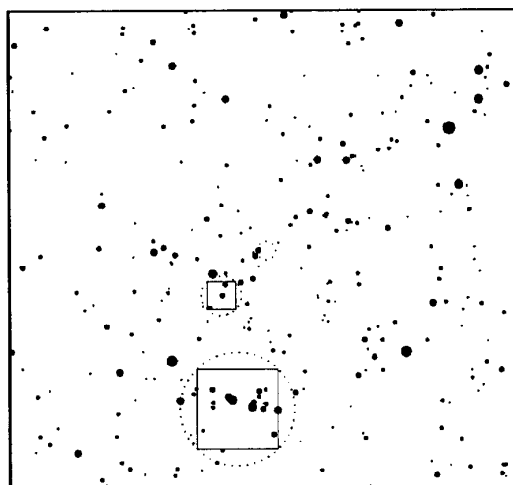


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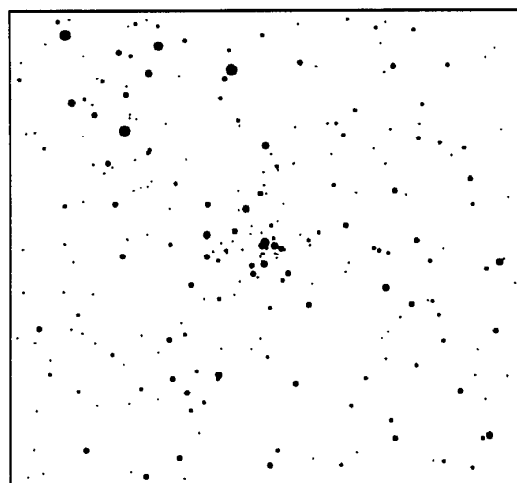
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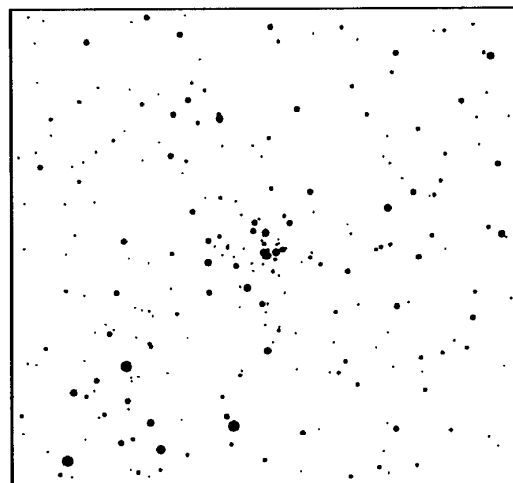
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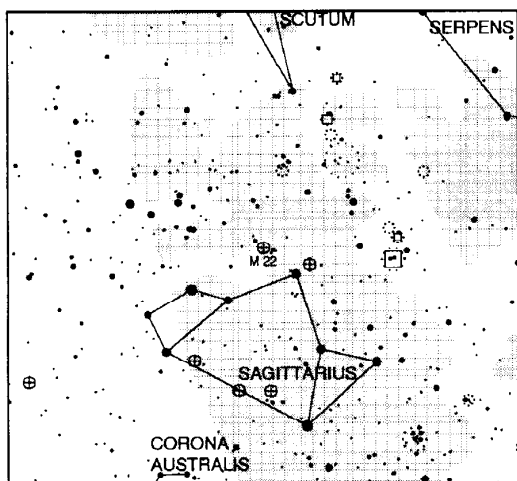
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22	6656	Sgr	18 36.4	-29 54	6.5	18.0	GCI	9.6k	

M 22

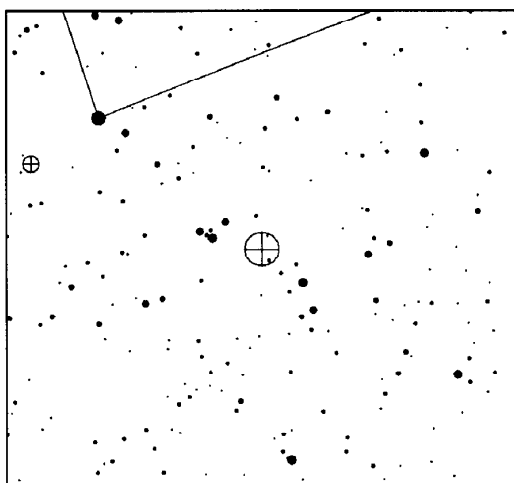
M22 - tight, well defined, with a few brighter stars visible, not easily resolvable with smaller apertures.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28, 54, 55, 69, 70

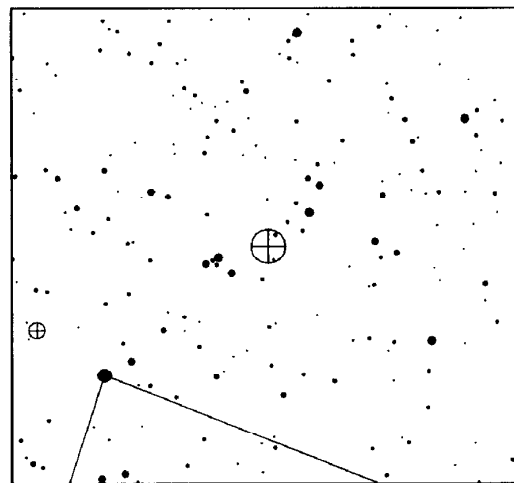


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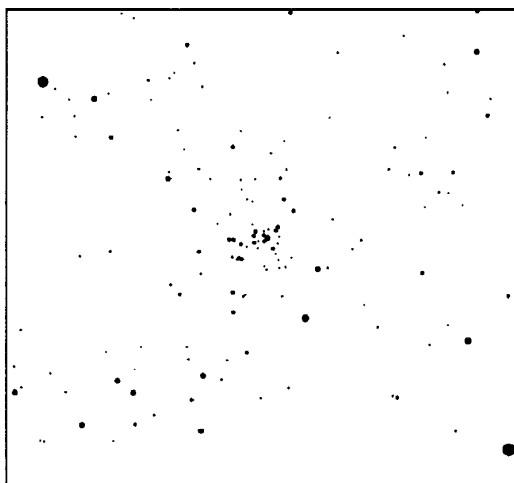
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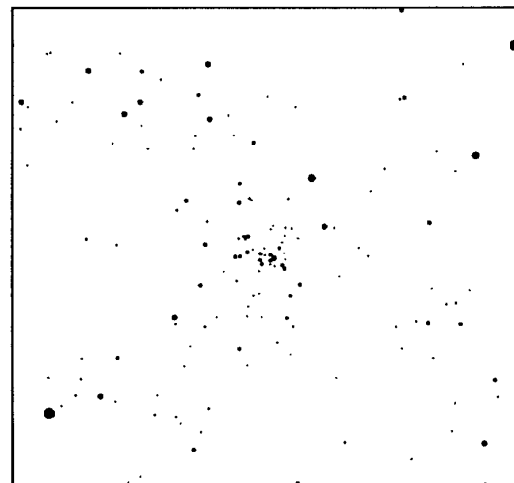
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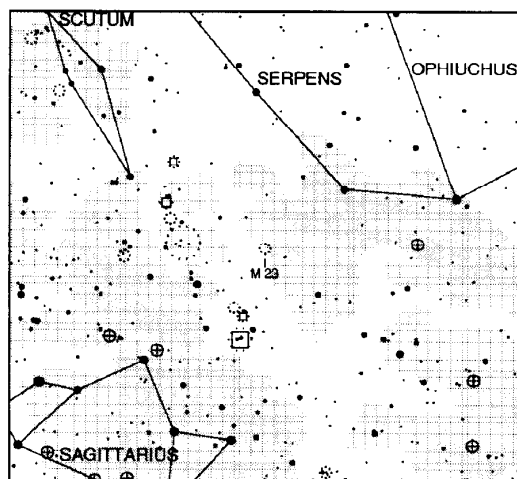
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23	6494	Sgr	17 56.8	-19 01	7.0	25.0	OCI	2k	

M 23

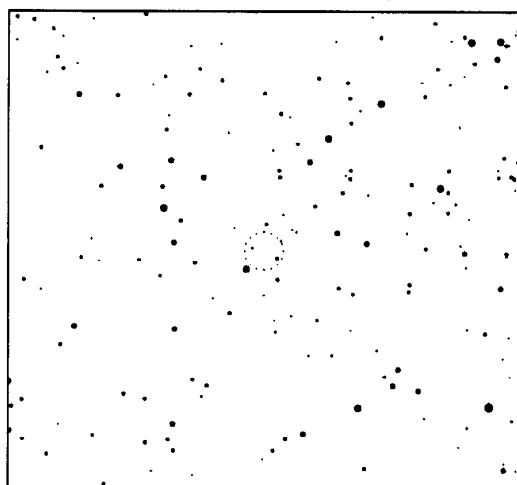
M23 - very loose open cluster.

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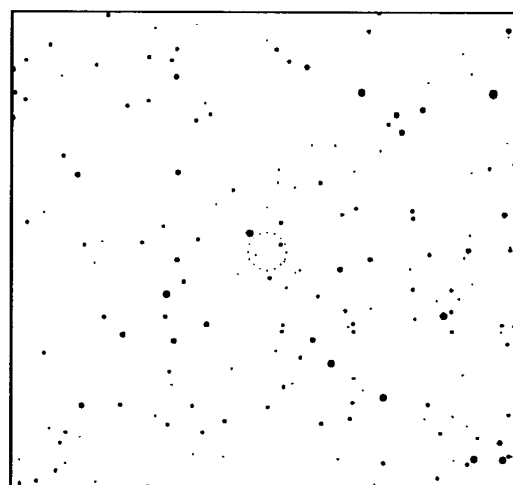


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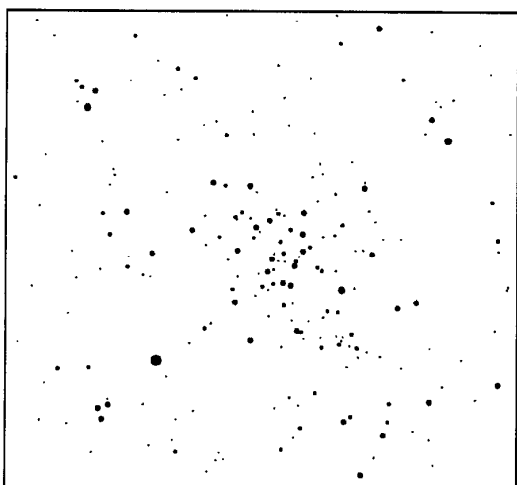
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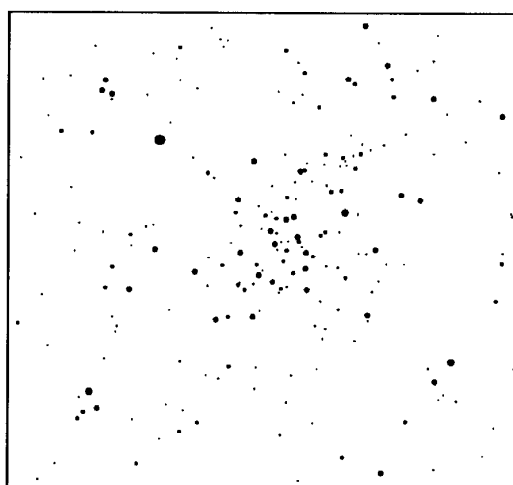
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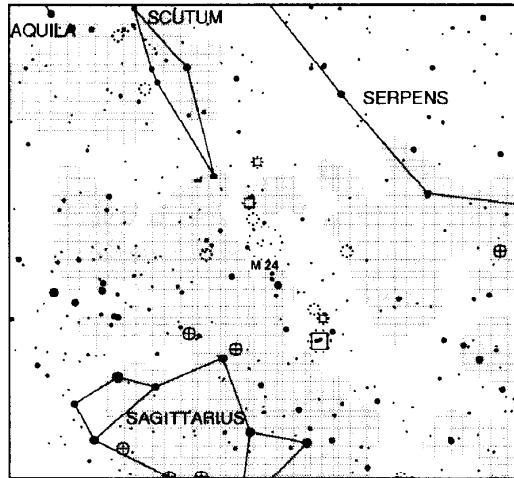


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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name	M 24
24	6603	Sgr	18 16.9	-18 29	11.5	120 x 60	10k		"Delle Caustiche"	

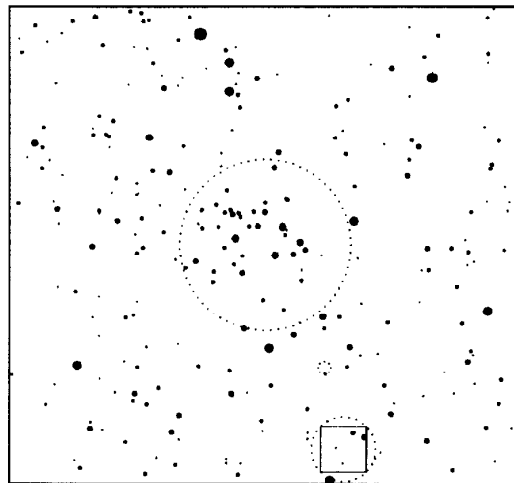
M24 - a section of the Milky Way in Sagittarius. It is easily seen with the naked eye as a fuzzy, oval patch about 1 1/2 degrees across. The best views are through binoculars or rich field telescopes at very low power. Enclosed in the star cloud is the cluster NGC 6603, located in the northern end. The prominent dark nebula B92 can be seen just above the center of the cloud with a single twelfth magnitude star in the foreground.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 6, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 54, 69, 70

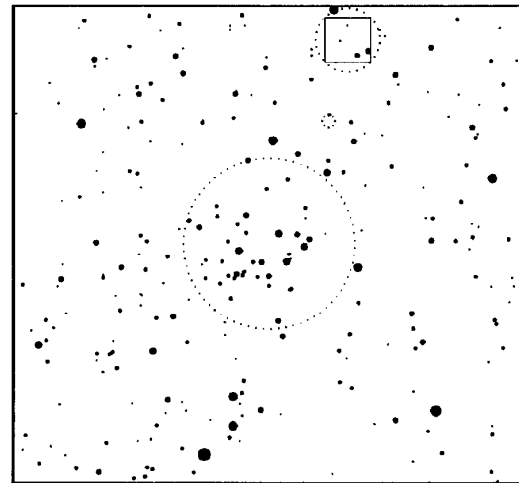


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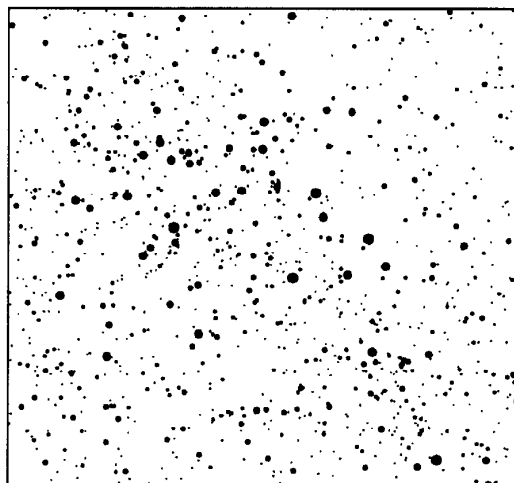
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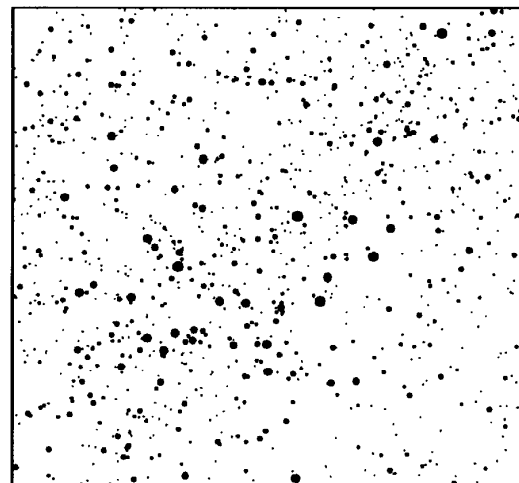
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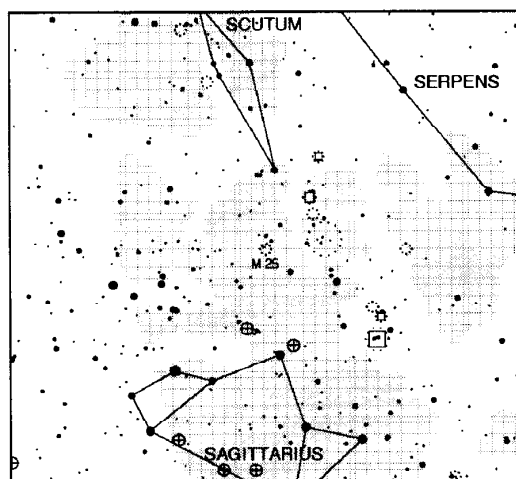
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M 25

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
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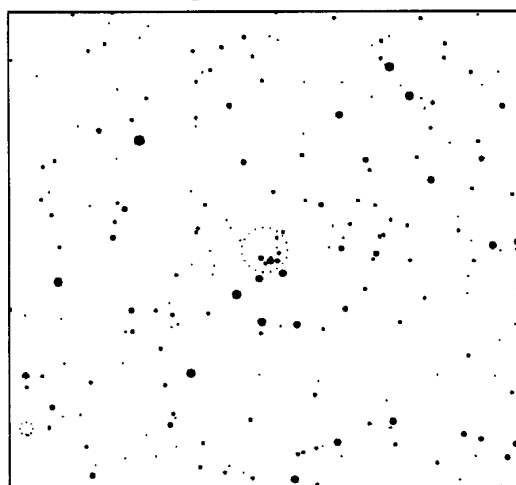
M25 - loose open cluster, stands out well from the background.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 6, 8, 11, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 54, 55, 69, 70

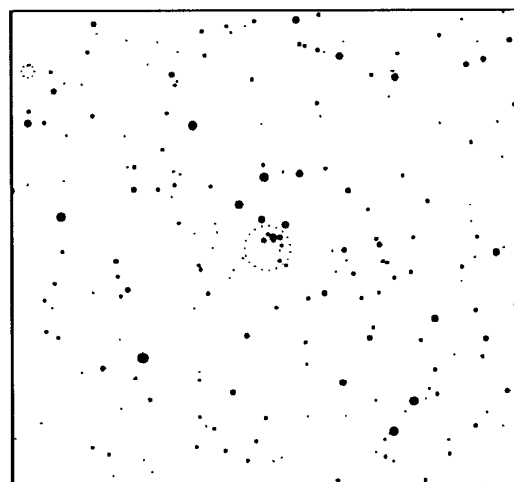


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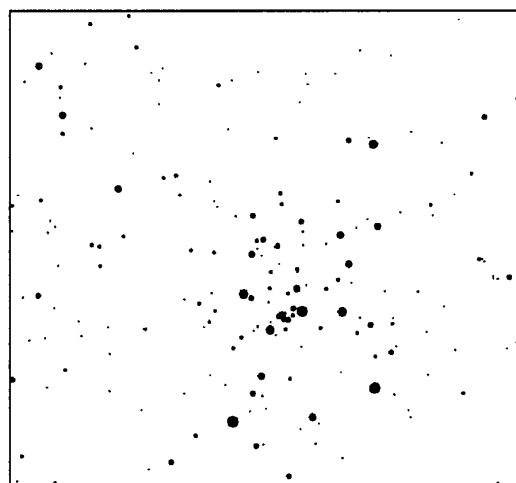
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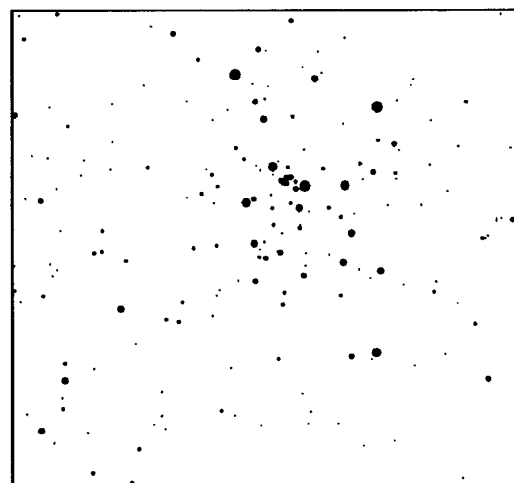
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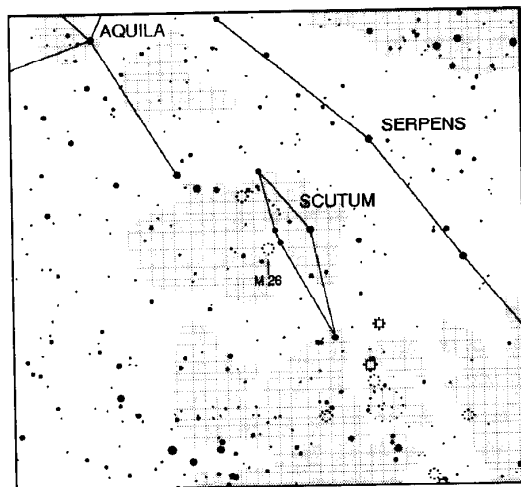
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M 26

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
26	6694	Scr	18 45.2	-09 24	9.5	9	OCI	5k	

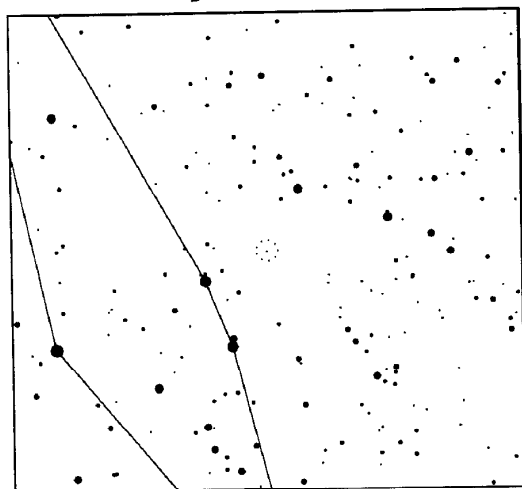
M26 - numerous faint stars like dust. Larger apertures bring this one out well.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 11, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25

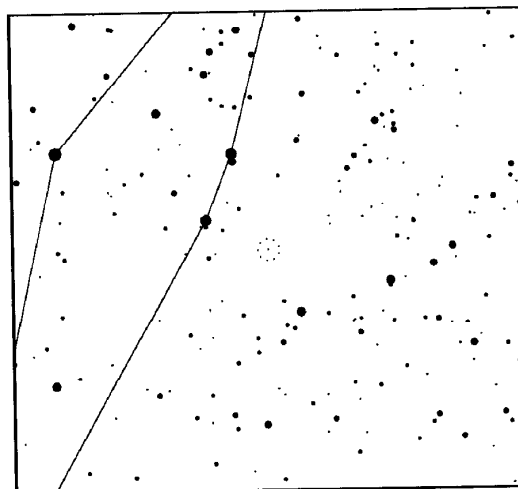


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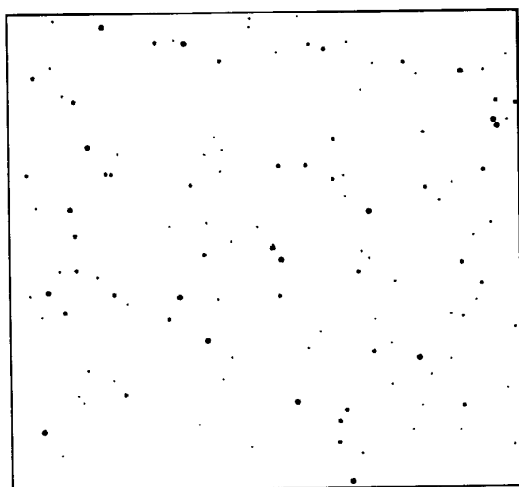
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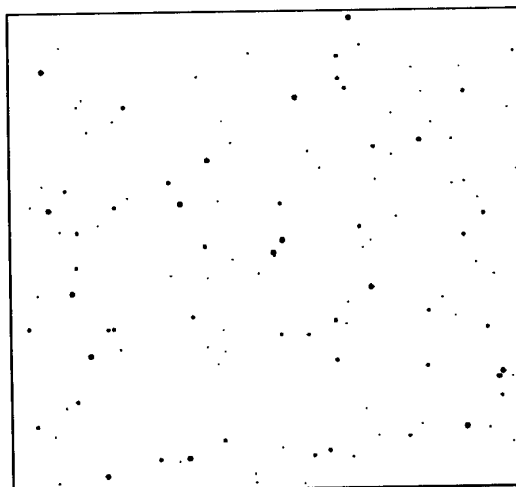
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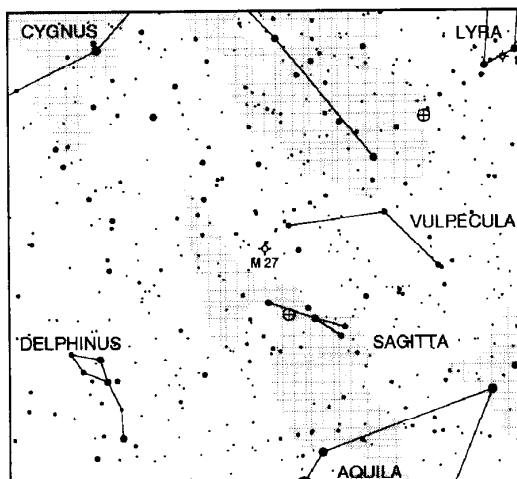
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M 27

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
27	6853	Vul	19 59.6	22 43	8	8 x 5	PIN	.9k	Dumbbell Nebula

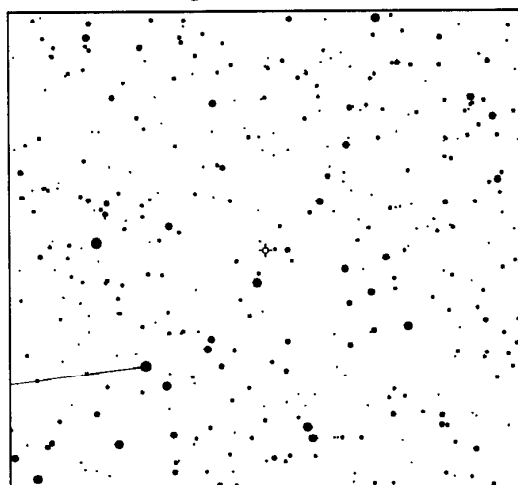
M27 - bright central bar easily seen with smaller scopes, surrounding neblosity shows well even with a 6" scope, some structure is resolvable.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 56, 57, 71

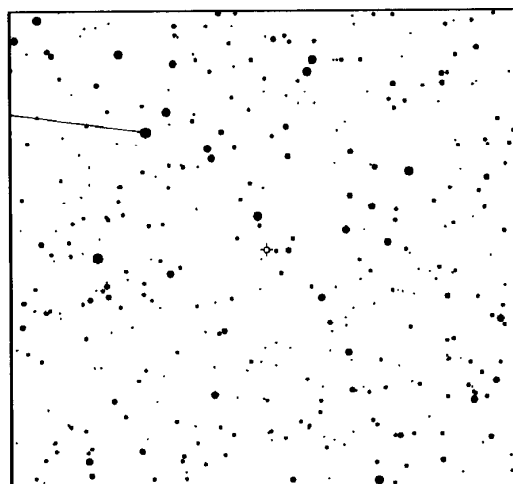


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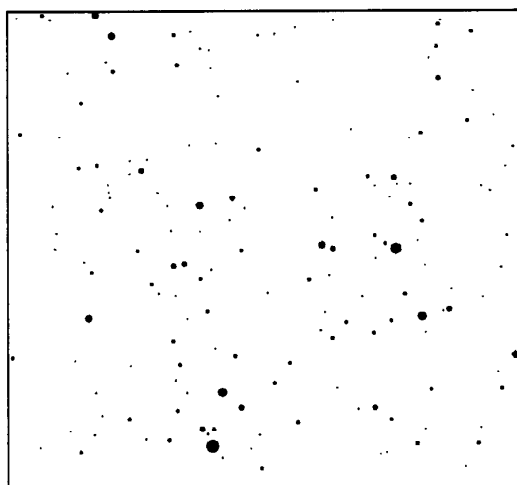
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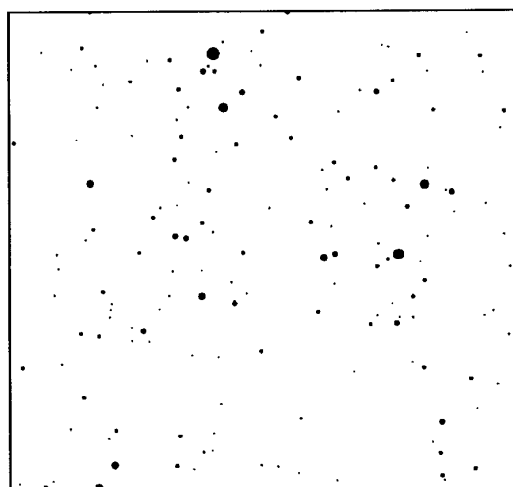
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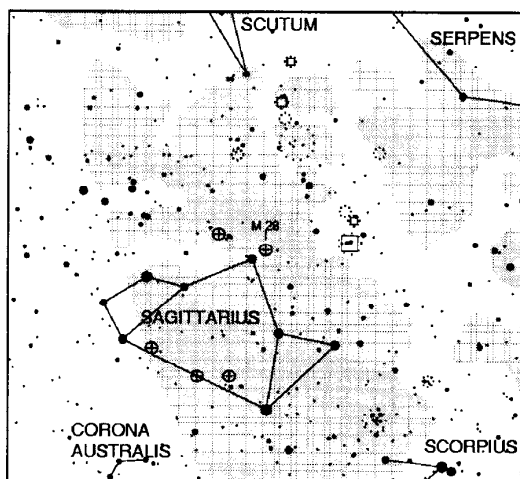
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28	6626	Sgr	18 24.5	-24 52	8.5	6	GCl	18k	

M 28

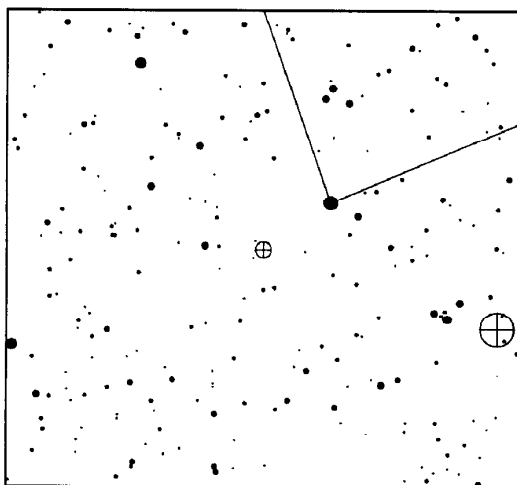
M28 - look for a small fuzzy patch, larger apertures will resolve individual stars.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 54, 69, 70

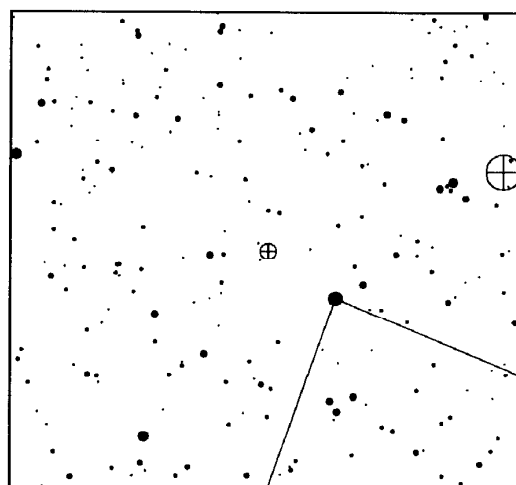


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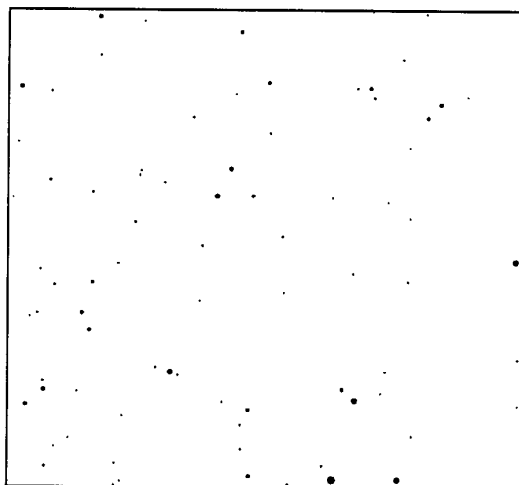
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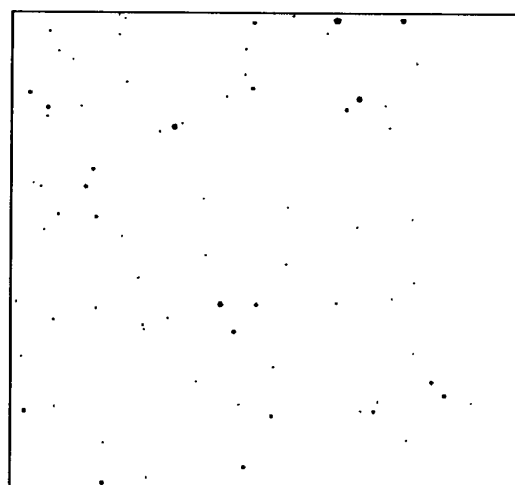
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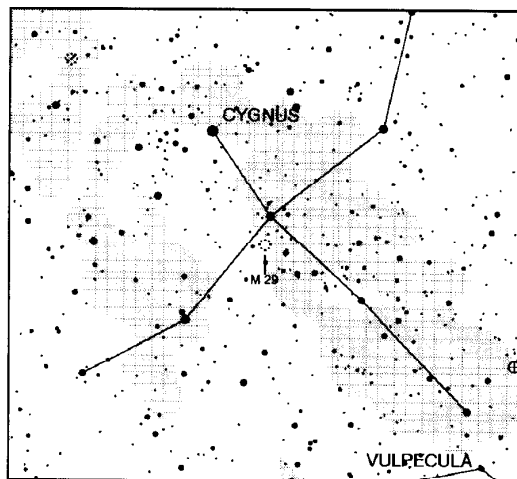
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
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M 29

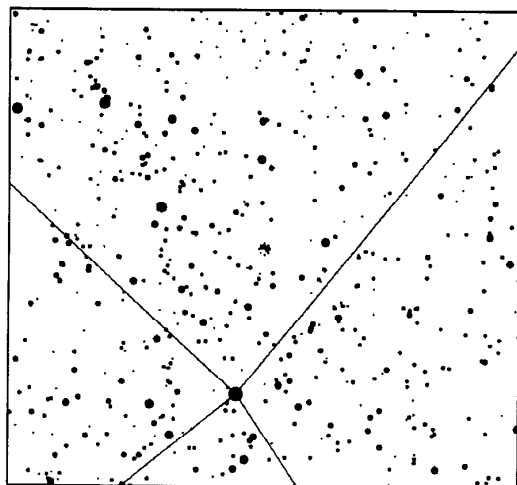
M29 - a small, sparse group of stars. A good low power object.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 39, 56

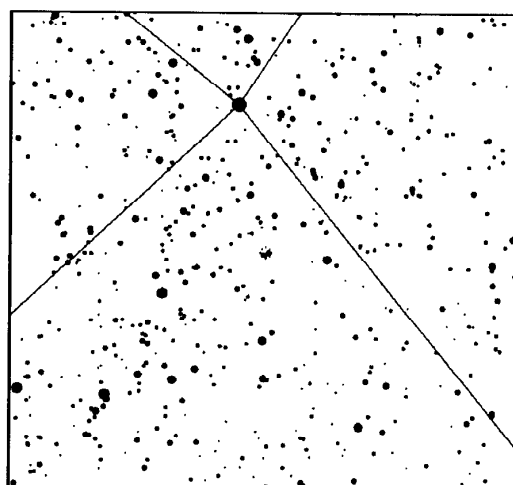


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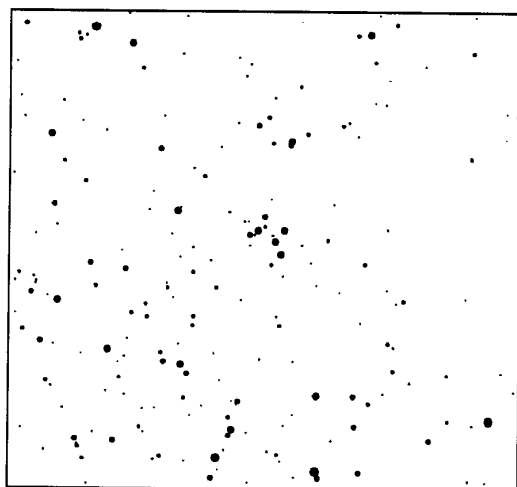
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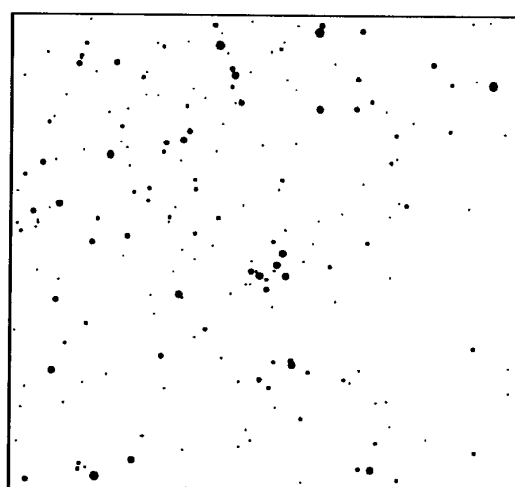
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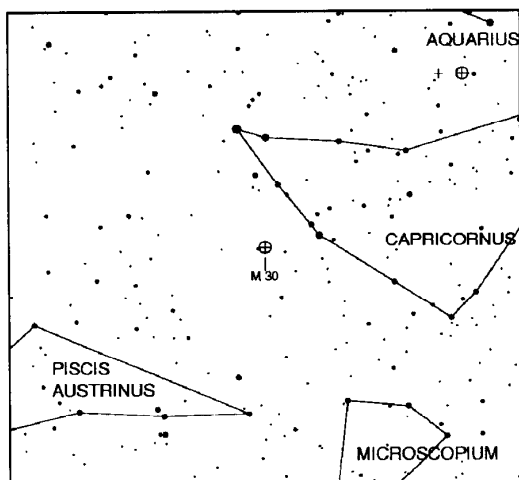
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M 30

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
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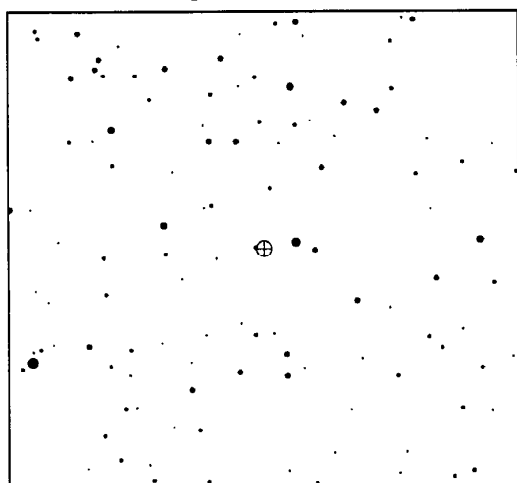
M30 - a small fuzzy ball of light, bright in the center fading to the edges, easy to find. Look for two streams of stars emerging from the N edge.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 72, 73

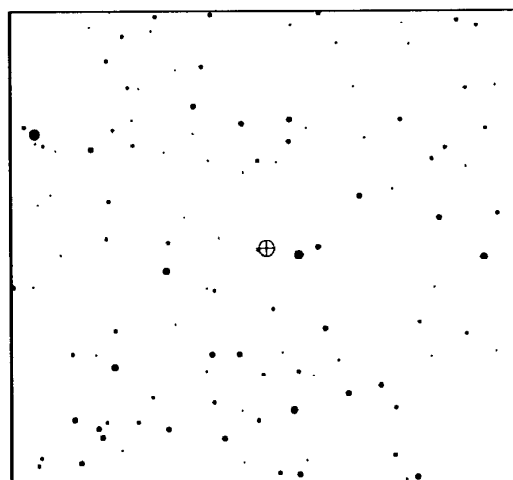


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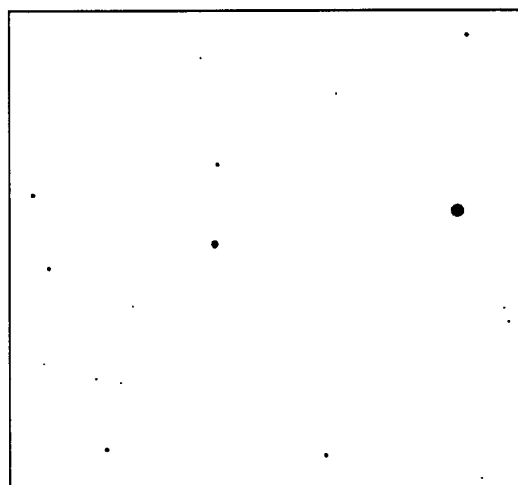
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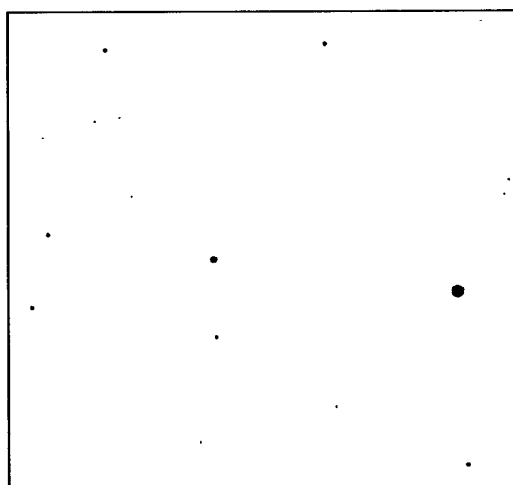
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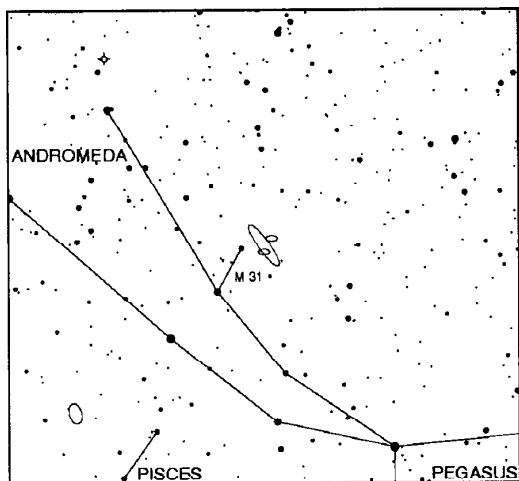
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
31	224	And	00 42.7	41 16	5	160 x 40	Gal	2200k	Andromeda Galaxy

M 31

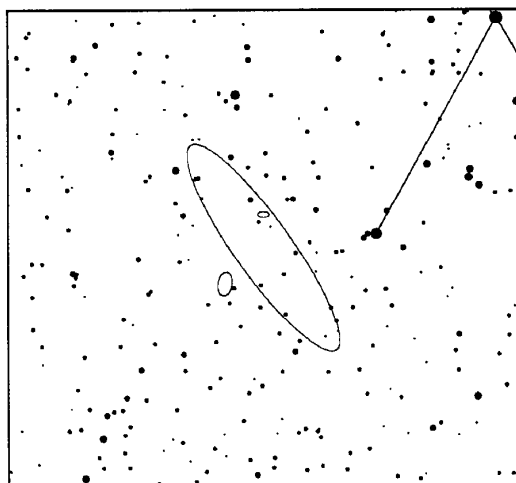
M31 - the largest, brightest galaxy to be seen in the northern sky. Look for an elongated patch of light, with a bright, round central core. Don't forget nearby companions M32 and M110.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 32, 33, 76, 110

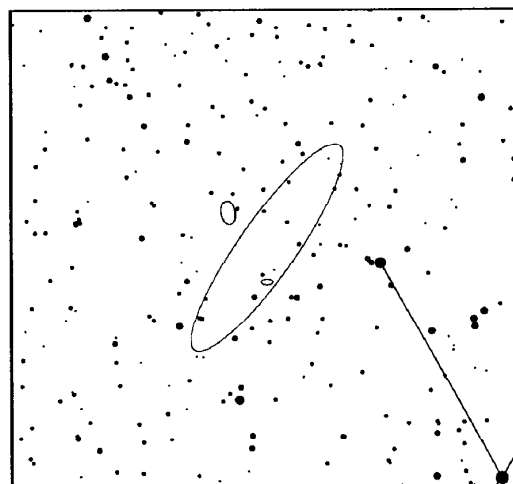


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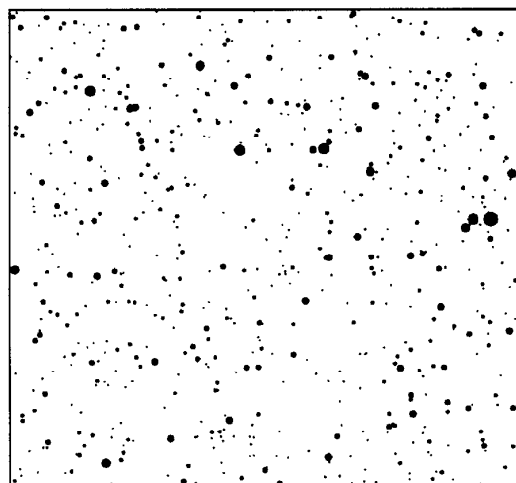
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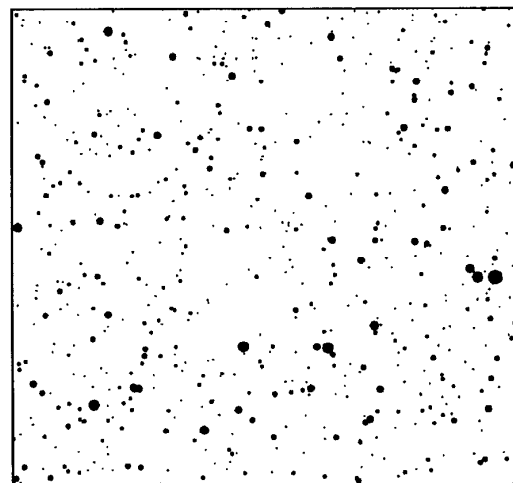
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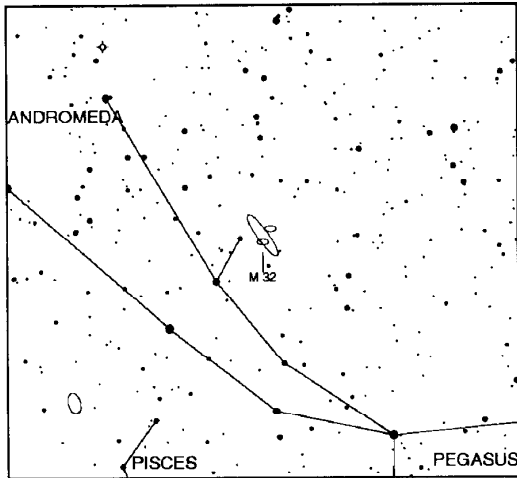
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M 32

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
32	221	And	00 42.7	40 52	9.5	3.6 x 3.1	Gal	2200k	

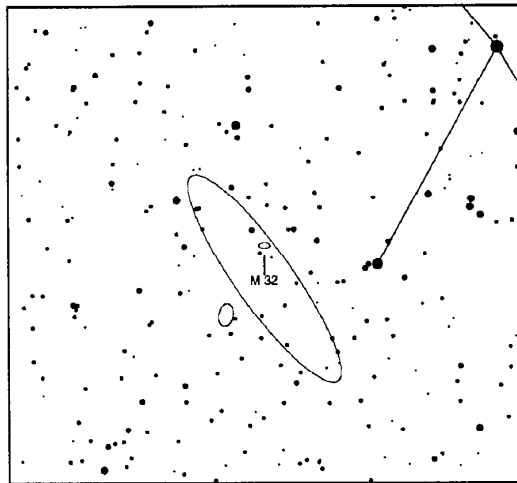
M32 - look for a slightly oval ball of fuzz, with a somewhat brighter core, in the same low power field as M31.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 31, 33, 76, 110

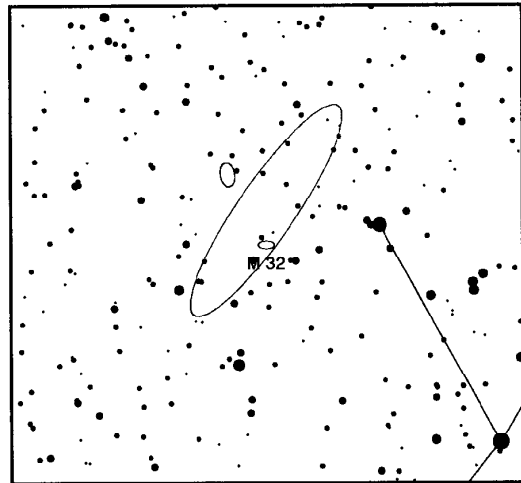


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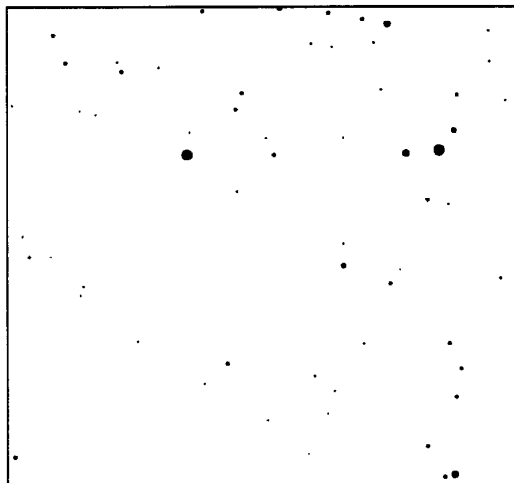
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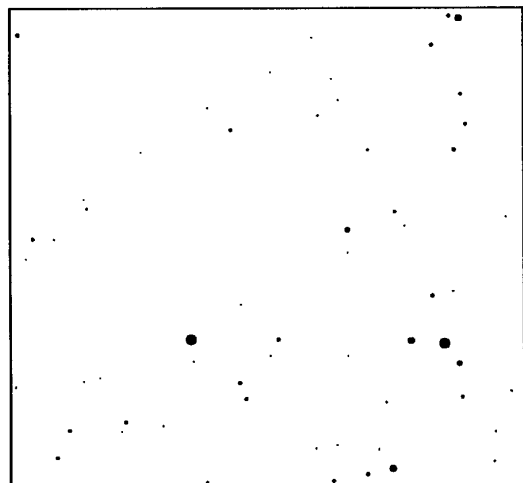
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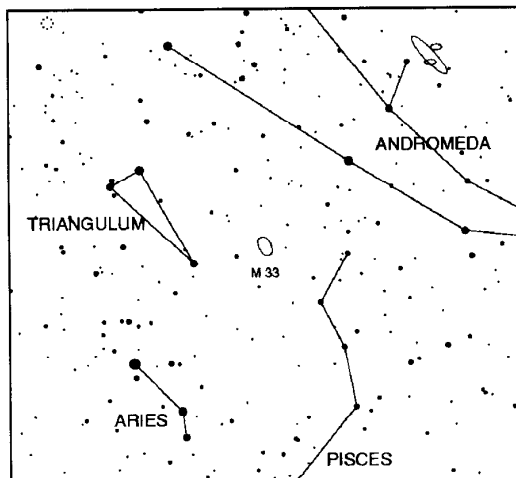
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M 33

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
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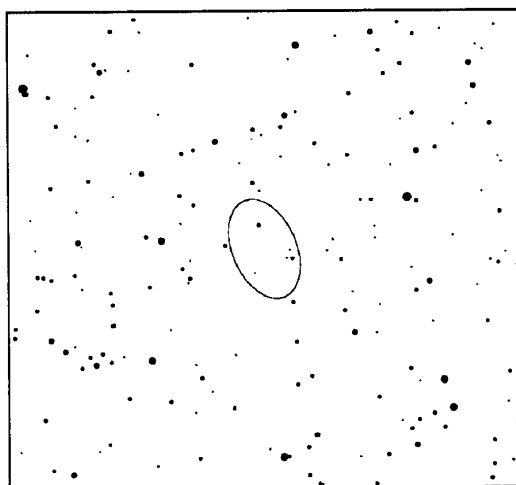
M33 - is about magnitude 5.3, but when spread out over its large area it yields a very low surface brightness. Use a wide field eyepiece and look for a change in contrast to identify the galaxy. Moving and jiggling the scope can help.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 31, 32, 34, 110

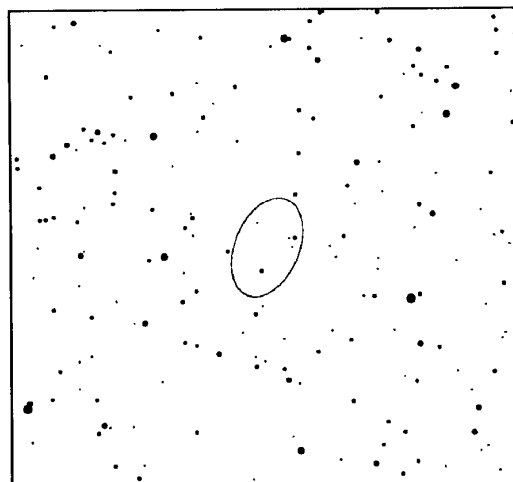


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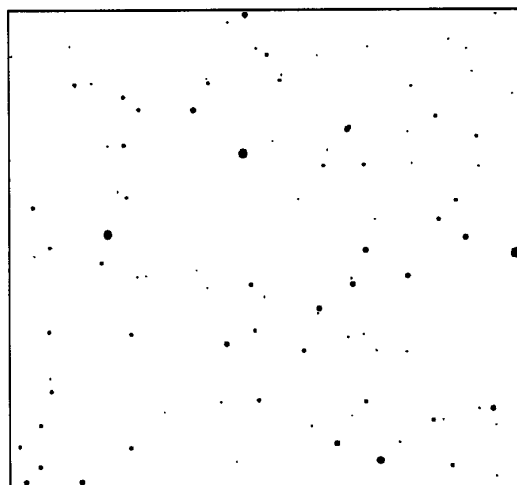
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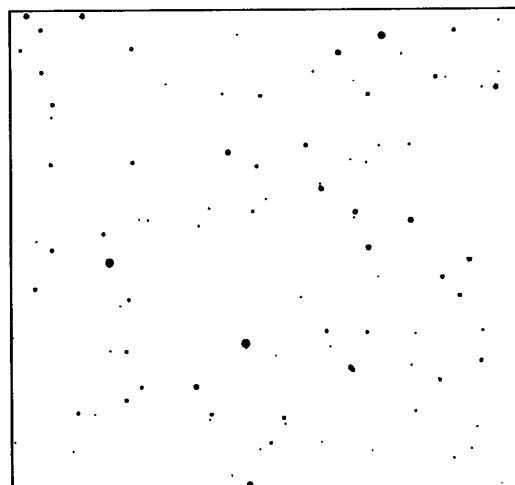
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1.5 degree field, North down



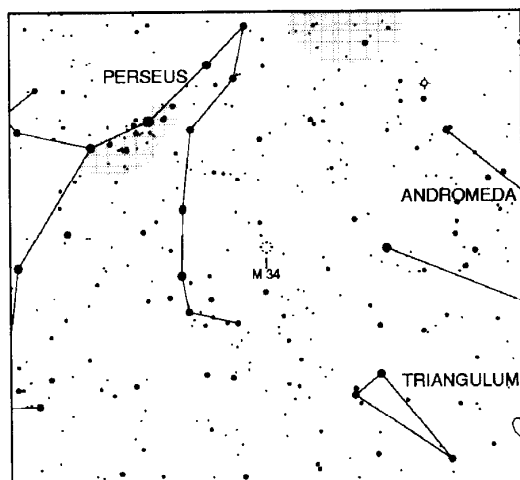
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M 34

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
34	1039	Per	02 42.0	42 47	6.0	20.0	OCI	1.4k	

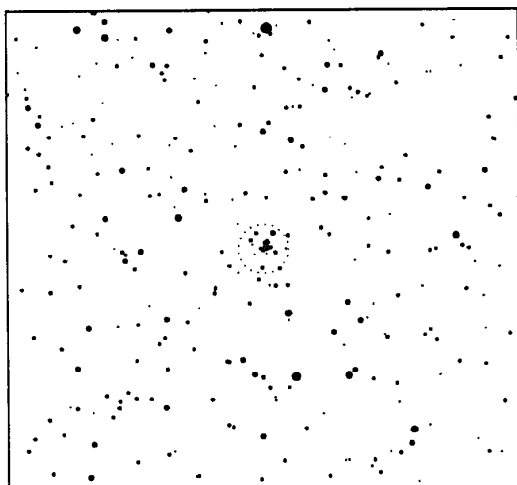
M34 - This is a large, but sparse open cluster of 9th magnitude stars. Low power and a wide field eyepiece will show this one well.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 33, 76

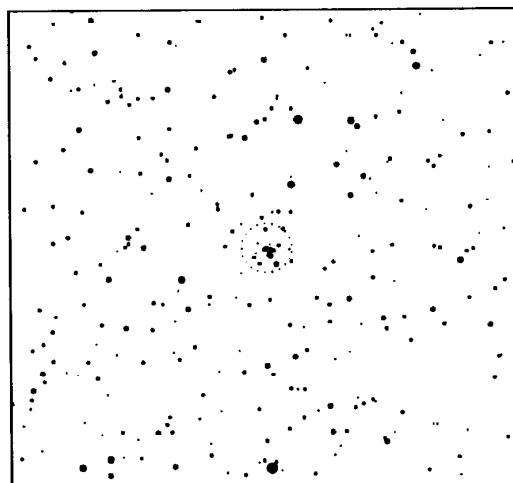


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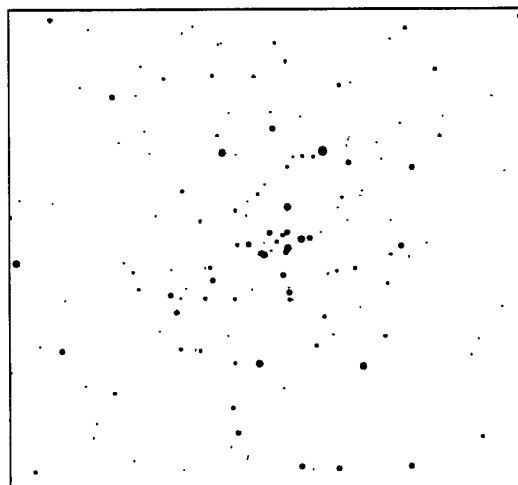
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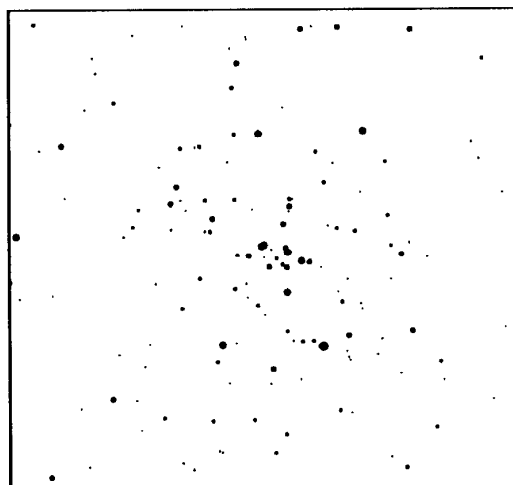
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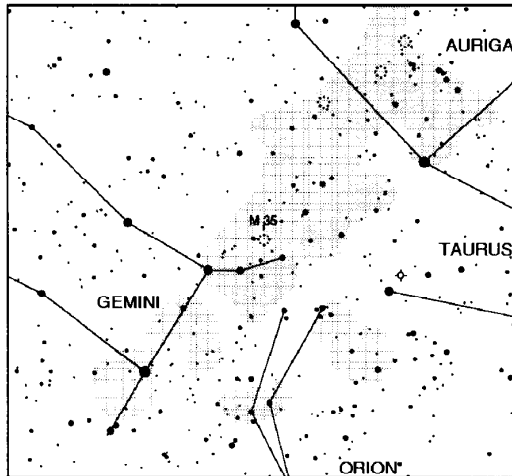
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
35	2168	Gem	06 08.9	24 20	5.5	20.0	OCI	2.2k	

M 35

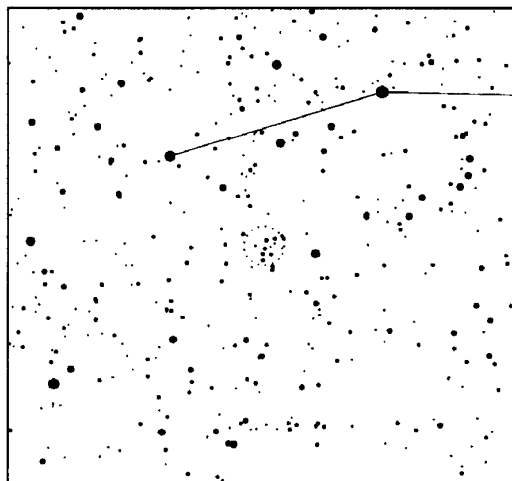
M35 - a rich compressed cluster, a real treat in a larger scope. Visible easily through binoculars as a hazy spot. Have a look at NGC 2158 right beside it.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 1, 36, 37, 38

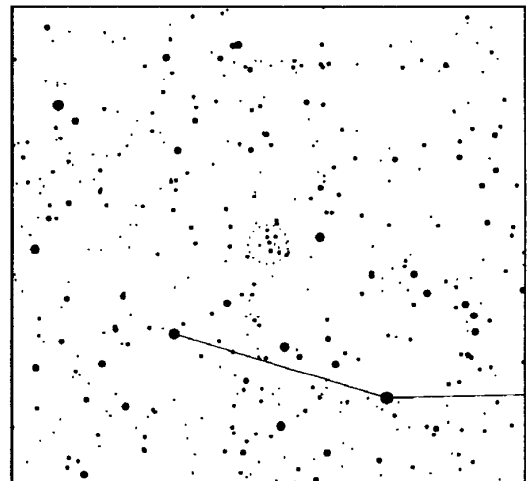


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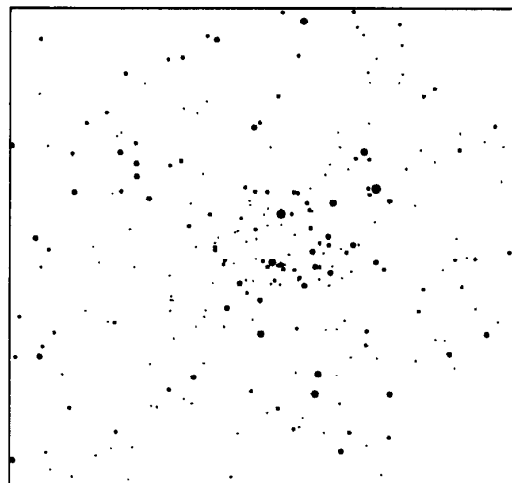
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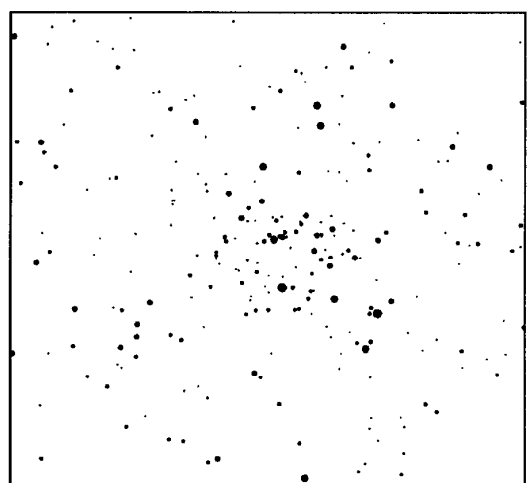
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1 degree field, North down



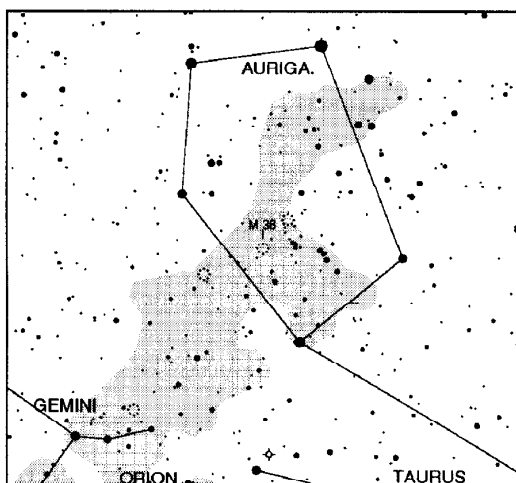
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36	1960	Aur	05 36.1	34 08	6.5	12.0	OCI	4.1k	

M 36

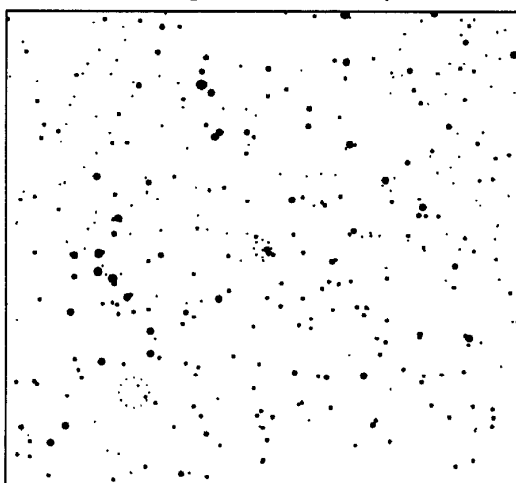
M36 - an easy open cluster, rich. Look for color contrasts between the stars.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 1, 35, 37, 38

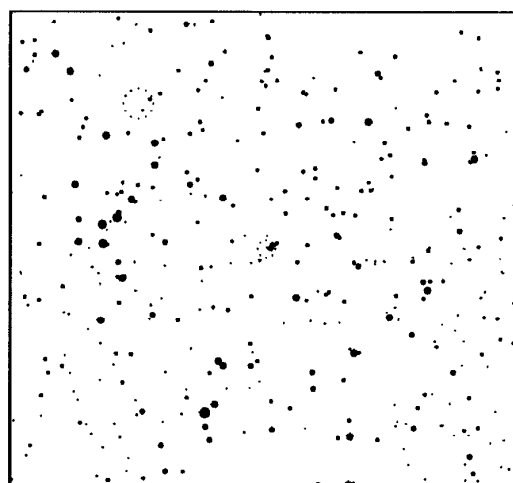


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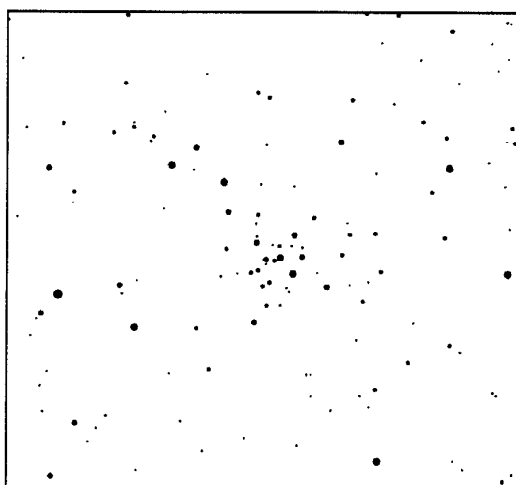
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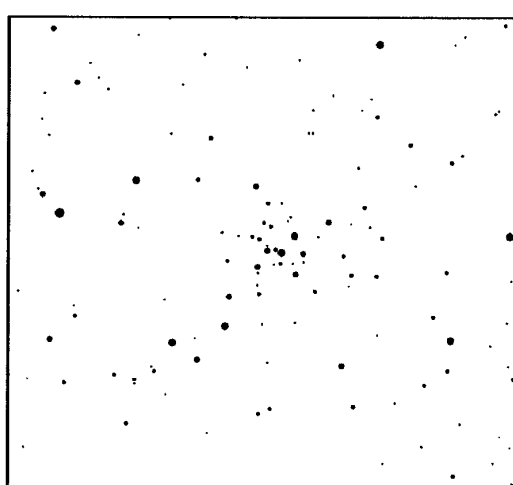
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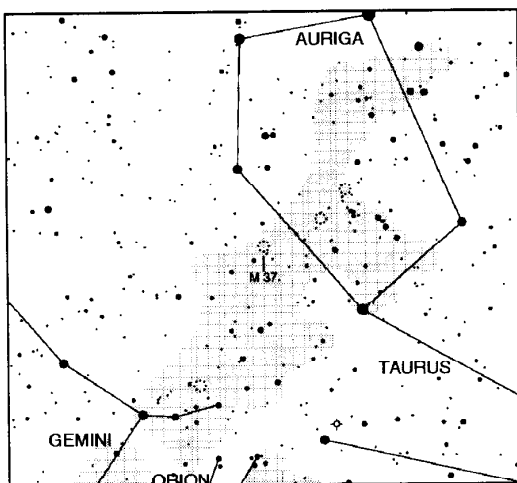
1 degree field, North up, Mirrored

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
37	2099	Aur	05 52.4	32 33	6.0	20.0	OCI	4.6k	

M 37

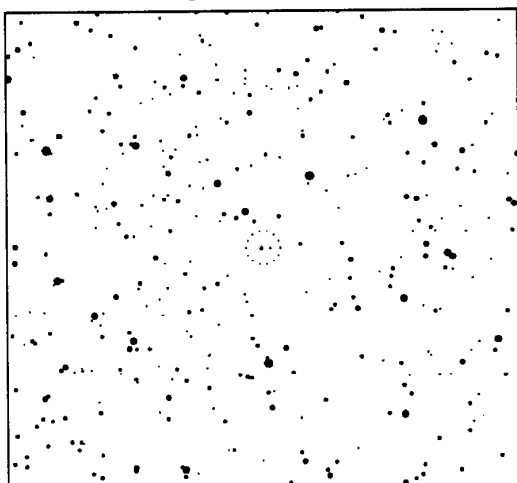
M37 - probably one of the best open clusters for the northern viewer! Look for Magnitude 9.5 red giant in center of the cluster, "Ruby in a diamond setting."

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 1, 35, 36, 38

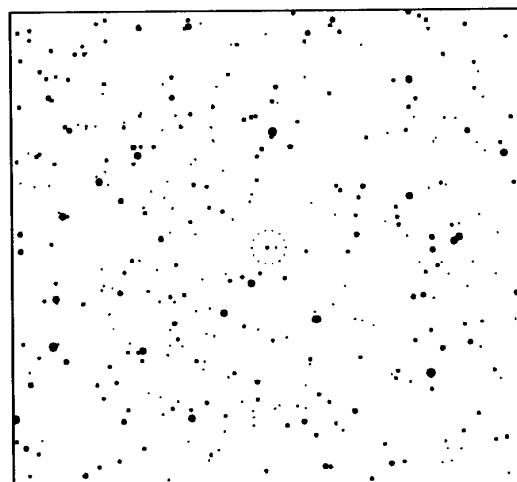


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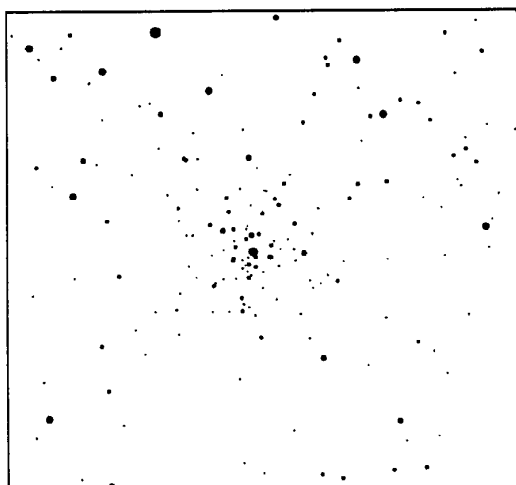
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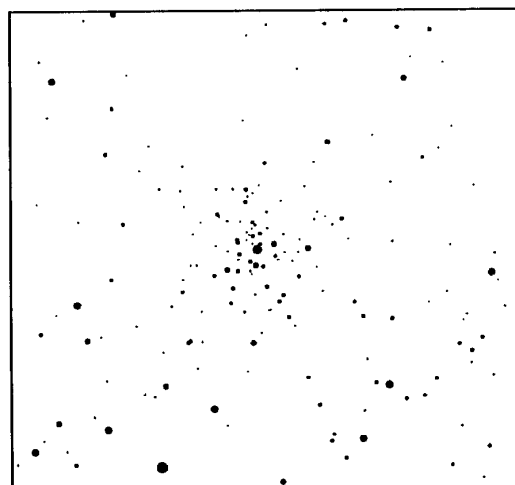
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6 degree field, North up, Mirrored



1 degree field, North down



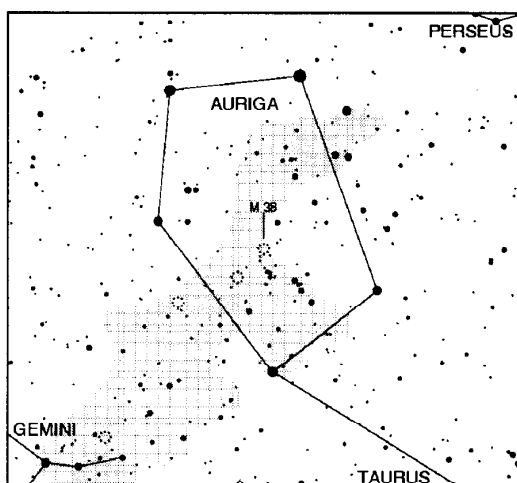
1 degree field, North up, Mirrored

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
38	1912	Aur	05 28.7	35 50	7.0	20.0	OCI	4.2k	

M 38

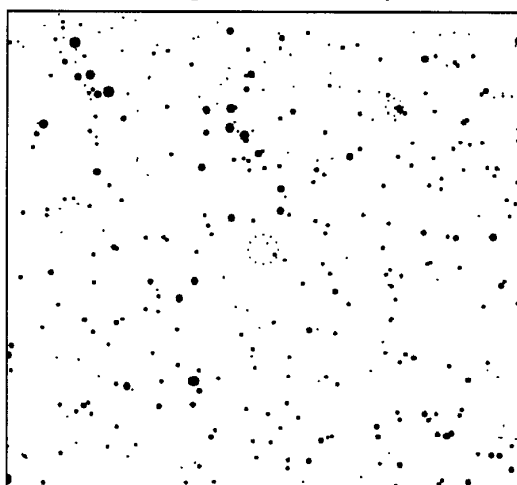
M38 - look for a question mark asterism of brighter stars within the cluster.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 1, 35, 36, 37

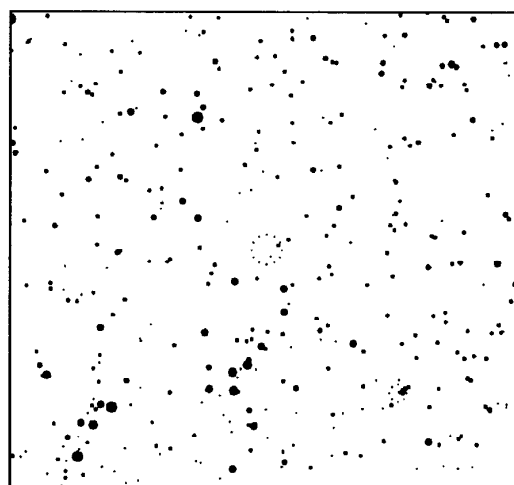


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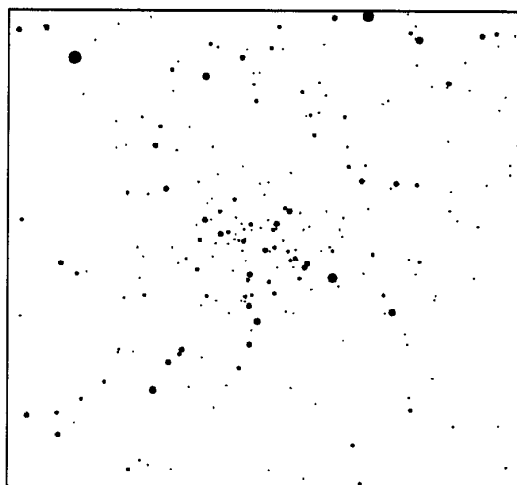
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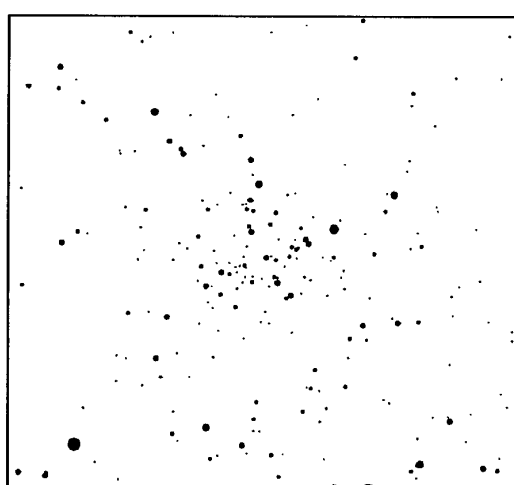
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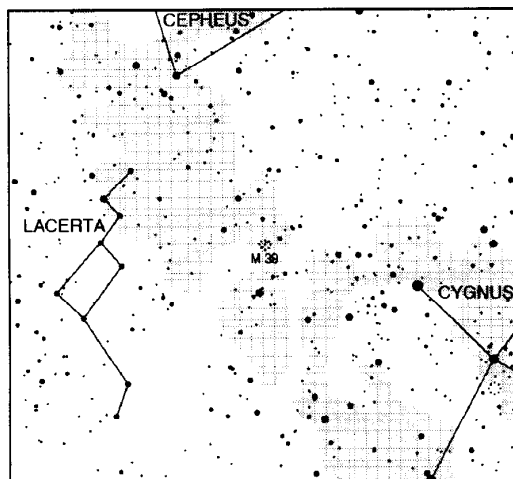
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
39	7092	Cyg	21 32.2	48 26	5	30.0	OCI	0.8k	

M 39

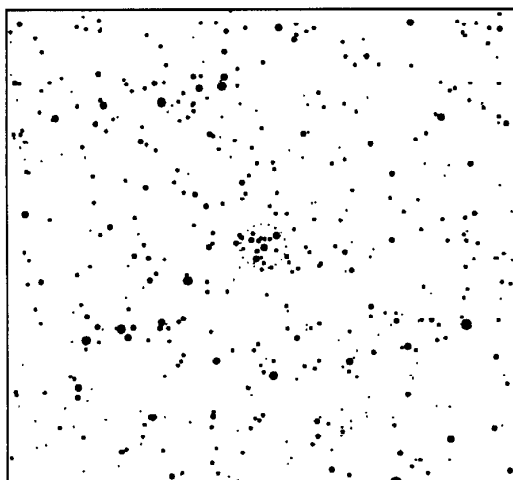
M39 - this cluster has bright and widely scattered members, lowest power to view its structure.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 29

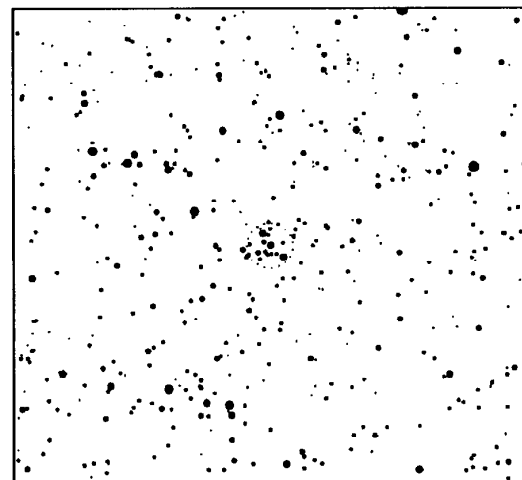


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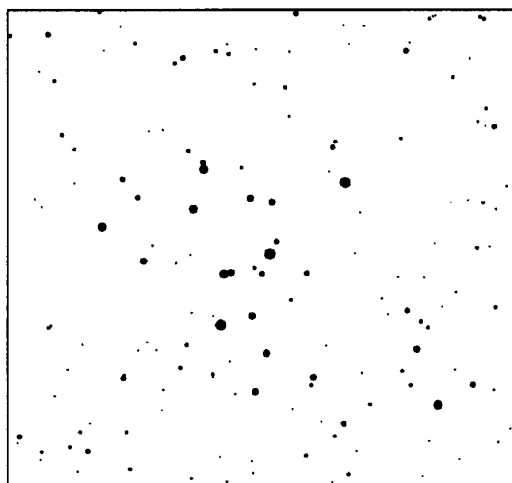
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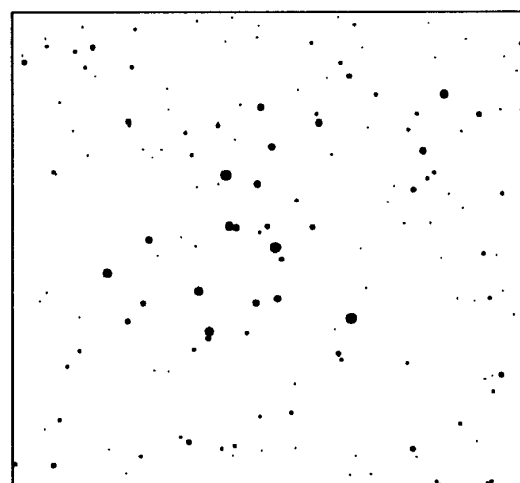
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6 degree field, North up, Mirrored



1 degree field, North down



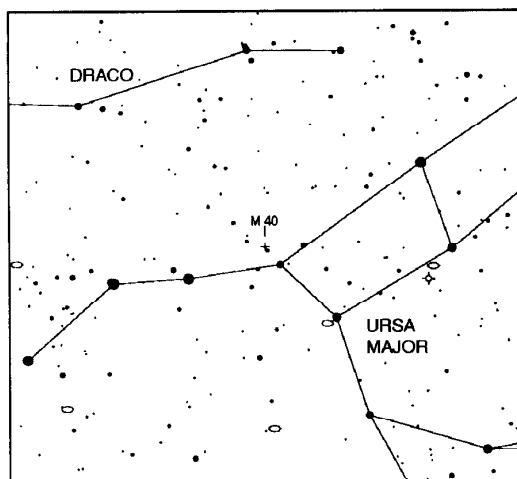
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
40	---	UMa	12 22.4	58 05	9.0	0.8	Double Star		Winnecke 4

M 40

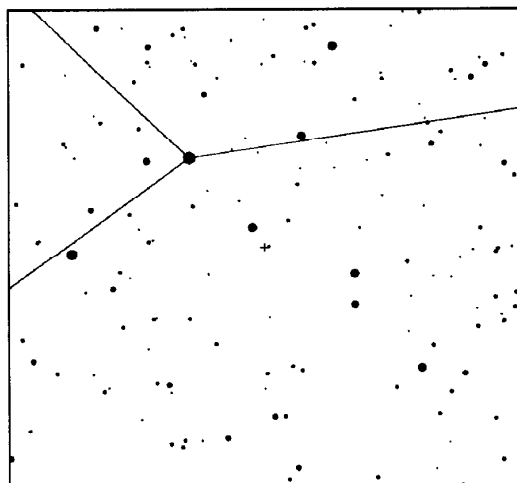
M40 - one of the oddest entries in Messiers catalog, this double star is an easy split. No nebulosity or anything else of interest.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 51, 97, 101, 106, 108, 109

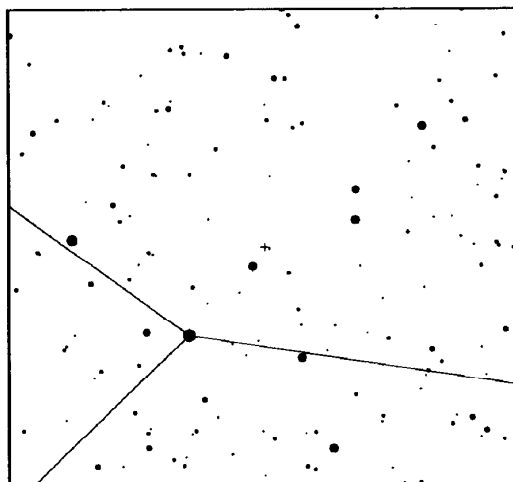


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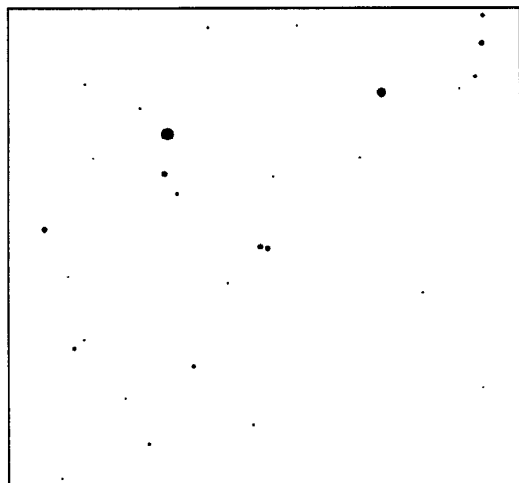
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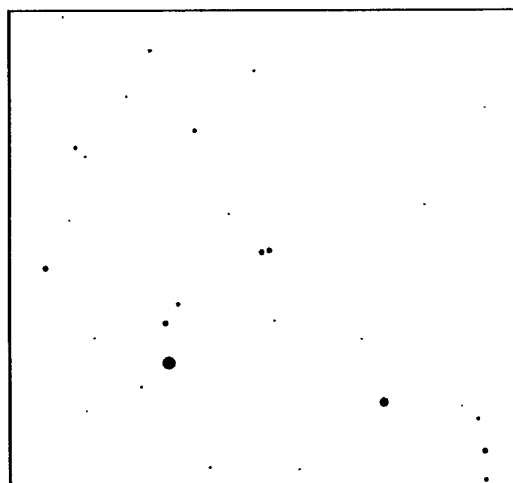
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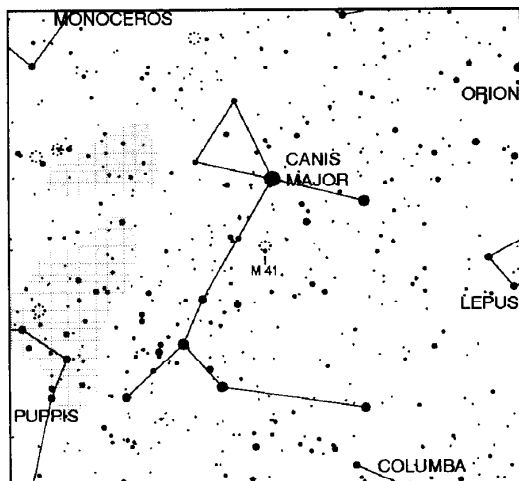
1 degree field, North up, Mirrored

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
41	2287	CMa	06 47.0	-20 44	6.0	20.0	OCI	2.4k	

M 41

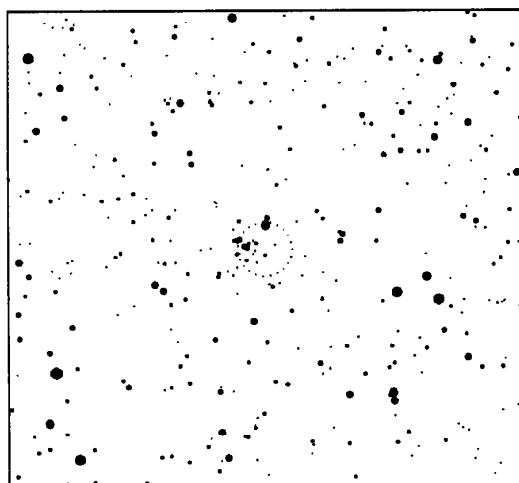
M41 - is resolvable in binoculars and appears fairly loose in telescopes at low power. Bright reddish star near center.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 46, 47, 50, 93

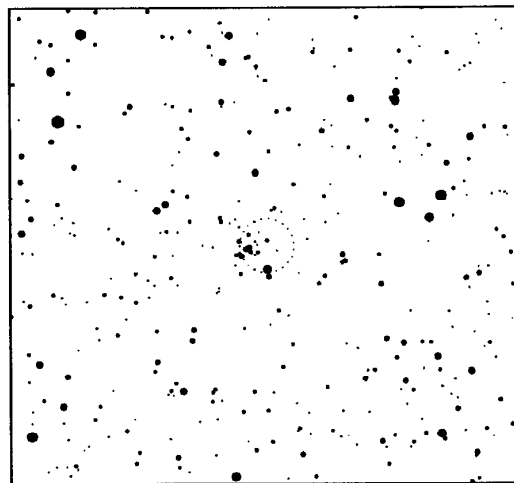


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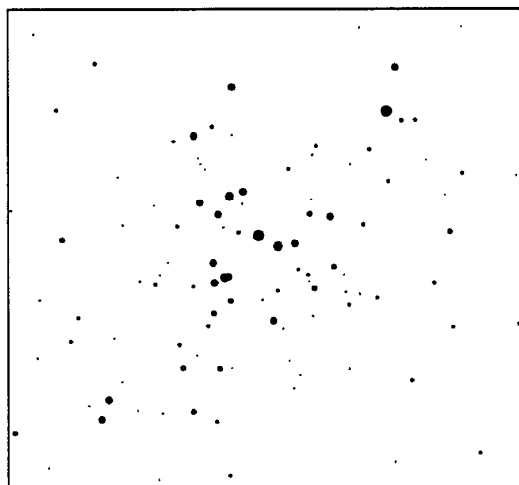
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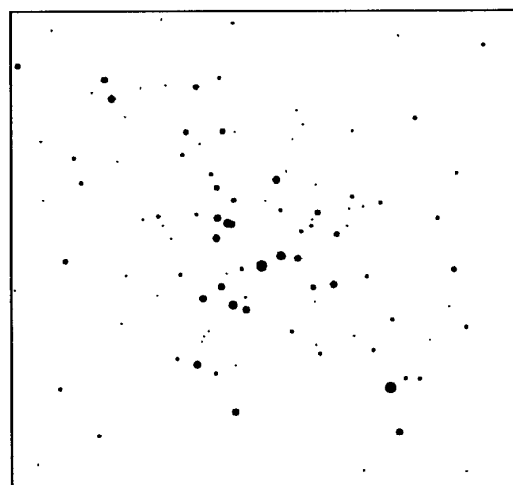
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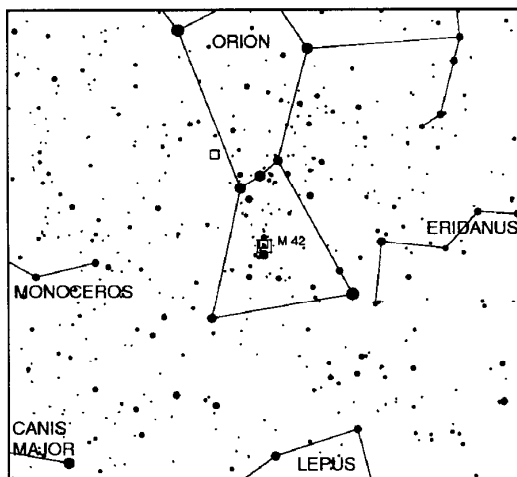
1 degree field, North up, Mirrored

M 42

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
42	1976	Ori	05 35.4	-05 27	5.0	85 x 60	DfN	1.6k	Orion Nebula
43	1982	Ori	05 35.6	-05 16	7.0	20 x 15	DfN	1.6k	de Mairan's nebula

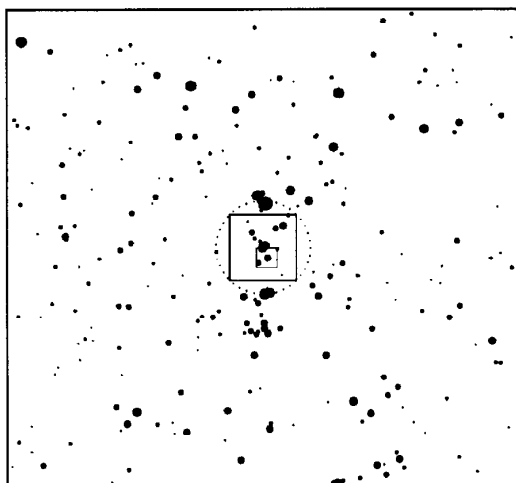
M42, M43 - Use low to moderate powers for the best view of this pair.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 43, 78

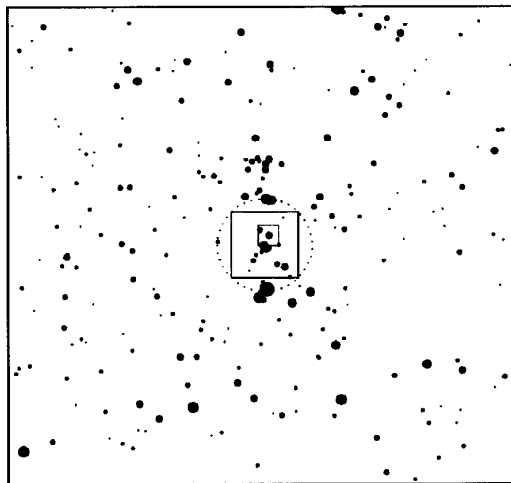


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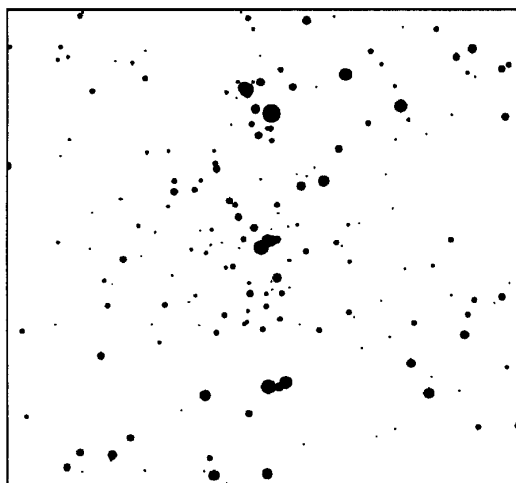
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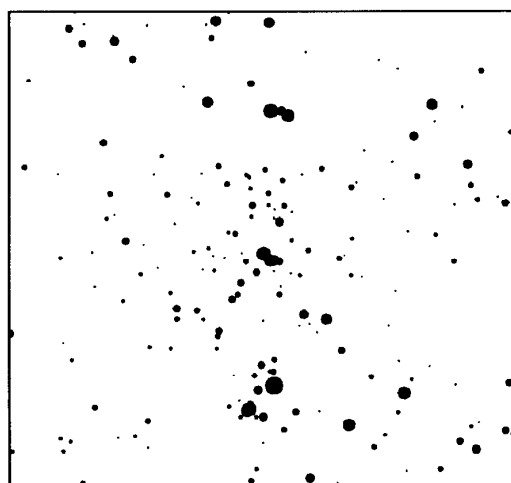
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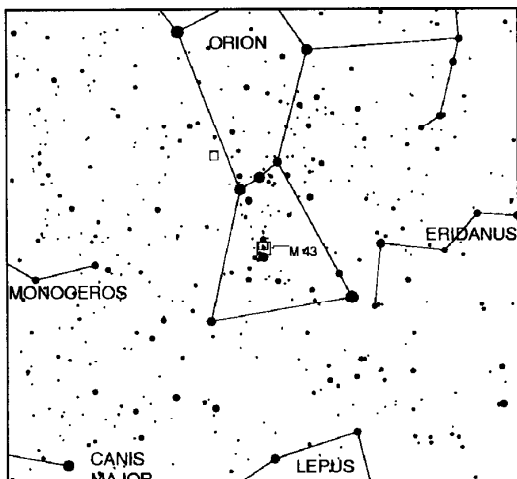
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M 43

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
42	1976	Ori	05 35.4	-05 27	5.0	85 x 60	DfN	1.6k	Orion Nebula
43	1982	Ori	05 35.6	-05 16	7.0	20 x 15	DfN	1.6k	de Mairan's nebula

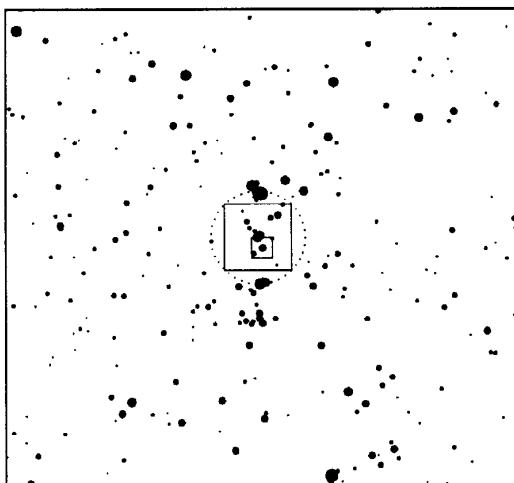
M42, M43 - Use low to moderate powers for the best view of this pair.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 42, 78

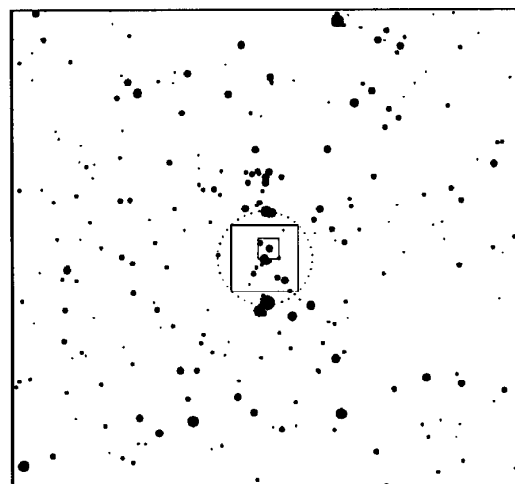


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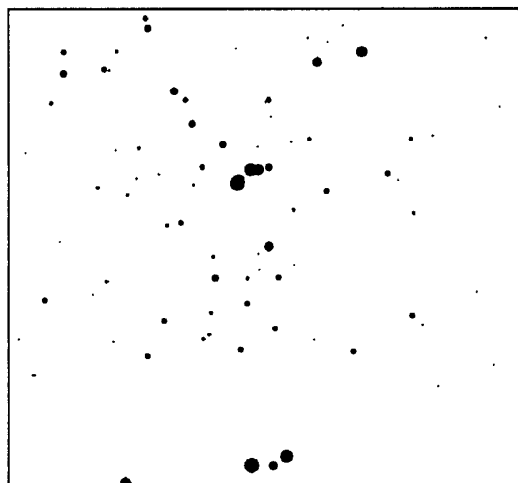
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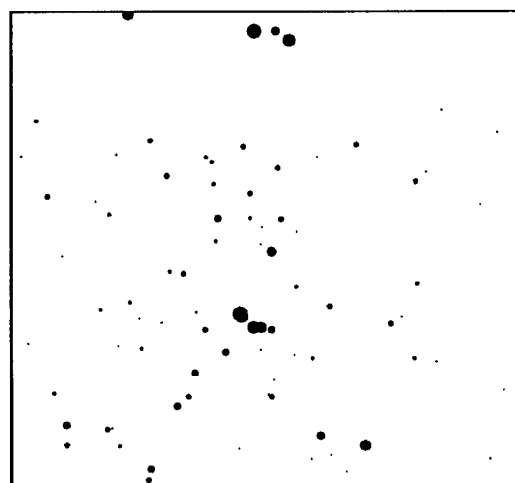
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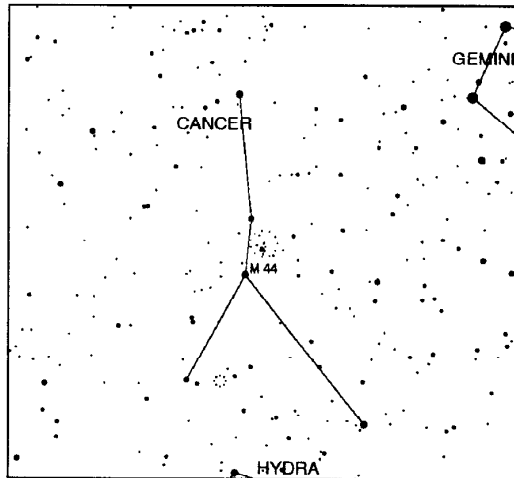


1 degree field, North up, Mirrored

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name	M 44
44	2632	Cnc	08 40.1	19 59	4.5	80.0	OCI	0.5k	Praesepe, Beehive Cluster	

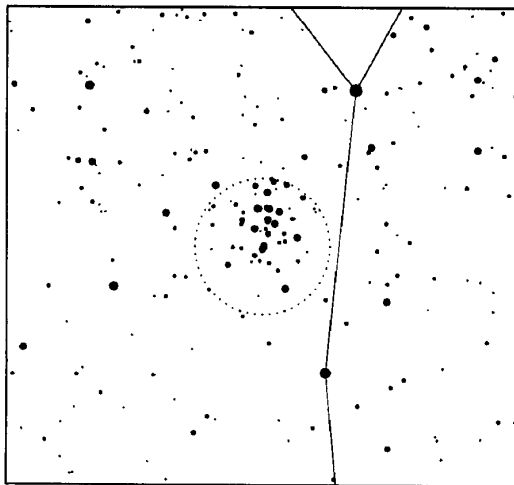
M44 - binoculars or very wide field telescopes provide the best view.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 67

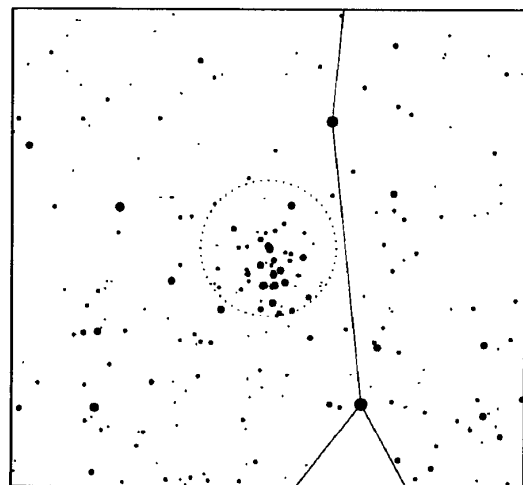


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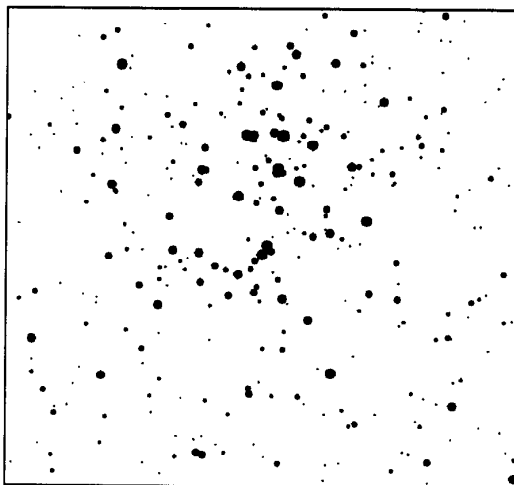
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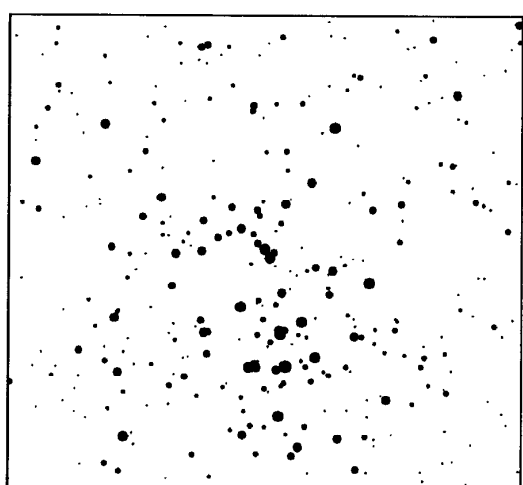
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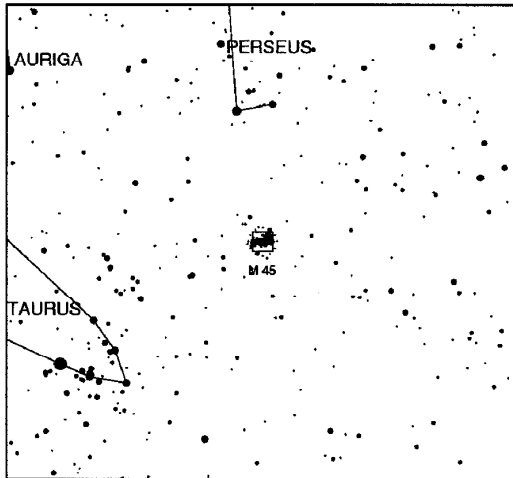


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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name	M 45
45	1432	Tau	03 47.0	24 07	1.4	100.0	OCI	0.4k	Subaru, Pleiades, Seven Sisters	

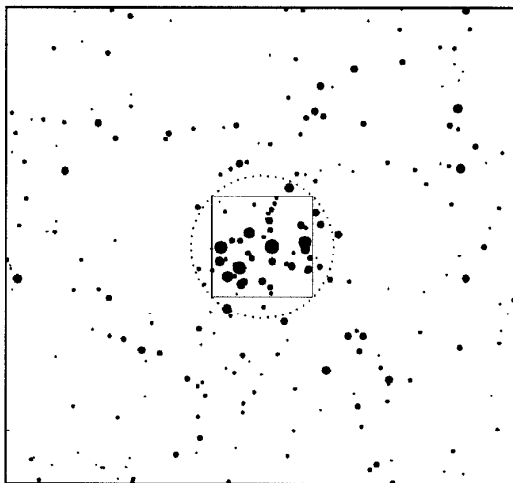
M45 - look for nebulosity around Merope, and other brighter components.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: none

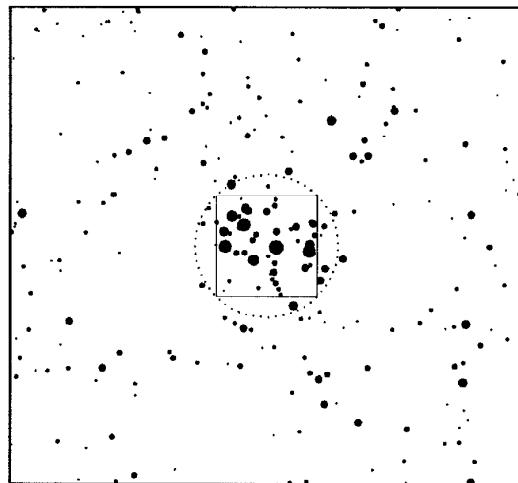


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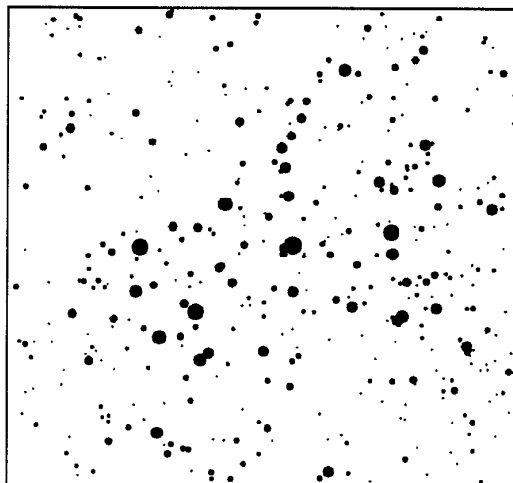
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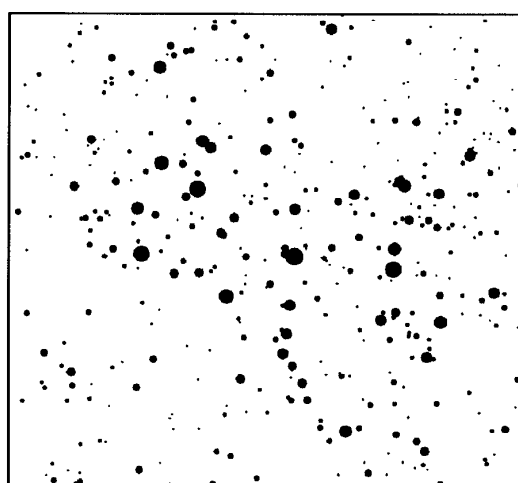
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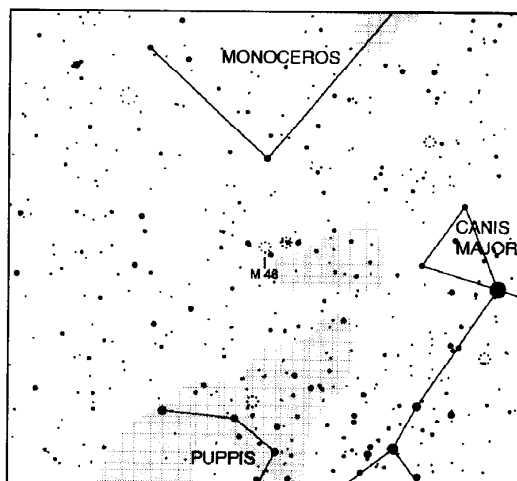
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M 46

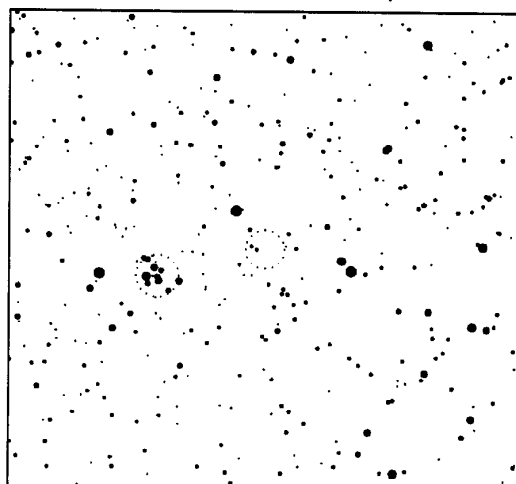
M46 - many faint stars. NGC 2438, a planetary nebula, appears as a faint uneven ring within the cluster.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 41, 47, 48, 50, 93

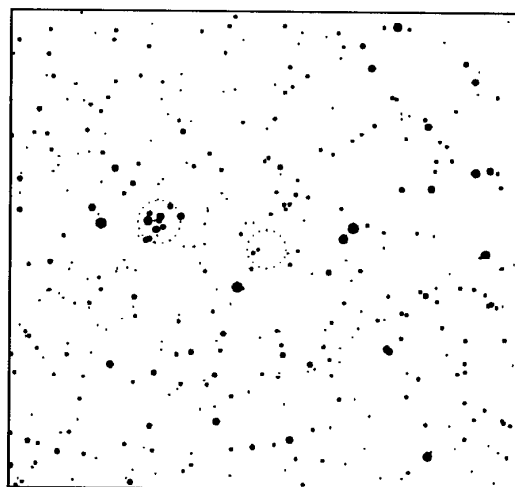


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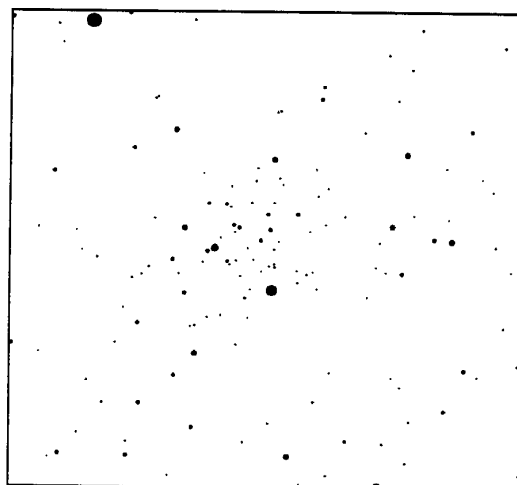
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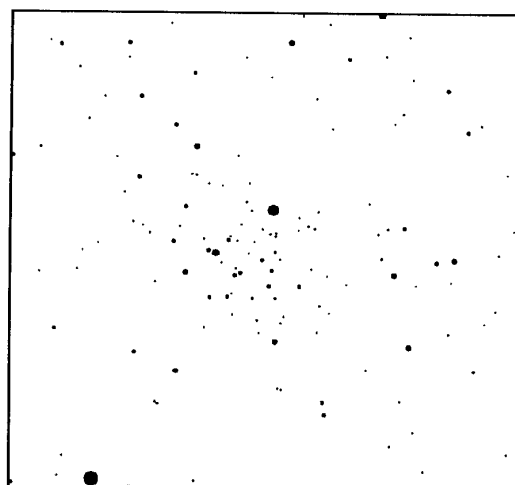
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1 degree field, North down



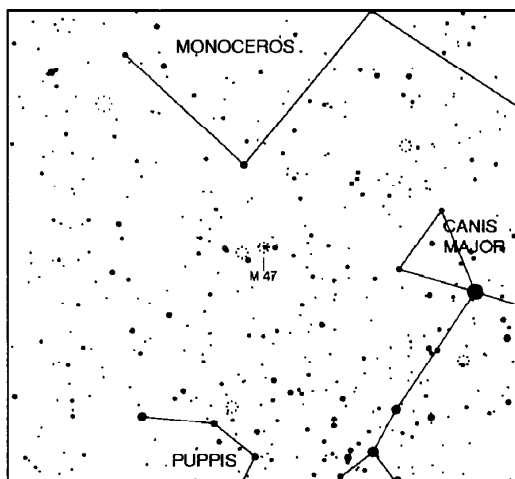
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
47	2422	Pup	07 36.6	-14 30	5	20.0	OCI	1.6k	

M 47

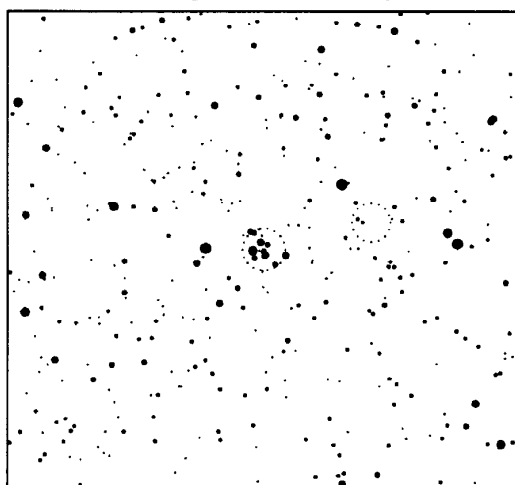
M47 - easily visible to the naked eye. A fairly loose cluster. This cluster contains Struve 1121, a close double star.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 41, 46, 48, 50, 93

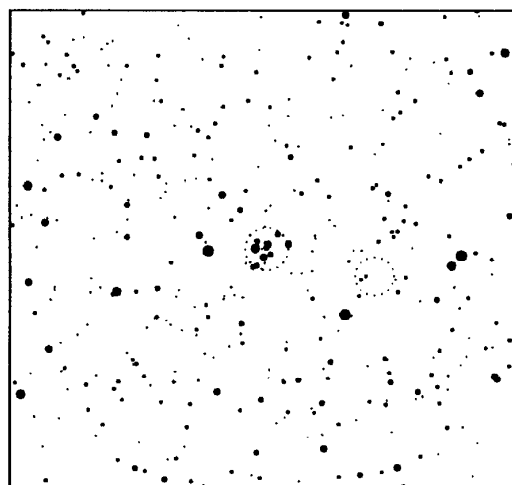


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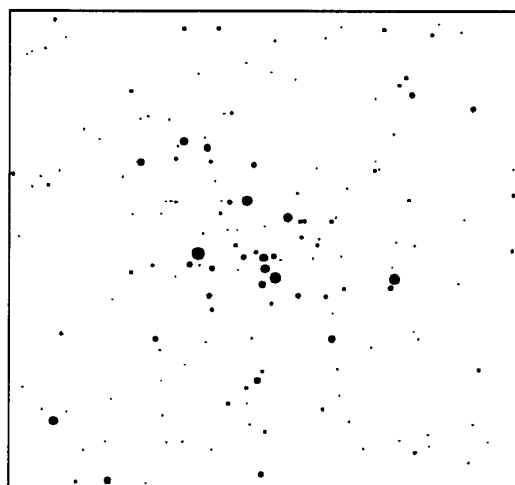
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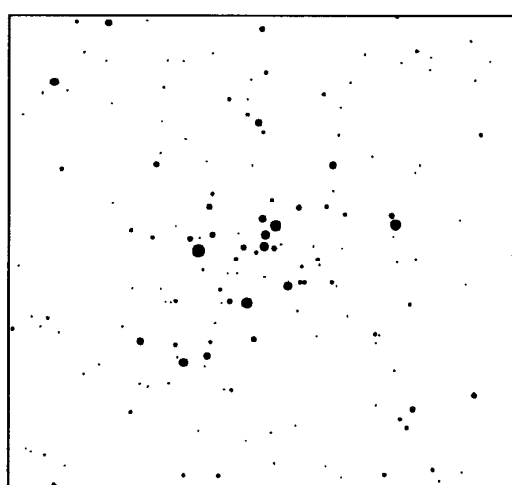
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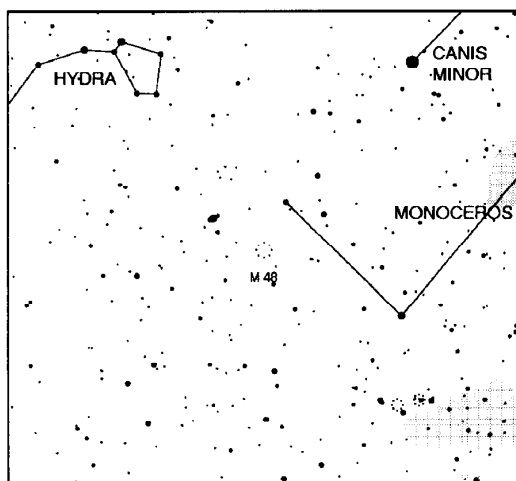
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M 48

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
48	2548	Hya	08 13.8	-05 48	5.5	40	OCI	1.7k	

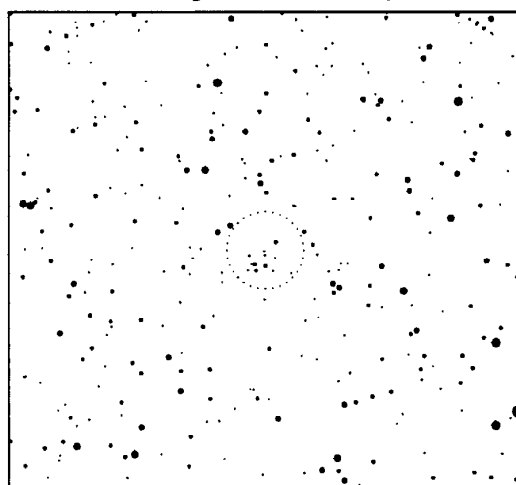
M48 - very loose, very open cluster, the finder may give a better view than the main scope. Chain of 10 and 11 magnitude stars in middle.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 46, 47

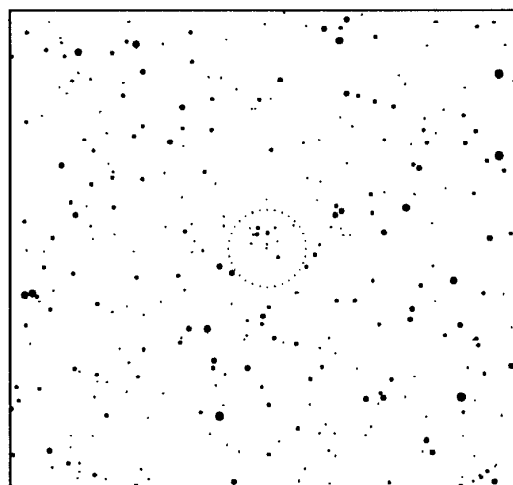


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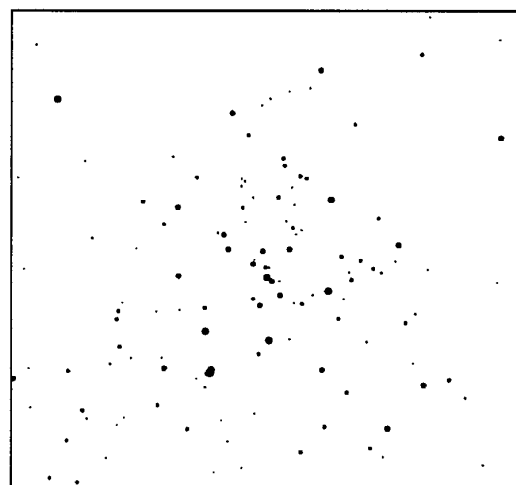
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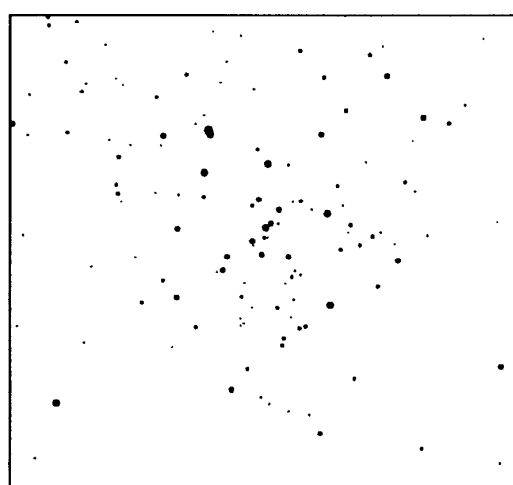
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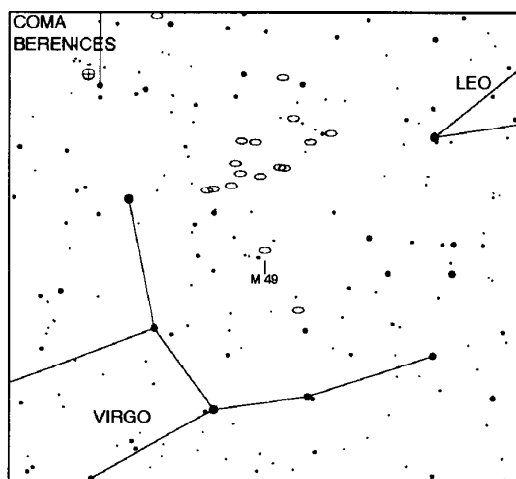
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
49	4472	Vir	12 29.8	08 00	10.1	4 x 3.4	Gal	42000k	

M 49

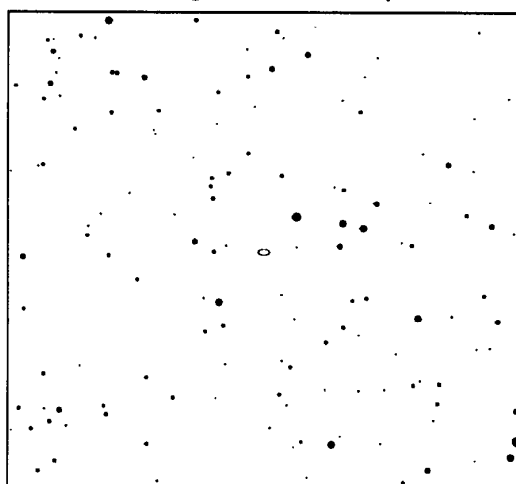
M49 - a round patch of light with bright center gradually fading.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

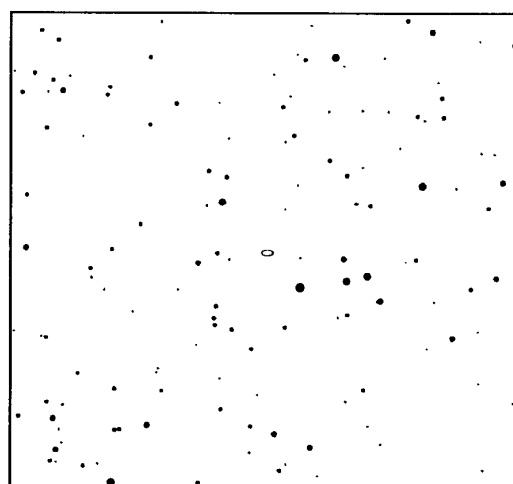


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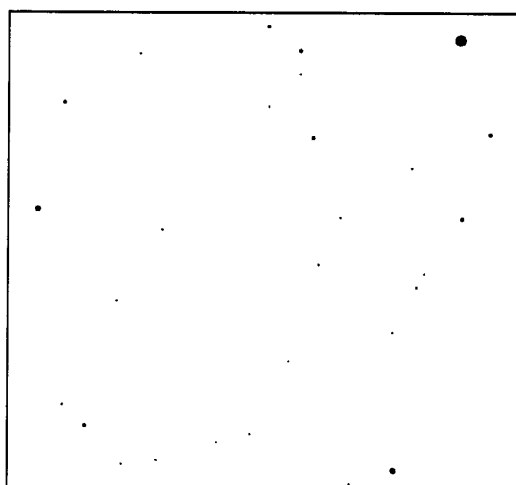
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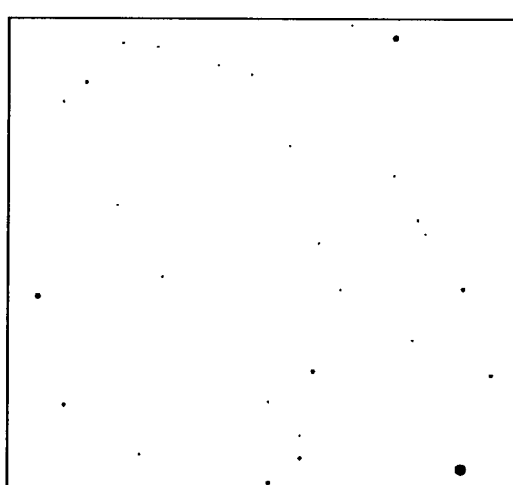
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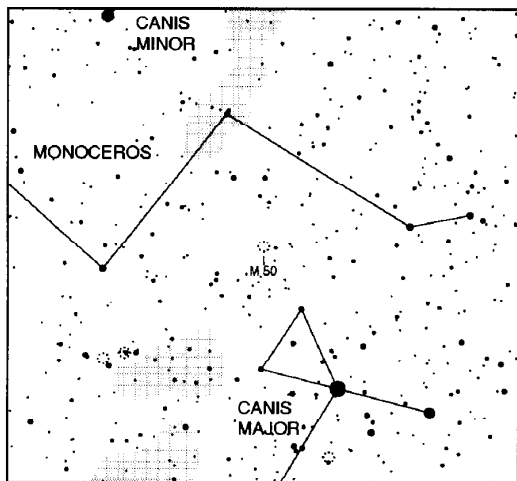
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50	2323	Mon	07 03.2	-08 20	6.0	10.0	OCI	2.9k	

M 50

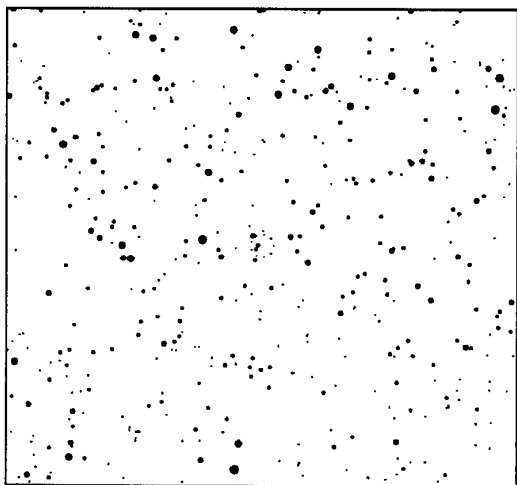
M50 - a fairly tight cluster at low power with an impression of haziness or dusting of stars around brighter members. Note red star 7' South of center, also arcs of stars.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 41, 46, 47

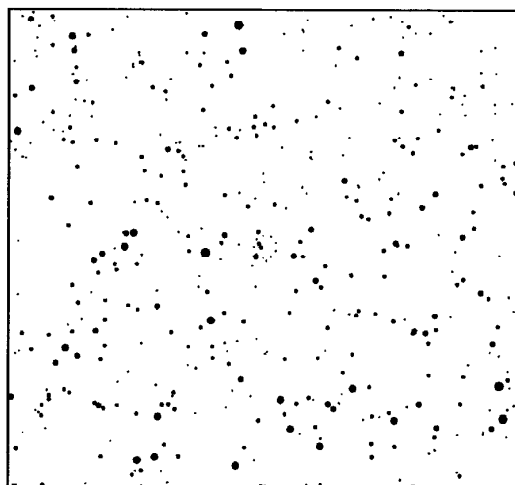


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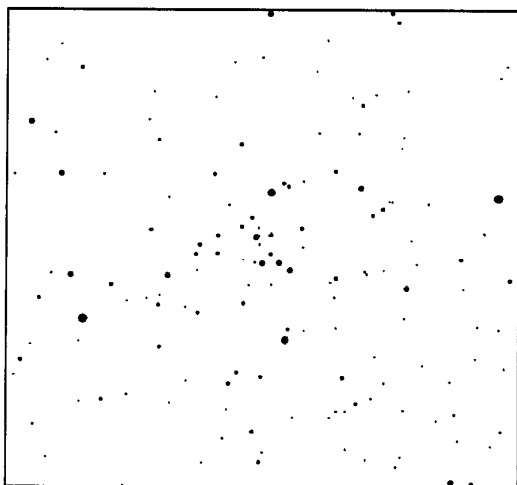
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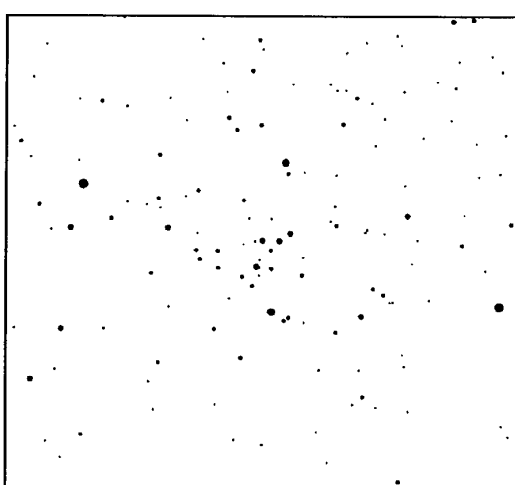
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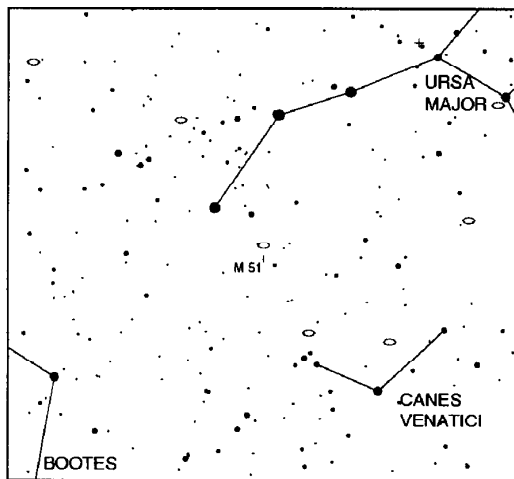
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
51	5194	CVn	13 29.9	47 12	8.7	10 x 5.5	Gal	35000k	Whirlpool Galaxy

M 51

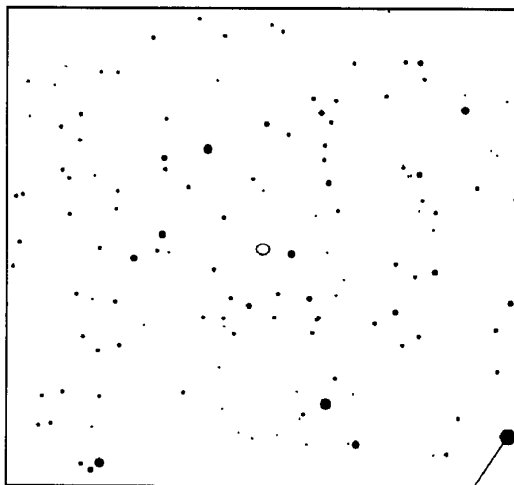
M51 - look for a pair of fuzzy patches of light. The larger, brighter one is M51 and it's companion NGC 5195 as the smaller patch. Look for some spiral structure in M51, its visible even in smaller scopes.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 40, 63, 94, 101, 102, 106, 109

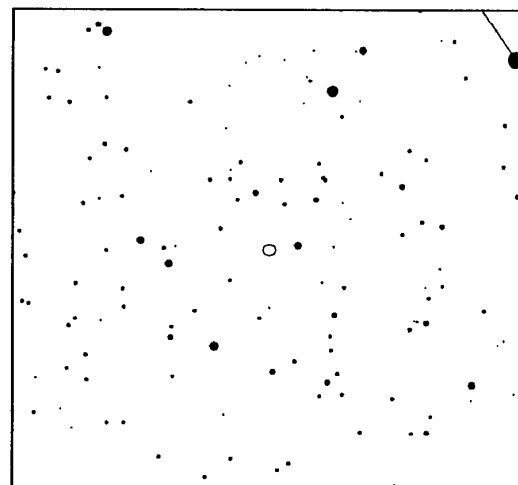


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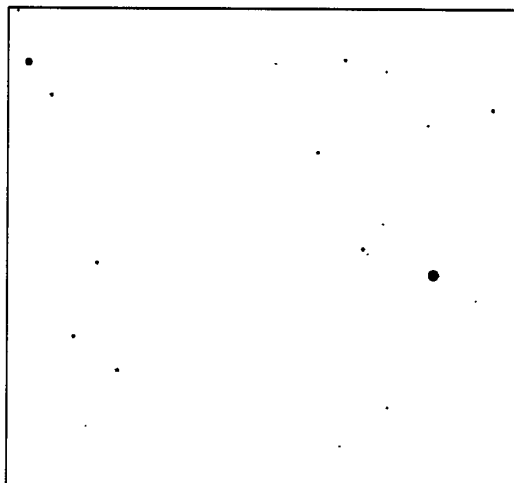
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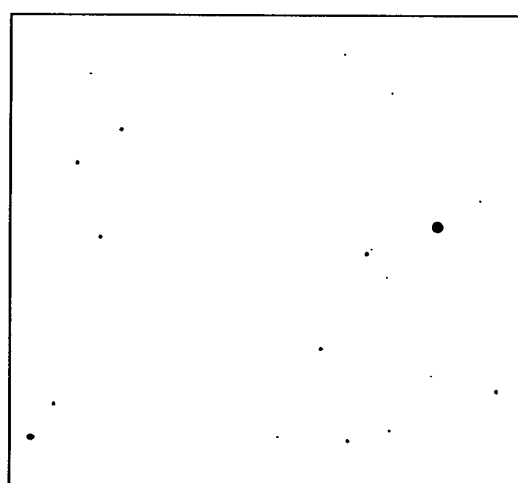
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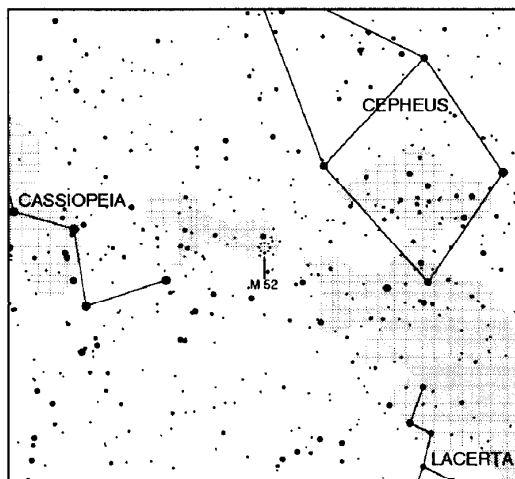
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
52	7654	Cas	23 24.2	61 35	7.0	12.0	OCI	5k	

M 52

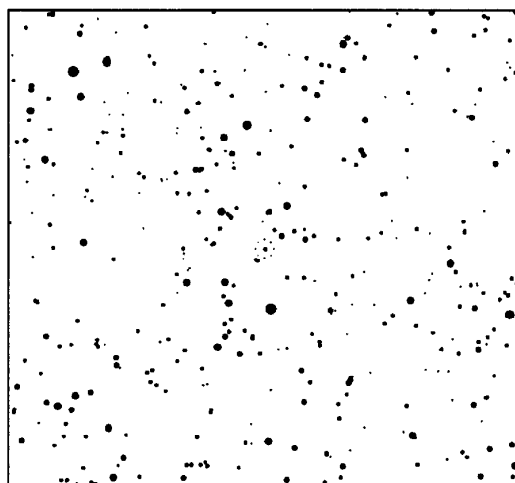
M52 - rich open cluster. Look for a roundish patch of light with some stars clearly resolved, but most of the cluster members provide only a hint of graininess. Note the somewhat irregular shape.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: none

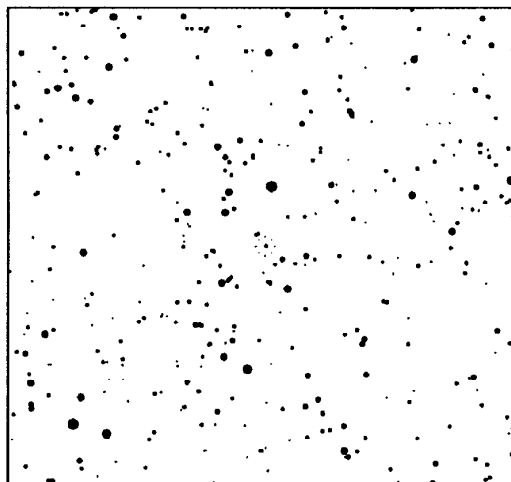


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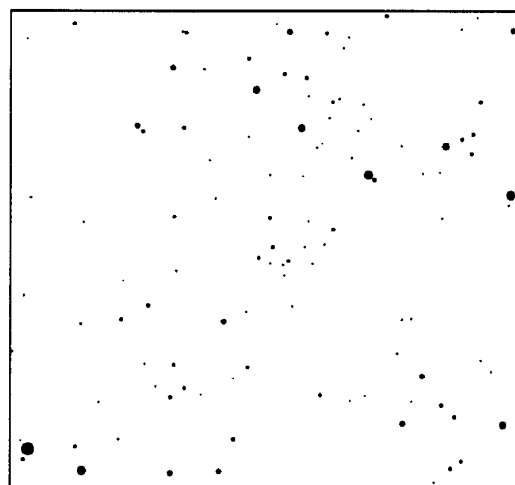
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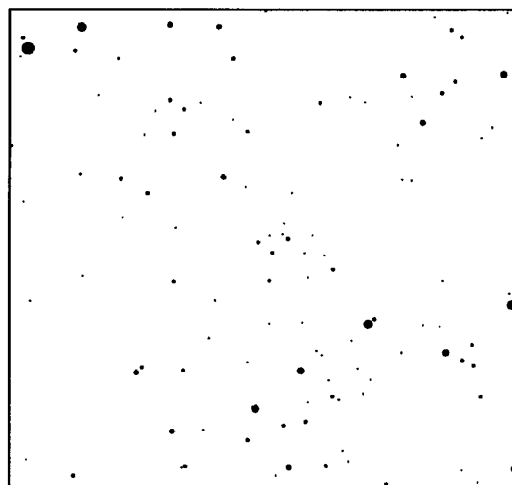
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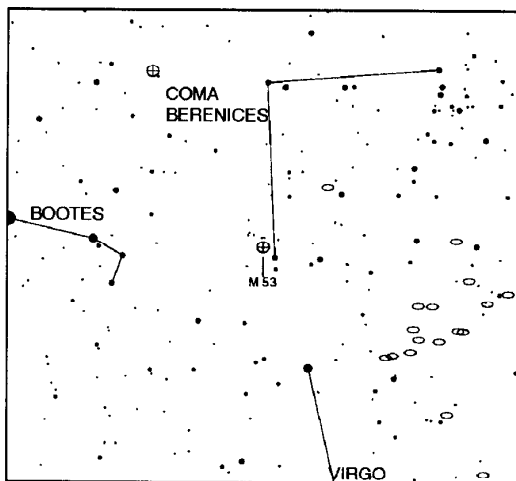
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
53	5024	Com	13 12.9	18 10	8	10	GCI	50k	

M 53

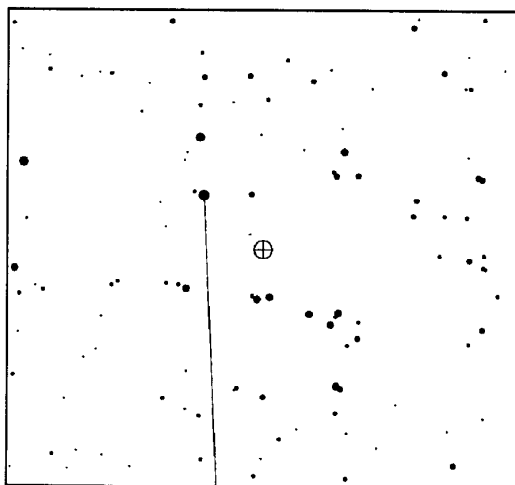
M53 - Resolvable in small telescopes, it as easy object to find. Look for NGC 5053 one degree to the south and east.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 3, 49, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

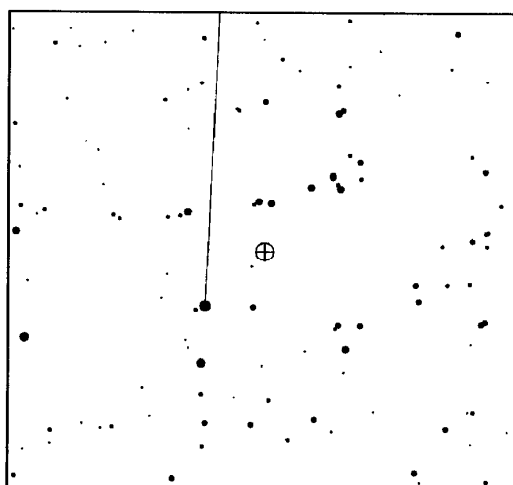


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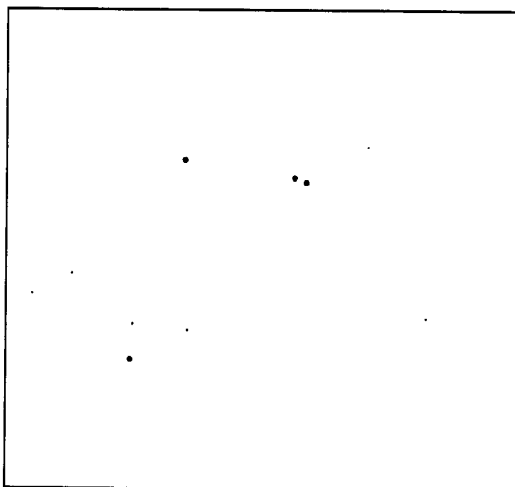
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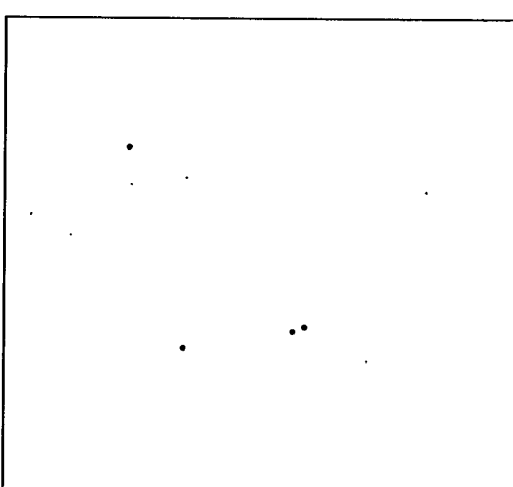
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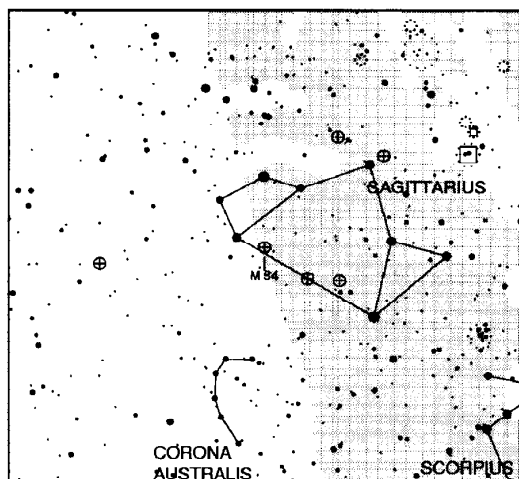
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54	6715	Sgr	18 55.1	-30 29	9	6	GCl	50k	

M 54

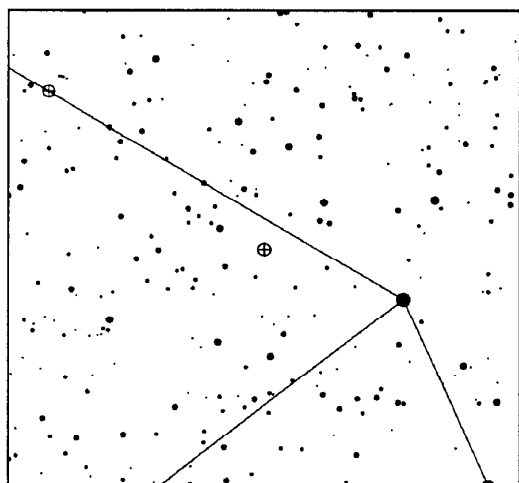
M54 - A difficult object for northern observers. A very nice, small globular, would like to see this one from a much more southern site!

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 7, 8, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 55, 69, 70

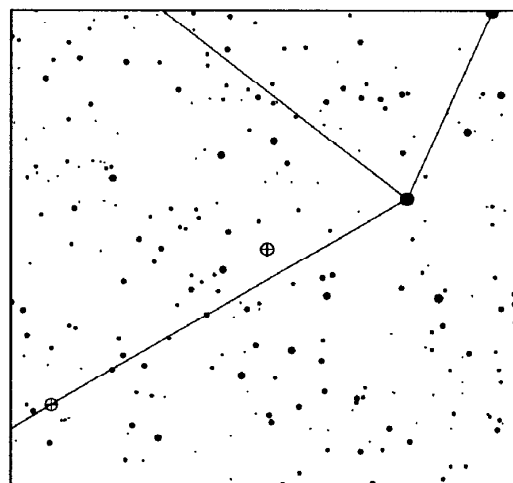


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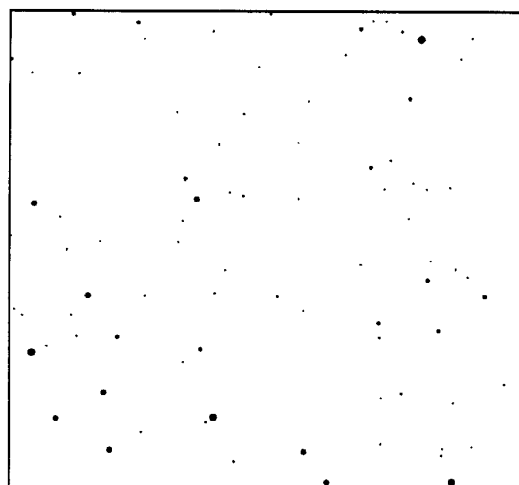
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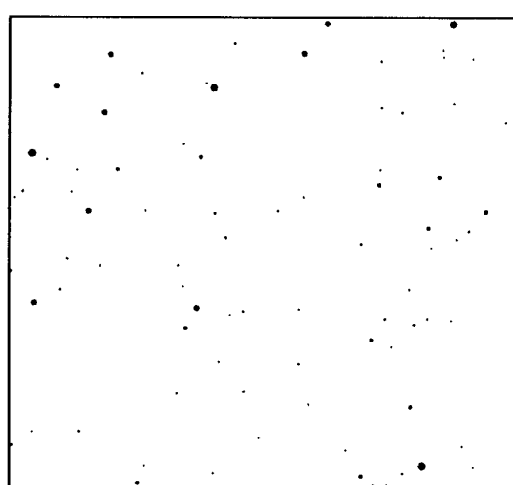
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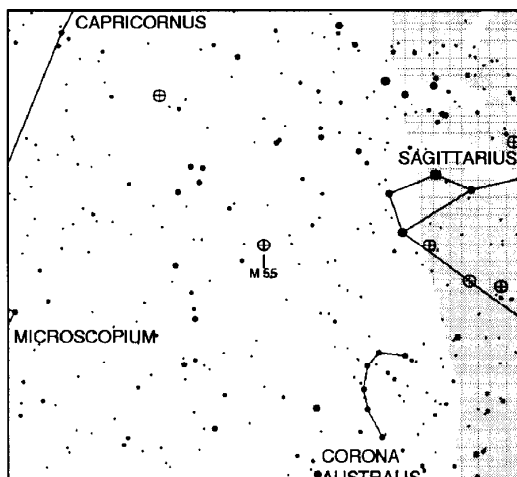
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
55	6809	Sgr	19 40.0	-30 58	7.0	15.0	GCI	20k	

M 55

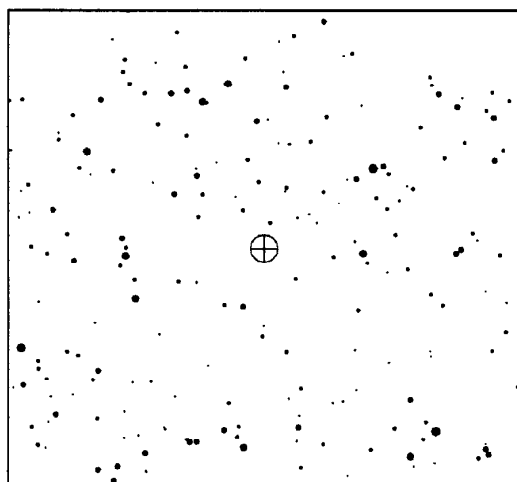
M55 - a round, diffuse patch showing some granularity and fading toward the edges.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 22, 54, 69, 70, 75

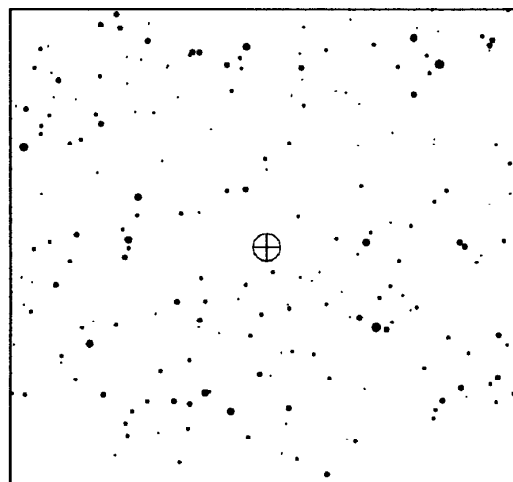


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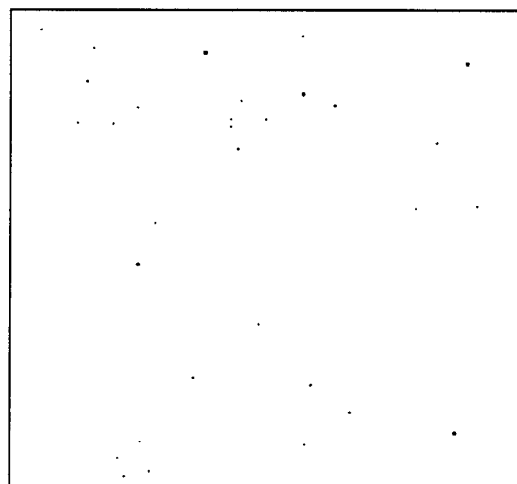
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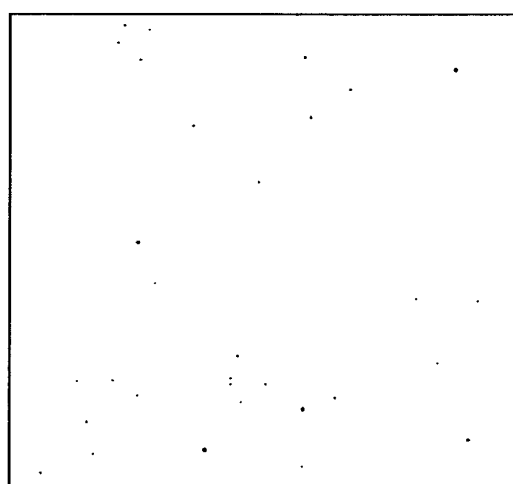
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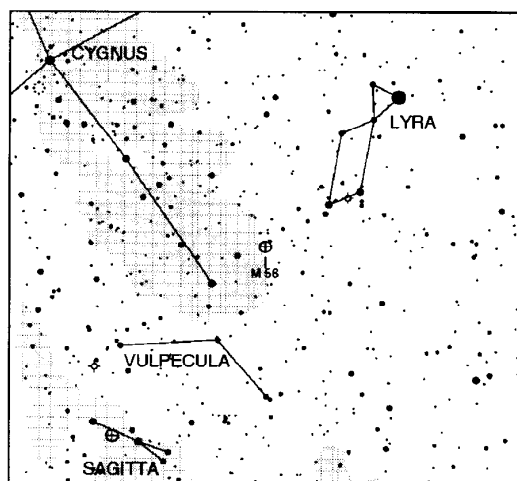


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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
56	6779	Lyr	19 16.6	30 11	8	5	GCl	46k	

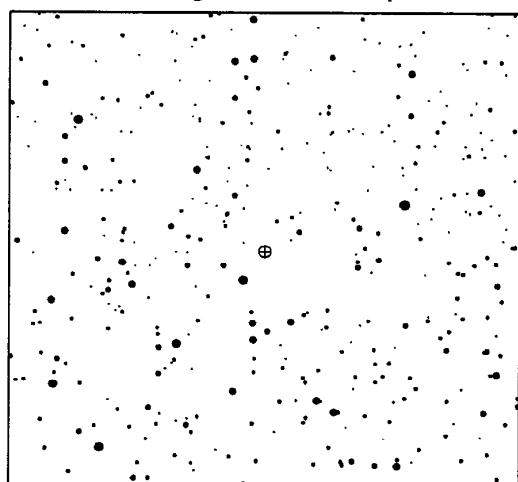
M56 - look for a small round ball of light, slightly brighter in the center, and showing some granularity.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 27, 29, 57, 71

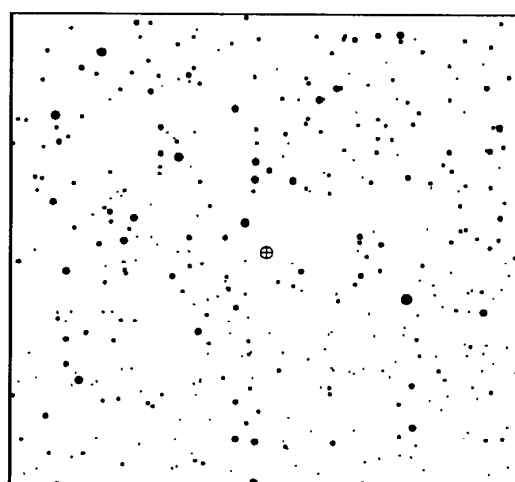


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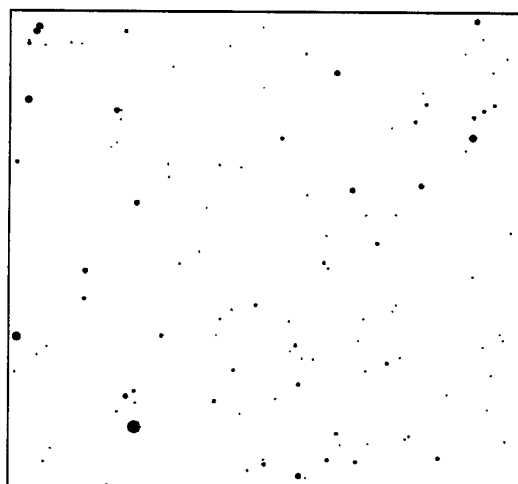
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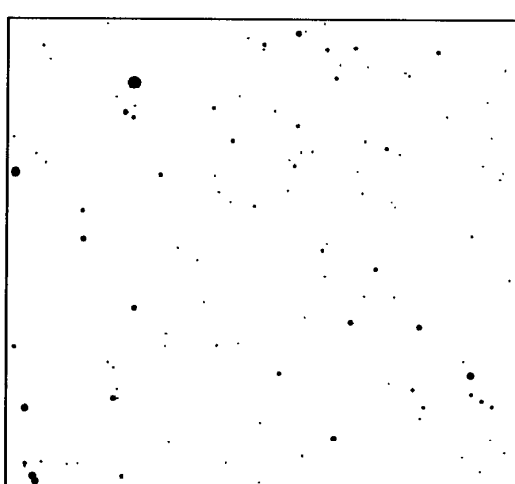
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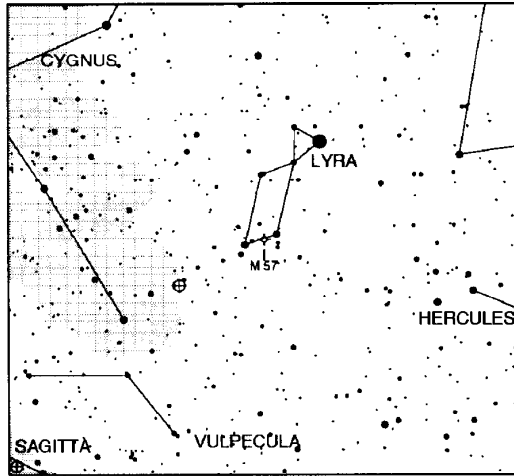


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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
57	6720	Lyr	18 53.6	33 02	9	1.4 x 1.0	PIN	1.6k	Ring Nebula

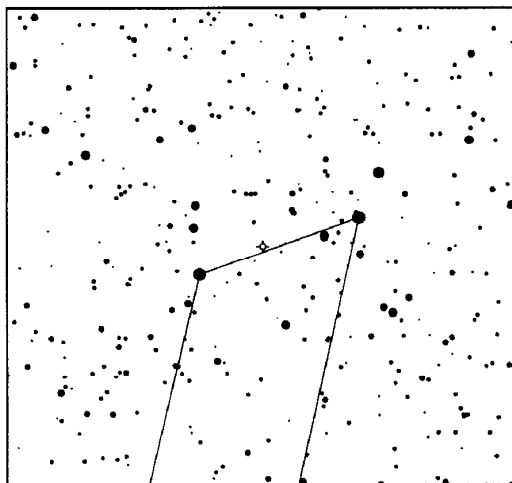
M57 - low power views show a very small disk. Medium to high power will magnify the size of the nebula while leaving the surrounding stars the same size. Look for faint streaks transversing the ring.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 56, 71

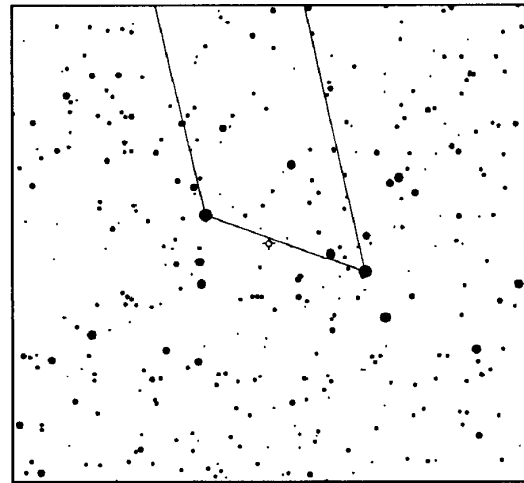


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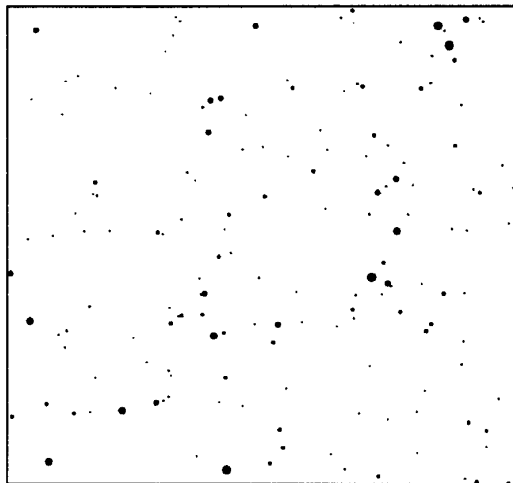
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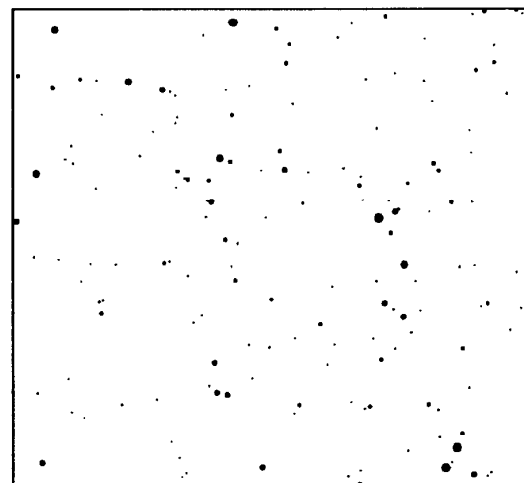
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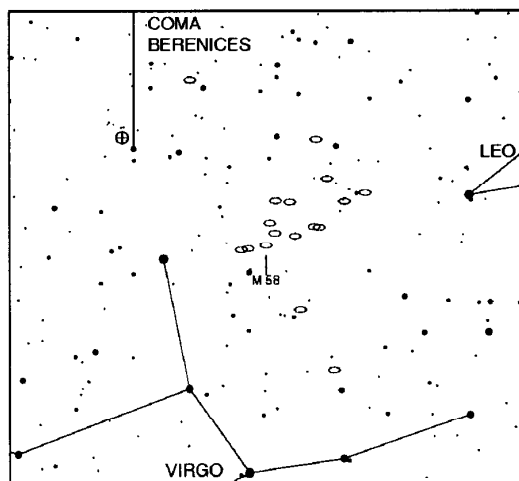
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M 58

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
58	4579	Vir	12 37.7	11 49	10.5	4 x 3.5	Gal	60000k	

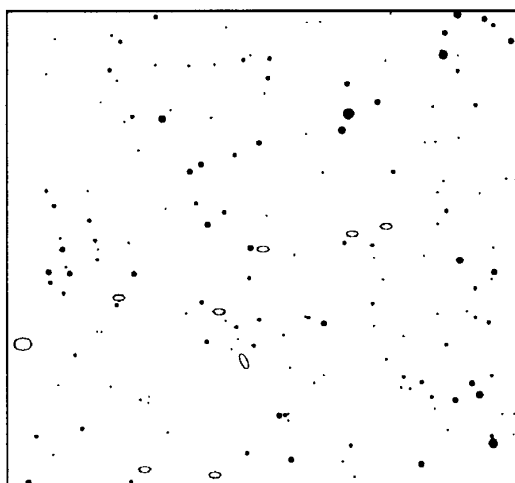
M58 - slightly oval shaped fuzzy patch of light.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 59, 60, 61, 64, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

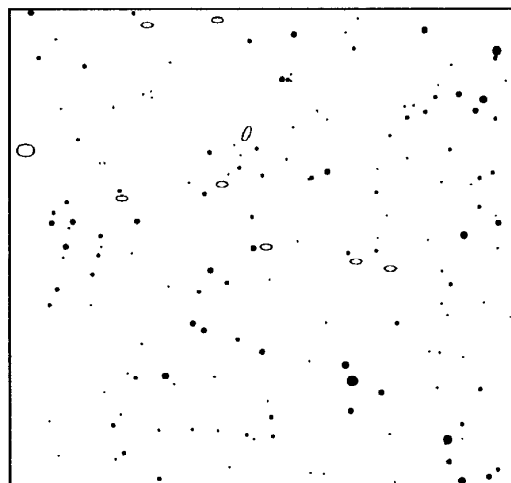


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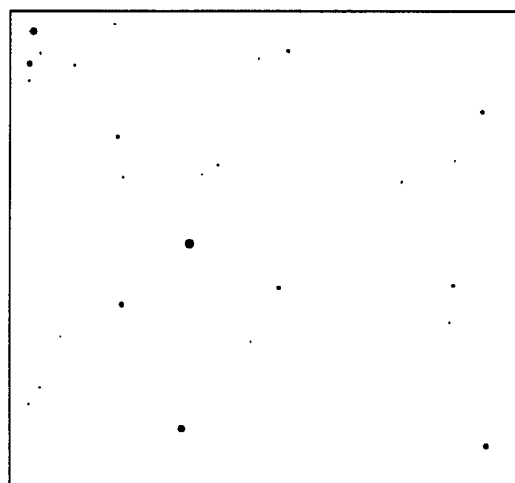
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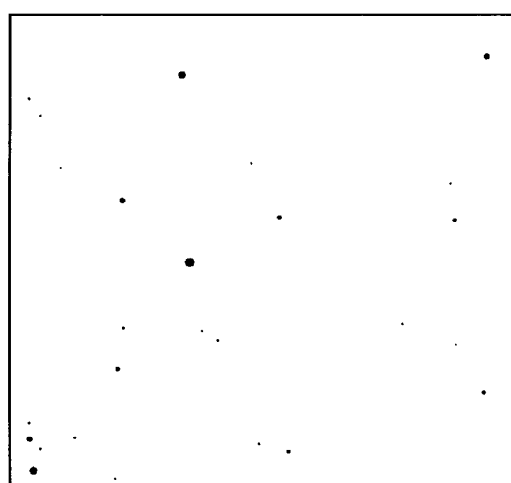
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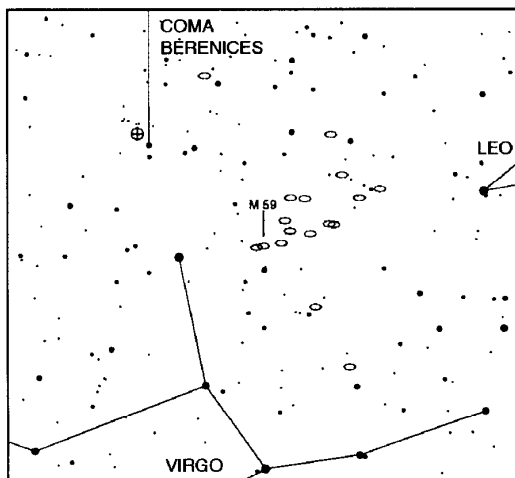
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59	4621	Vir	12 42.0	11 39	11	2 x 1.5	Gal	60000k	

M 59

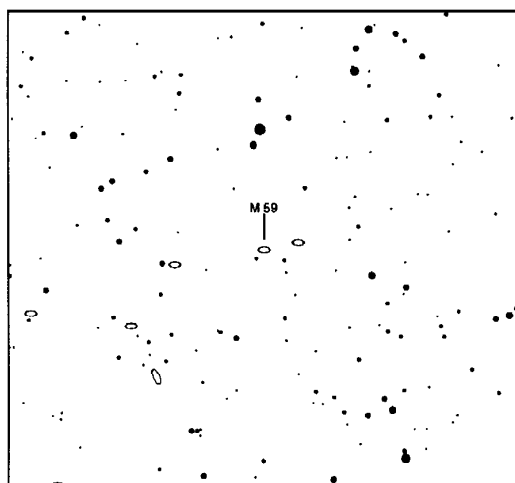
M59 - a small, hazy oval patch, not all that easy to see.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 60, 61, 64, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

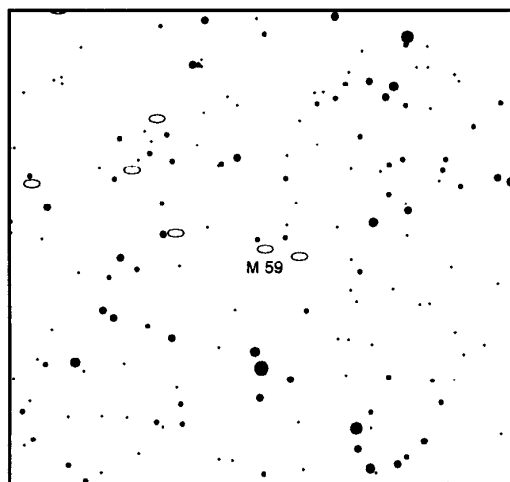


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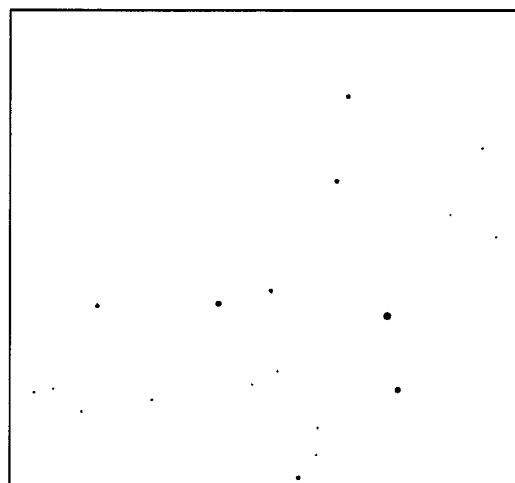
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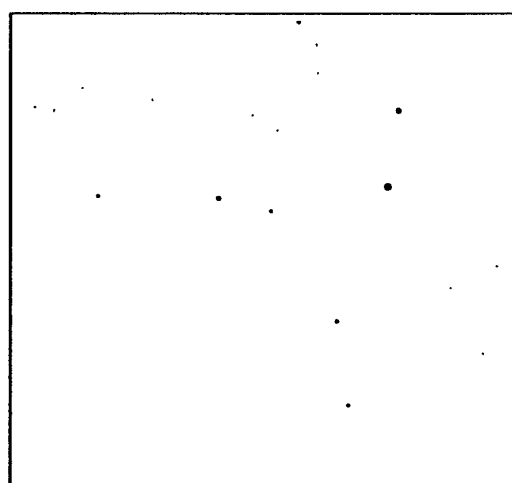
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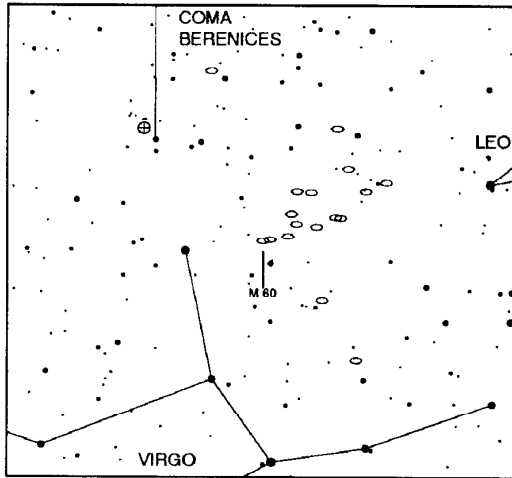
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M 60

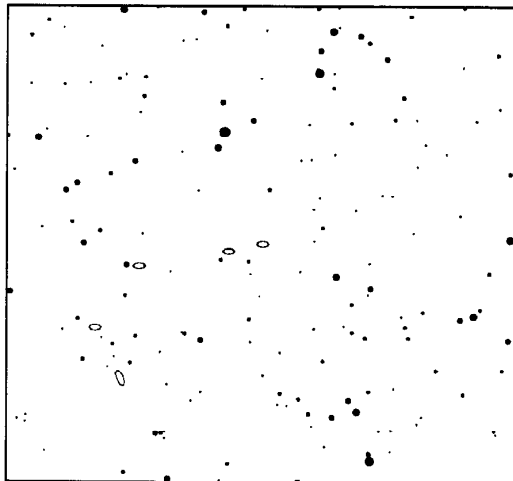
M60 - a fuzzy oval patch of light, larger and brighter than M59. Look for its fainter companion, NGC 4647, right beside it.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 61, 64, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

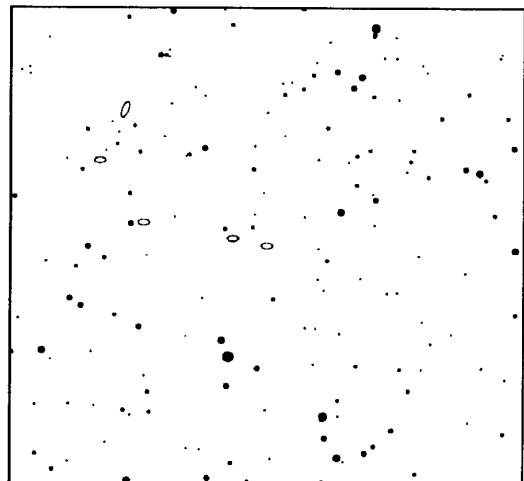


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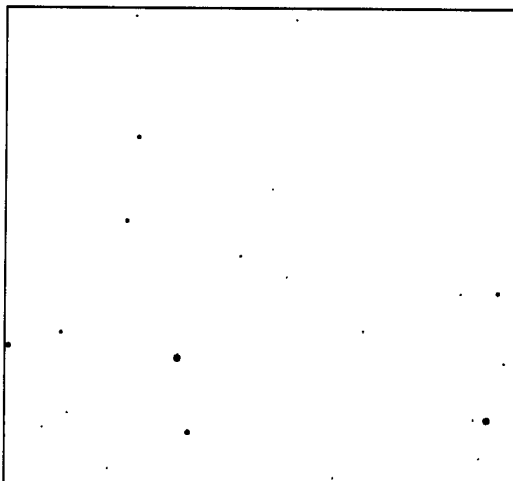
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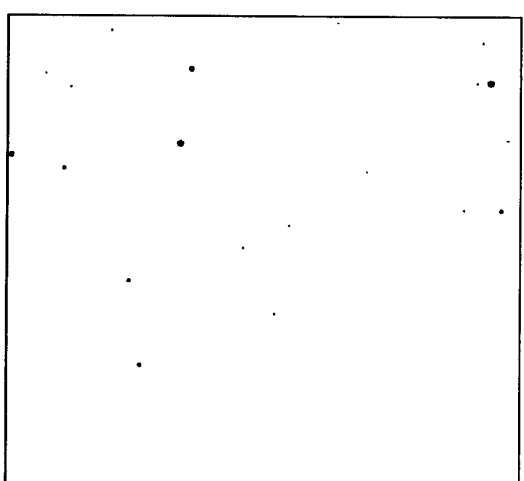
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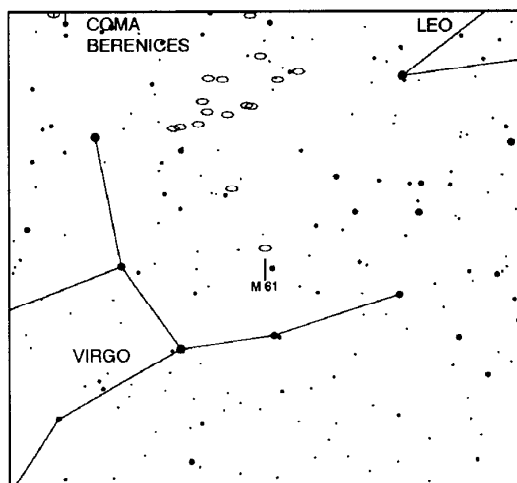
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M 61

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
61	4303	Vir	12 21.9	04 28 10.2		5.7 x 5.5	Gal	60000k	

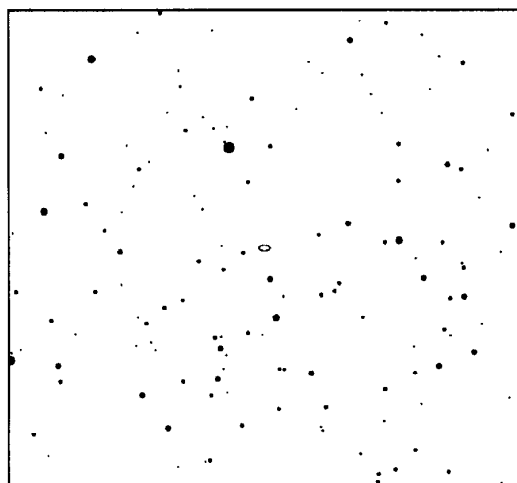
M61 - look for a faint, round fuzzy patch of light, with a surprisingly stellar core.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 58, 59, 60, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

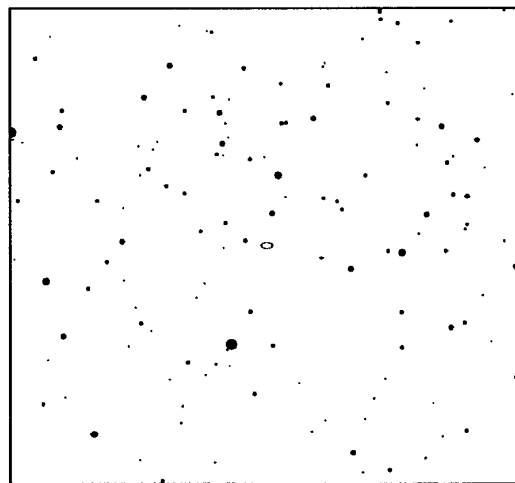


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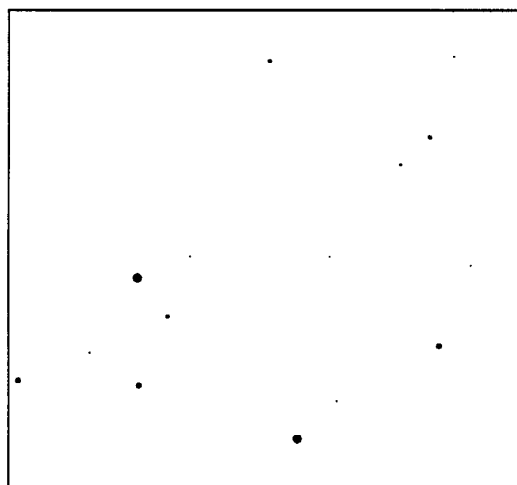
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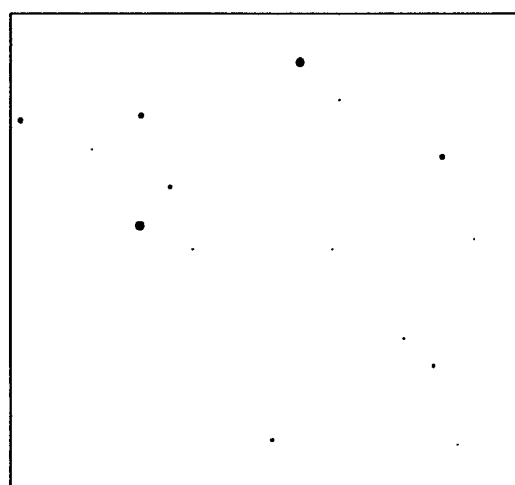
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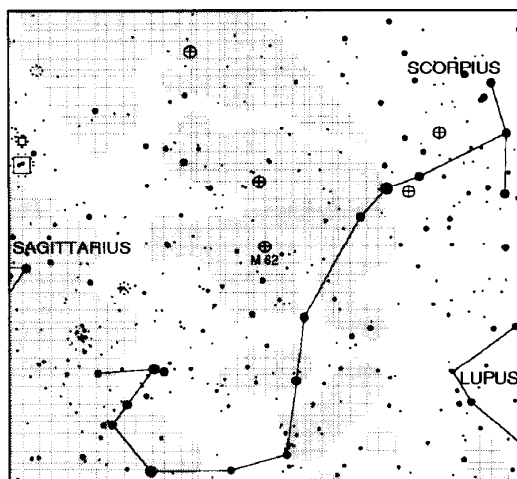
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62	6266	Oph	17 01.2	-30 07	6.5	6	GCl	22k	

M 62

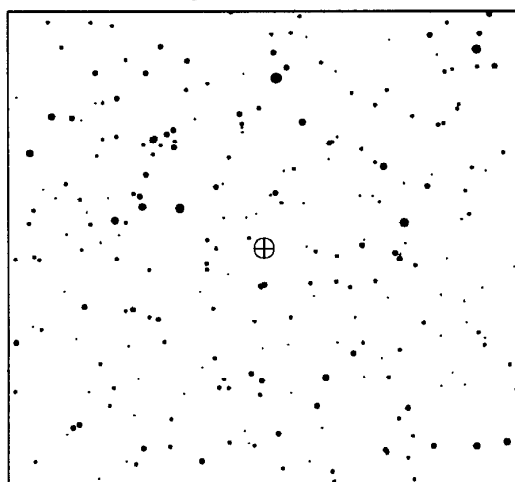
M62 - This cluster appears as a round fuzzy patch brightening towards the center, with some granularity. Noted as one of the most unsymmetrical globulars.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 23, 80

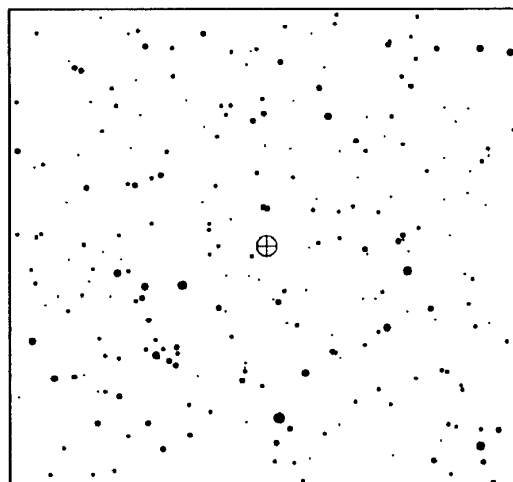


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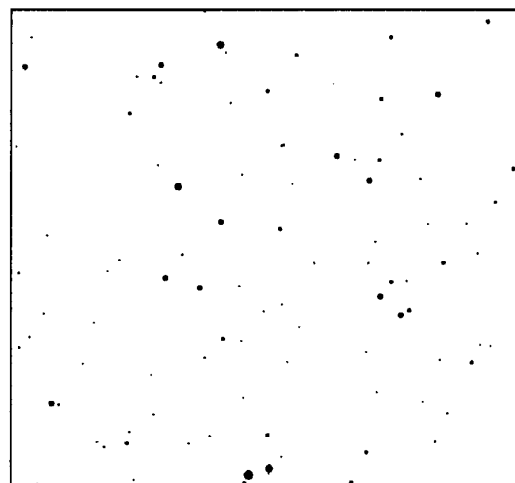
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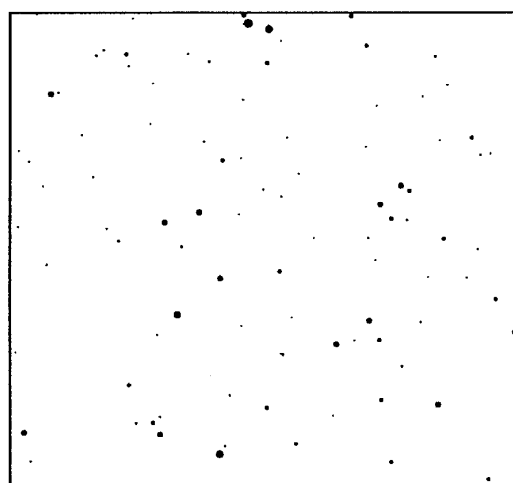
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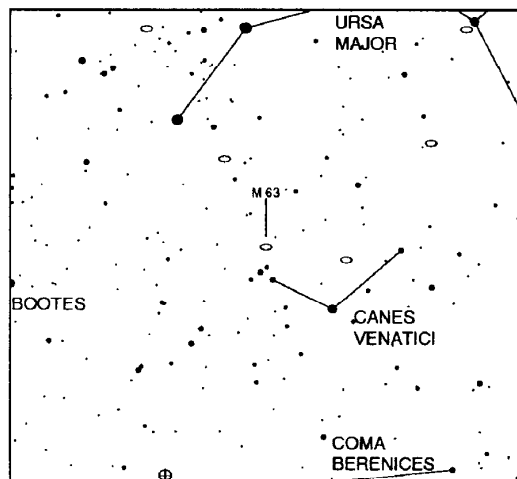
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
63	5055	CVn	13 15.8	42 02	9.8	9 x 4	Gal	35000k	Sunflower Galaxy

M 63

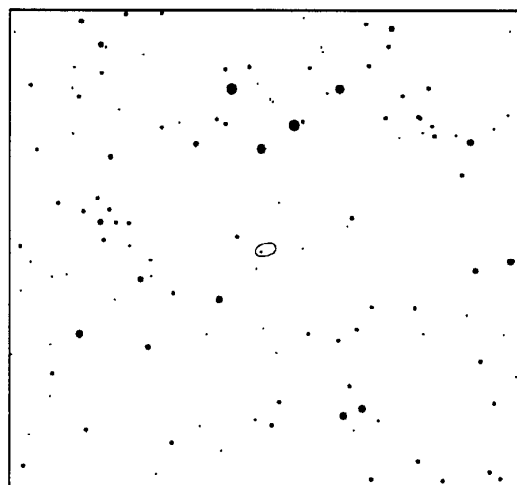
M63 - spiral galaxy, the galaxy appears as an elongated patch of light with a bright star at one end. Look for a faint halo.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 3, 51, 63, 94, 101, 106, 109

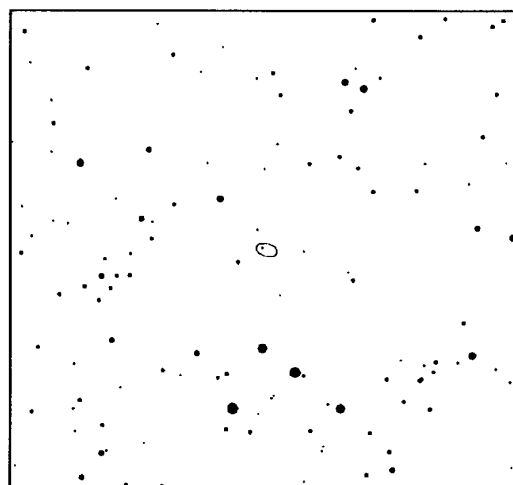


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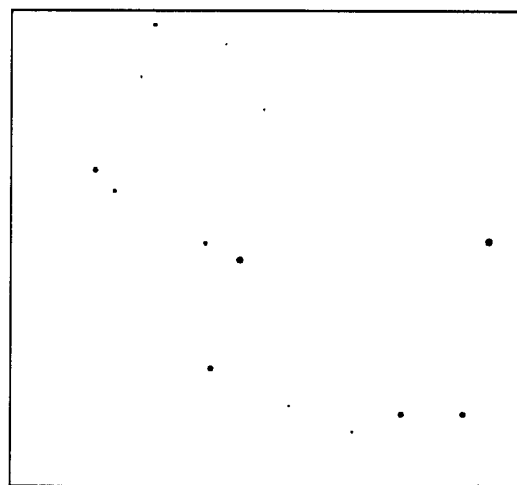
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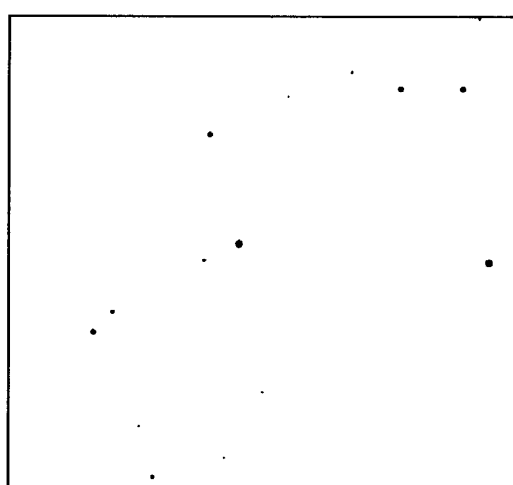
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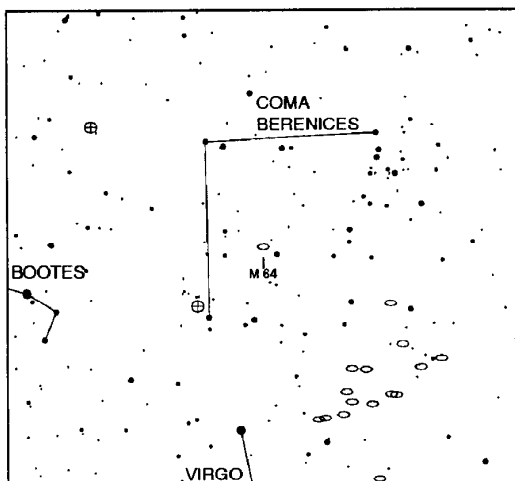
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
64	4826	Com	12 56.7	21 41	8.6	9 x 4	Gal	20000k	Blackeye Galaxy

M 64

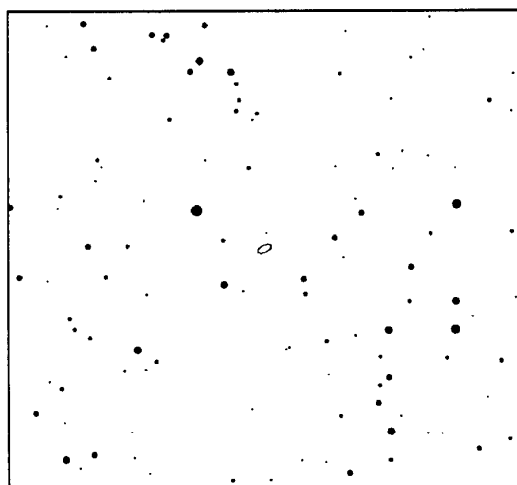
M64 - slightly oval shaped patch of light. Look for the dark patch. It can be somewhat difficult. Use higher powers to increase the contrast.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 3, 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

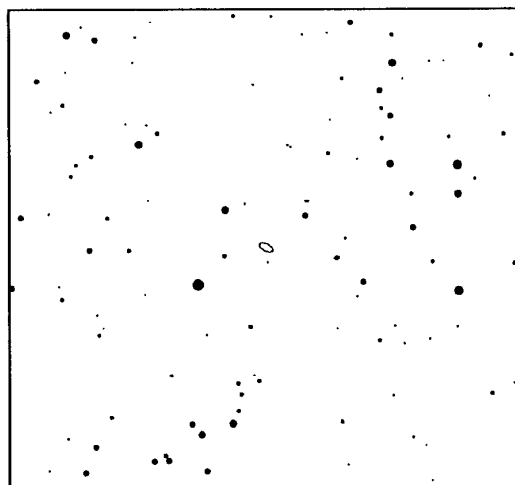


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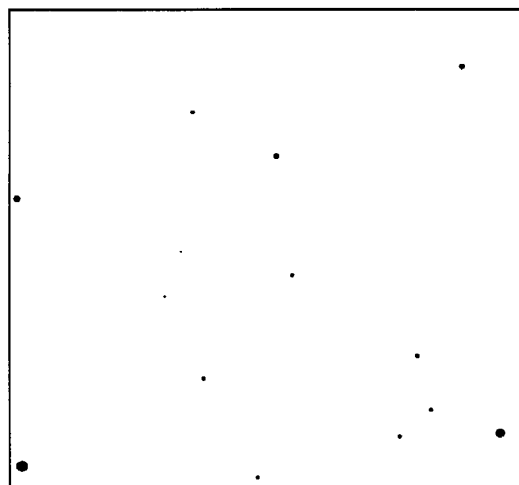
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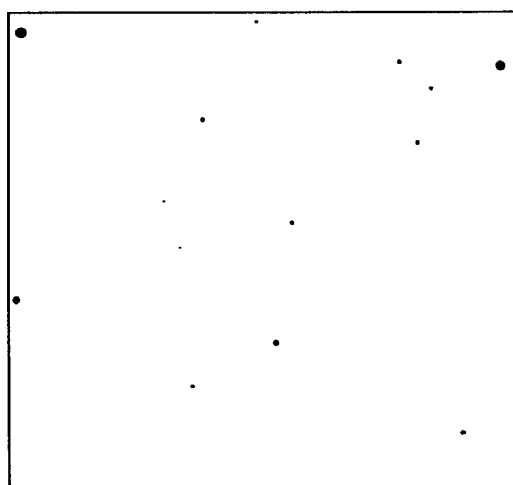
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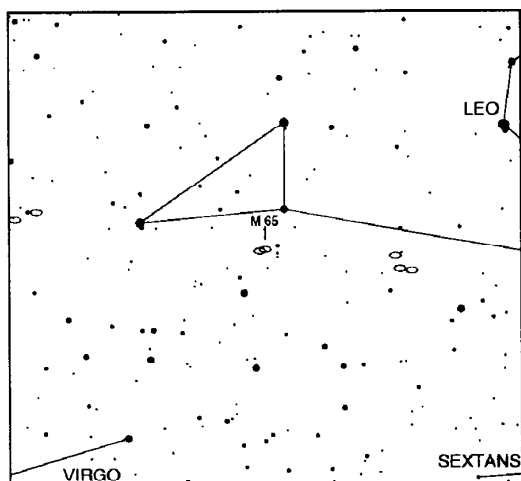
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
65	3623	Leo II	18.9	13 05	10.3	7.8 x 1.6	Gal	29000k	

M 65

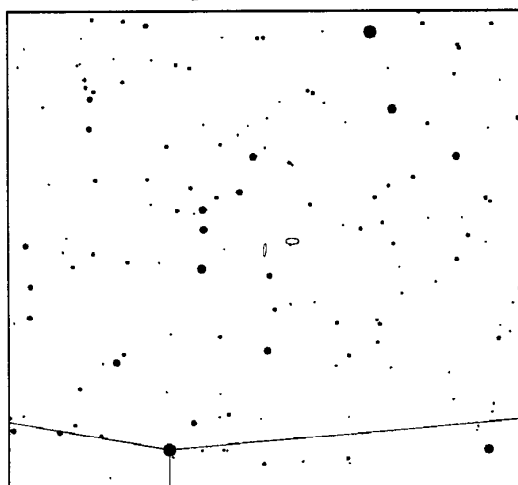
65 - It is an elongated oval patch of light with a bright stellar core with hints of granulation at the core.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 66, 95, 96, 98, 99, 105

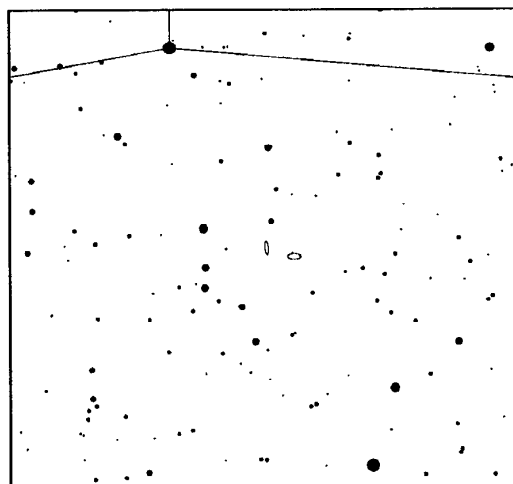


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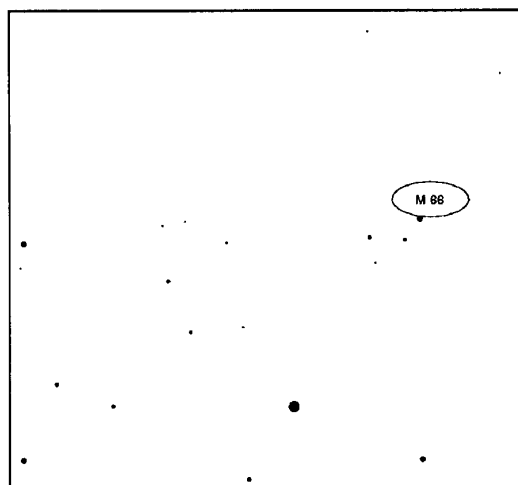
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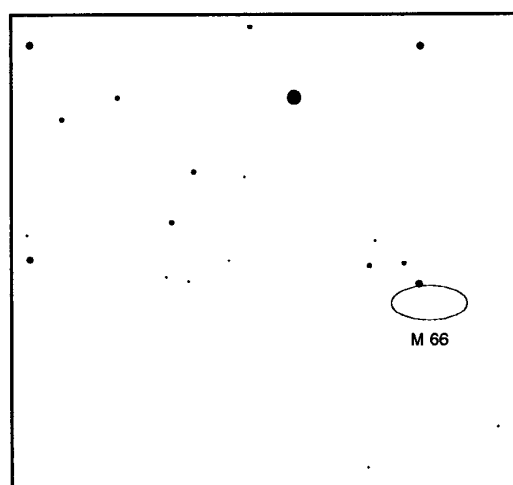
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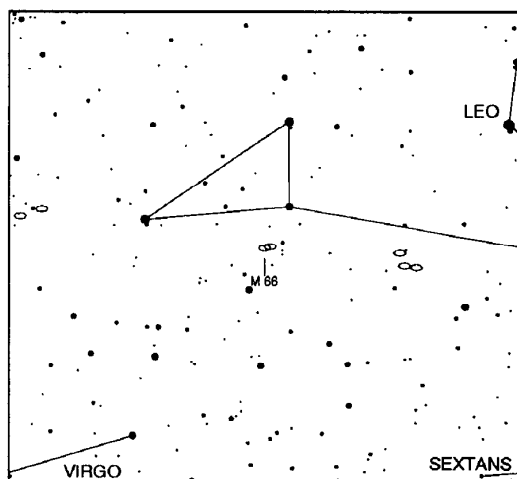
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
66	3627	Leo II	20.2	12 59	9.7	8 x 2.5	Gal	29000k	

M 66

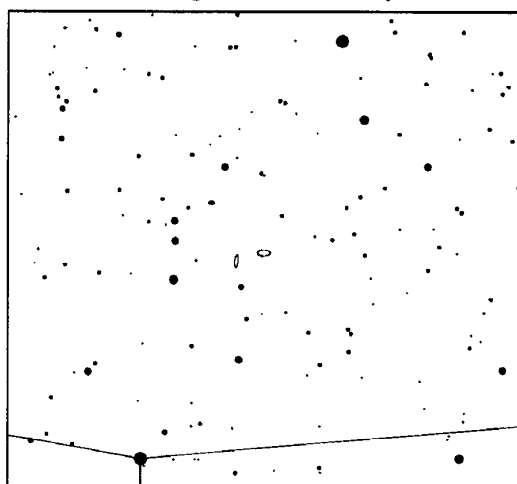
M66 - Can be seen in the same low to medium power field as M65. Oval patch of light, brighter and slightly wider than M65. Look for mottling in the area surrounding the core.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 65, 95, 96, 98, 99, 105

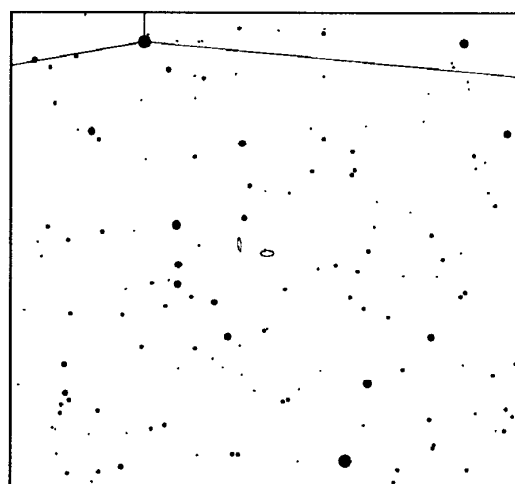


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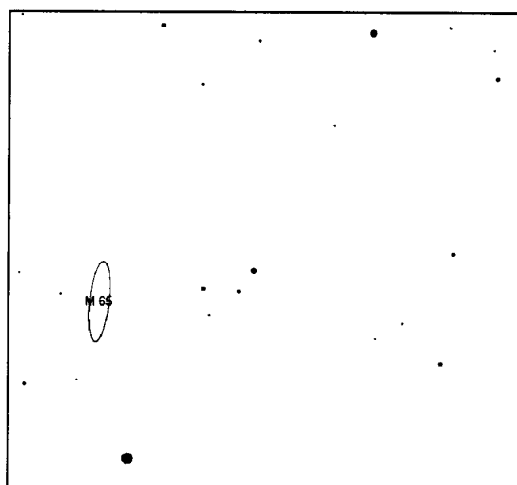
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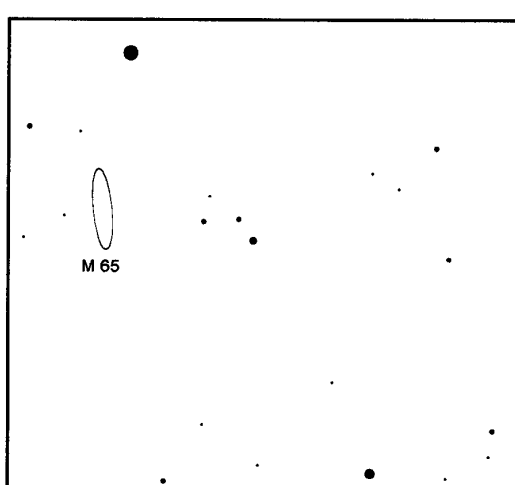
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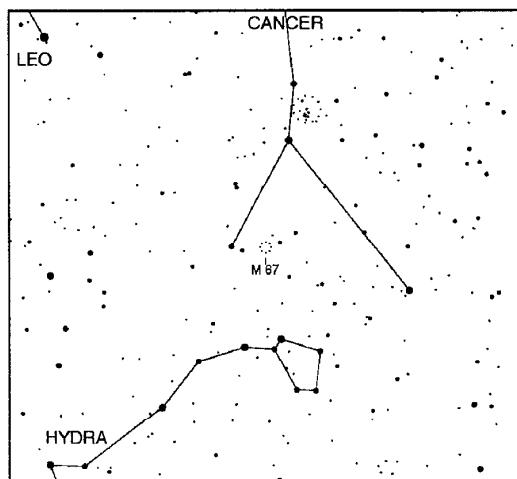
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67	2682	Cnc	08 50.4	11 49	7.5	15	OCI	2.5k	

M 67

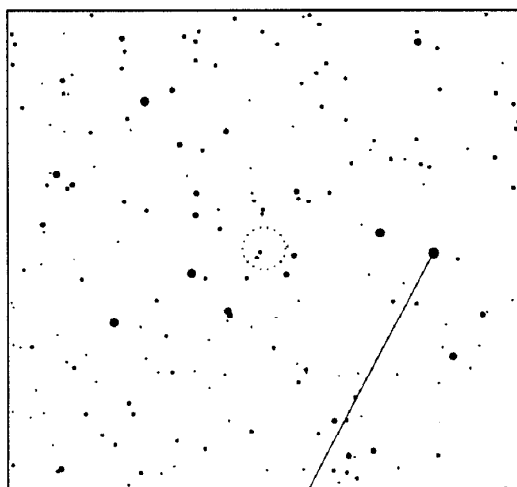
M67 - Readily resolved, look for star colors. One of the oldest clusters, many stars in the redder end of the spectrum.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 44

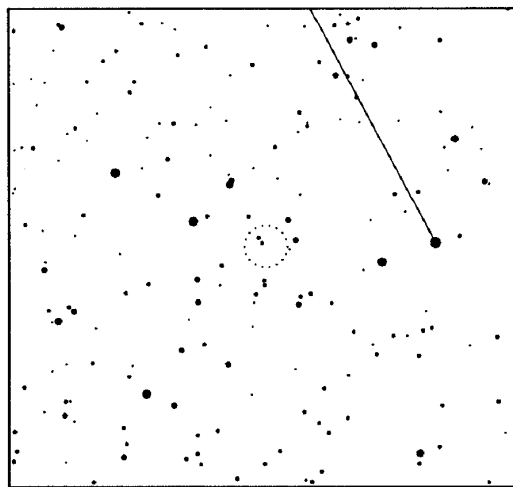


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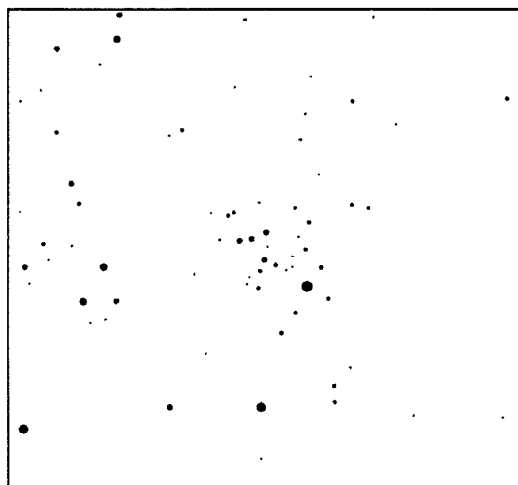
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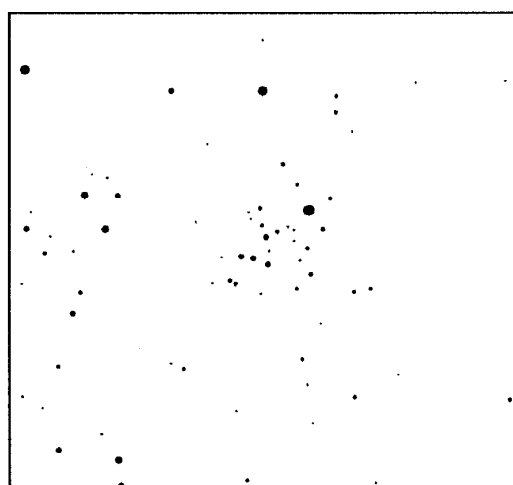
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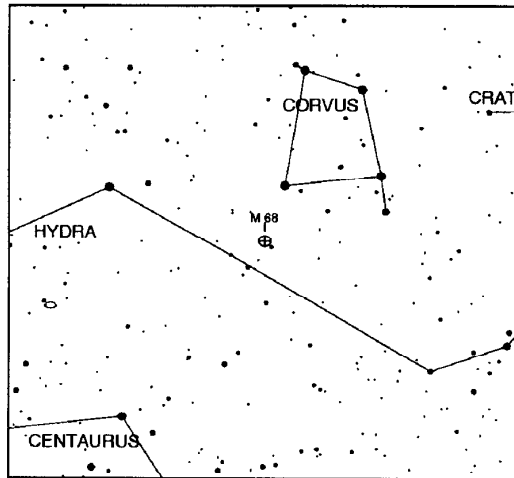
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68	4590	Hya	12 39.5	-26 45	8	9	GCl	32k	

M 68

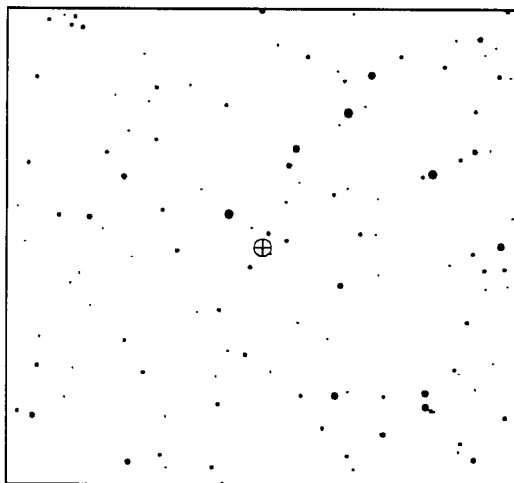
M68 - Appears as a round fuzzy patch in a 6" telescope.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 83

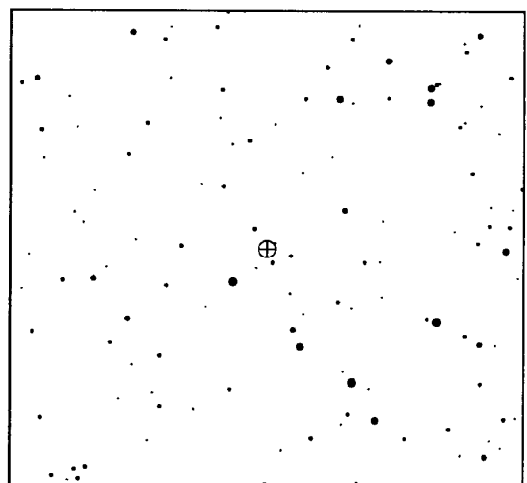


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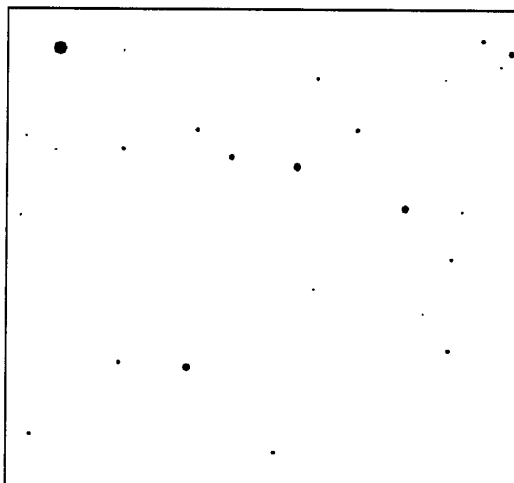
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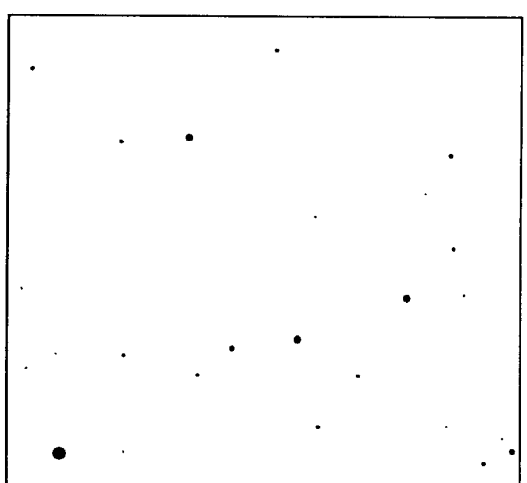
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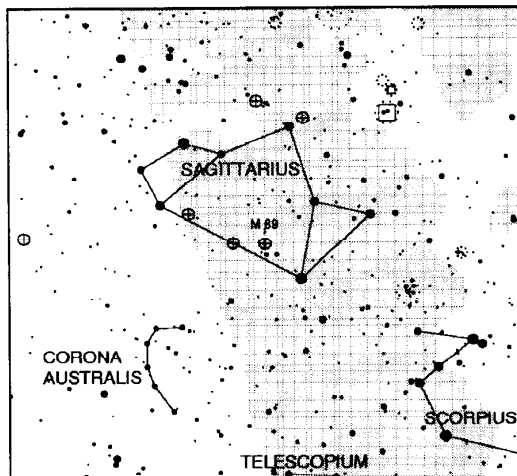
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M 69

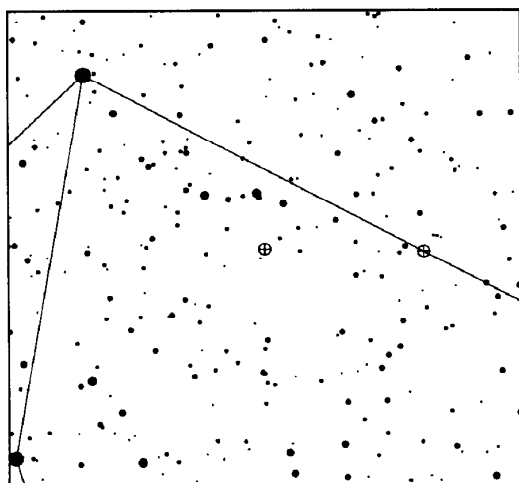
M69 - a small, hazy spot, resembling a small comet nucleus.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 6, 7, 8, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 55, 54, 70

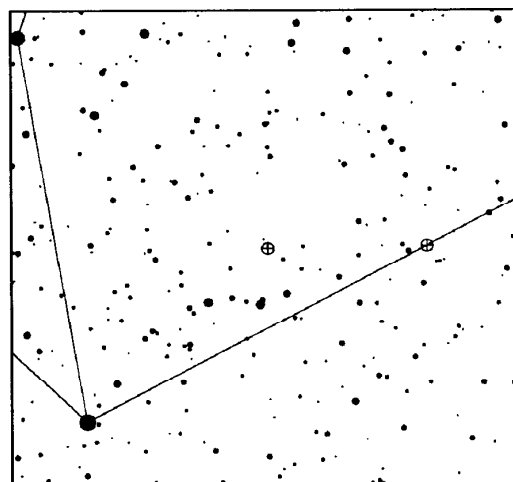


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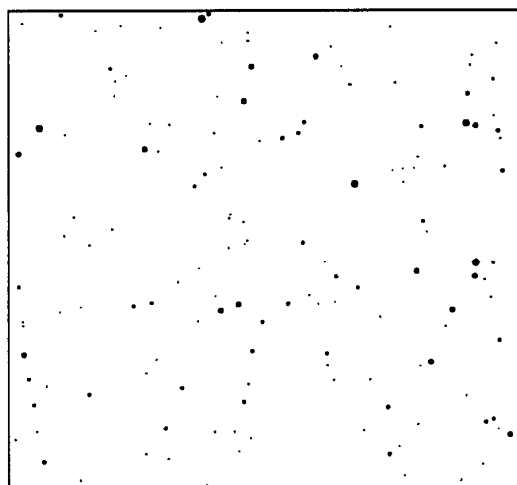
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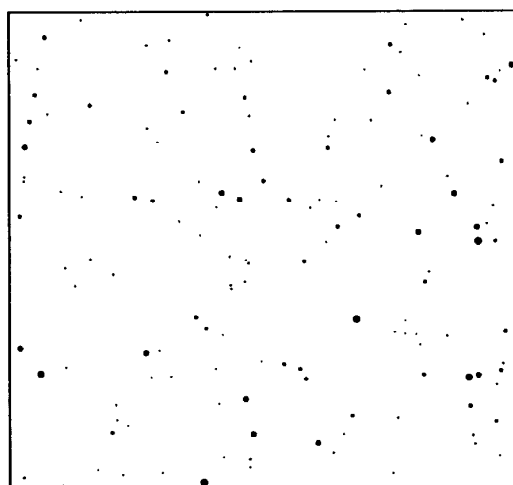
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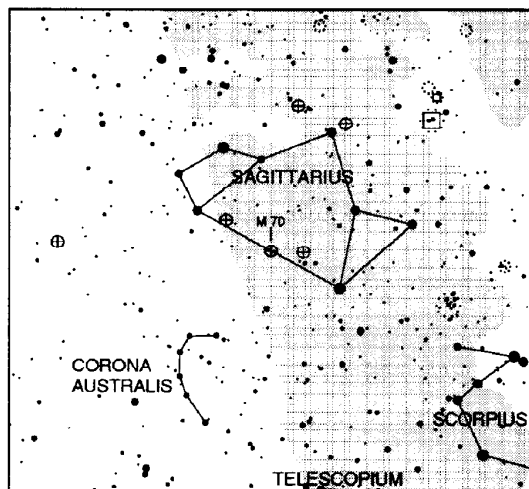
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M 70

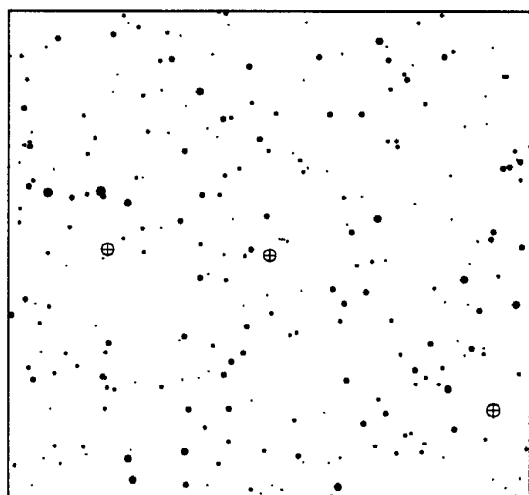
M70 - diffuse patch, no detail seen.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 6, 7, 8, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 55, 54, 69

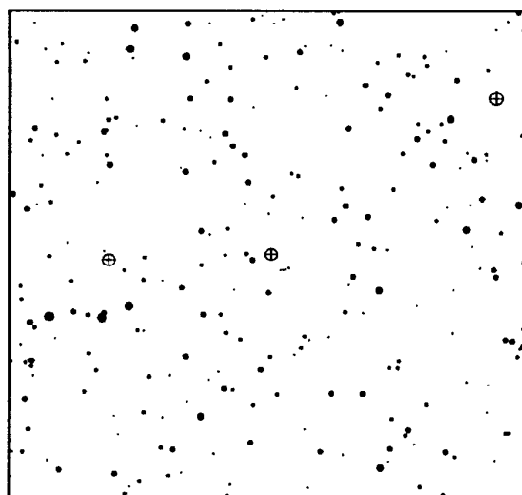


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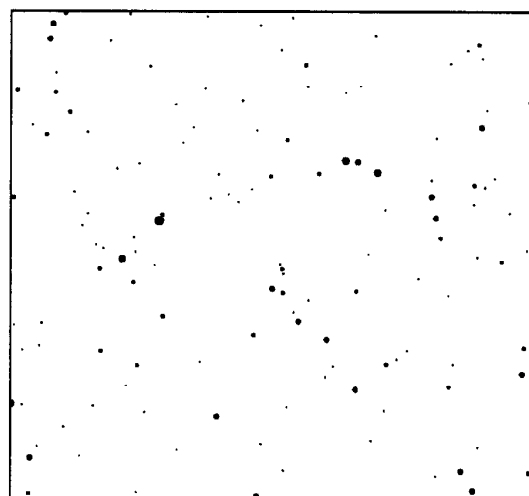
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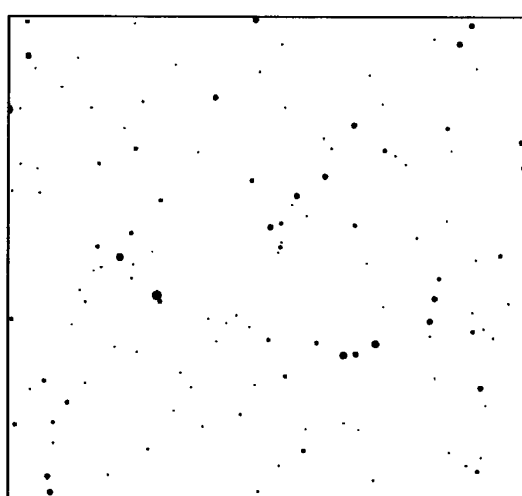
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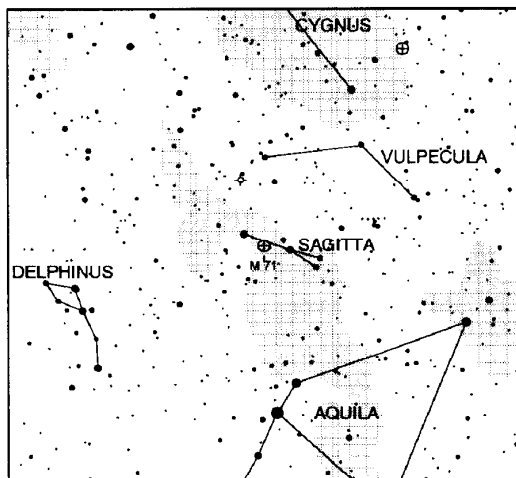


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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
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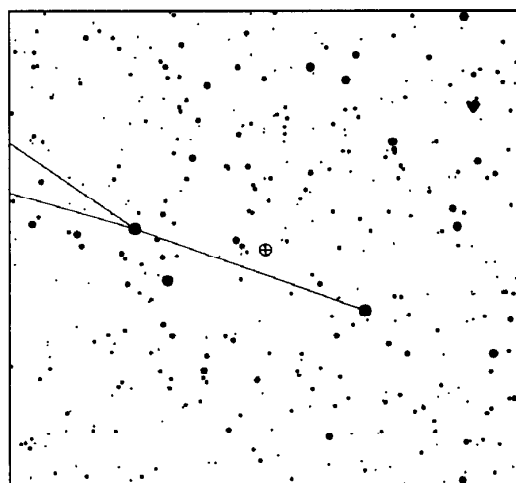
M71 - a faint oval hazy patch of light, slightly brighter to the West. Resolves with larger apertures.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 27, 56

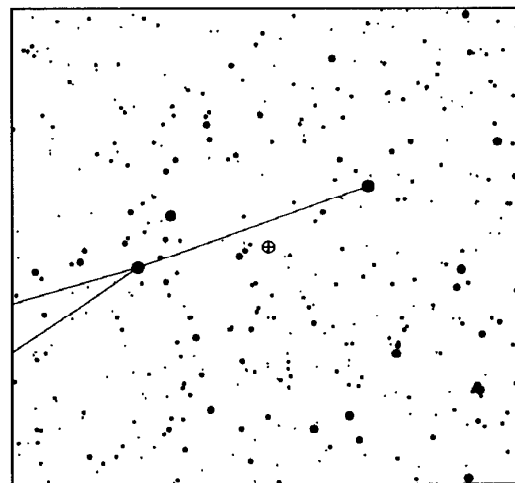


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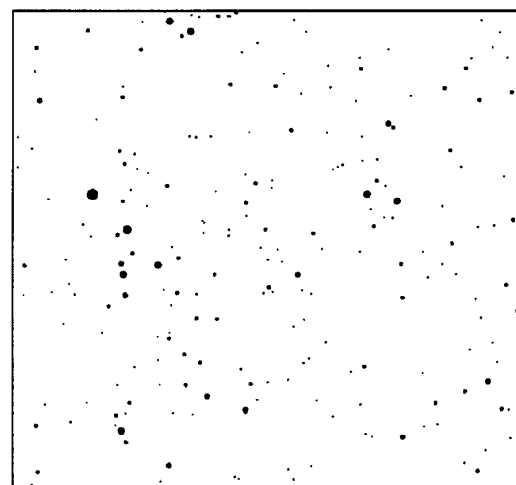
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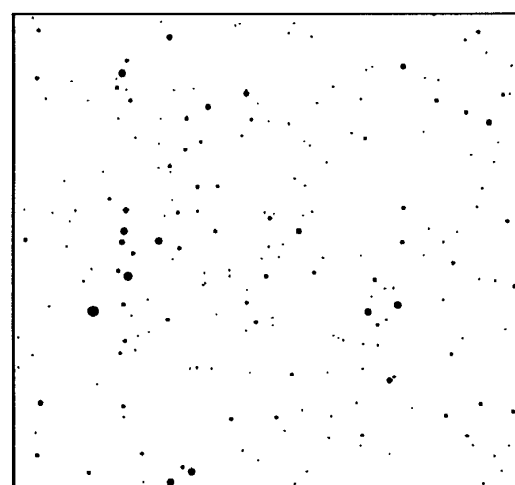
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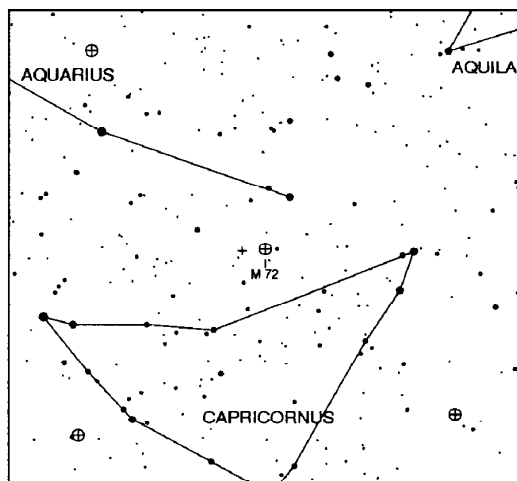
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M 72

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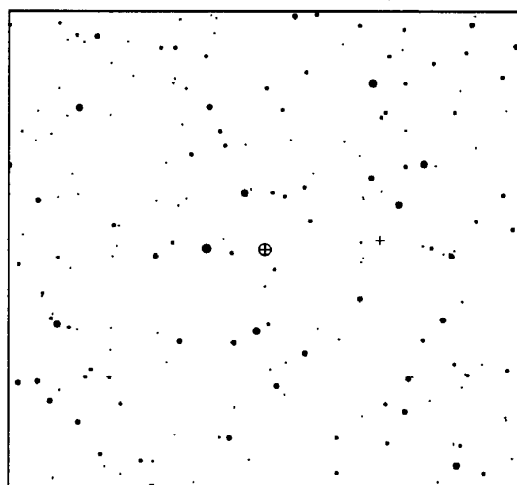
M72 - faint oval patch of light, gradually brighter towards the middle, with slight granularity.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 2, 30, 73, 75

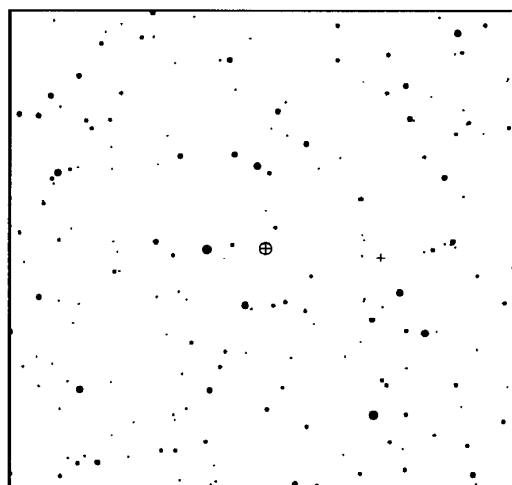


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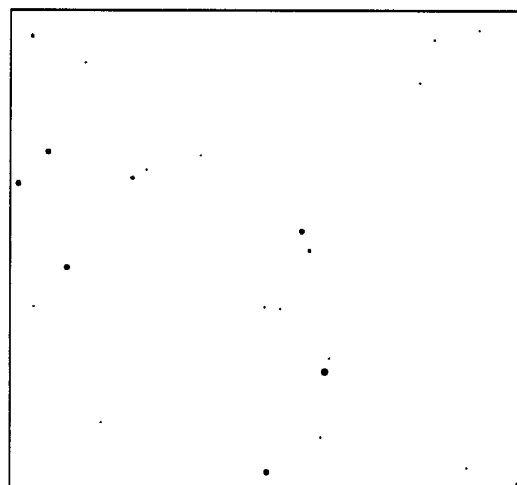
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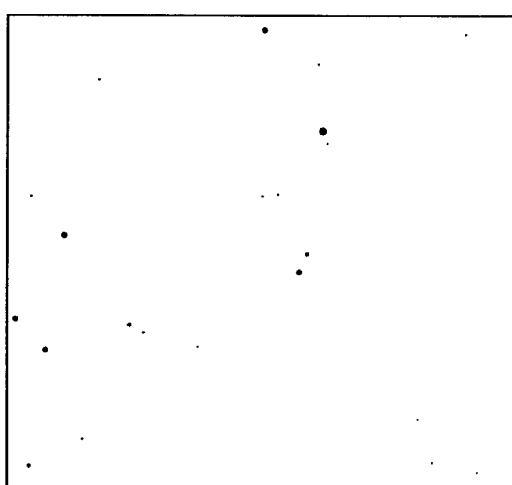
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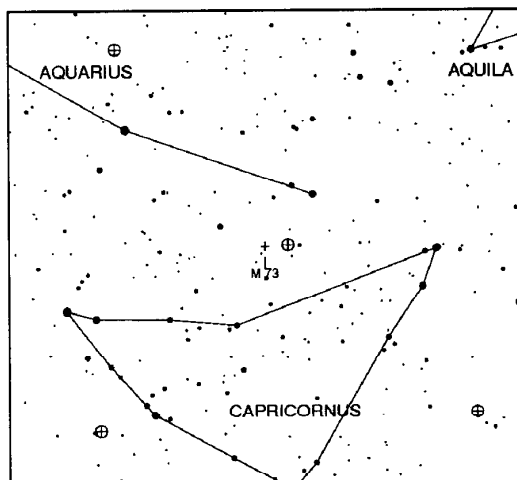


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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
73	6994	Aqr	20 58.9	-12 38	-	1.2	Asterism		

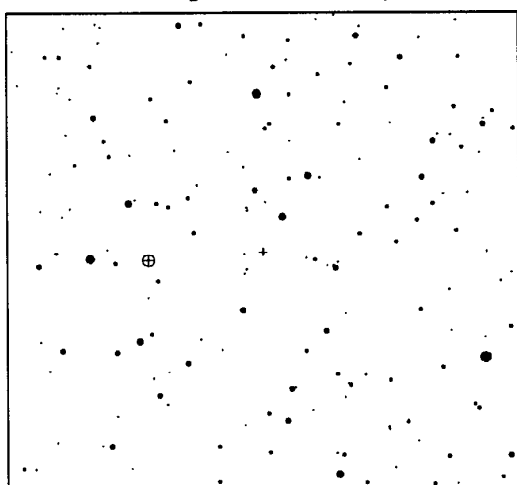
M73 - described by Messier "cluster of three or four stars containing very little nebulosity". 4 stars, no nebulosity is present.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 2, 30, 72, 75

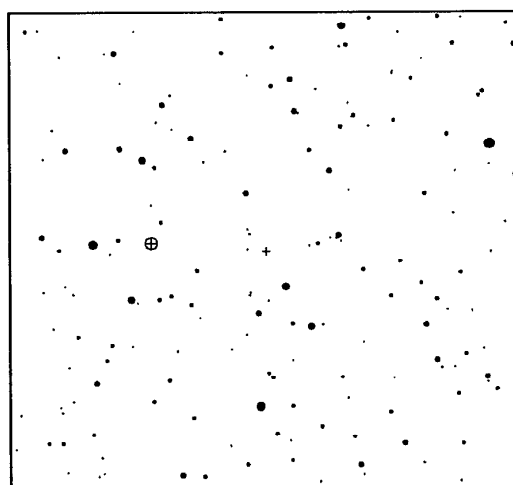


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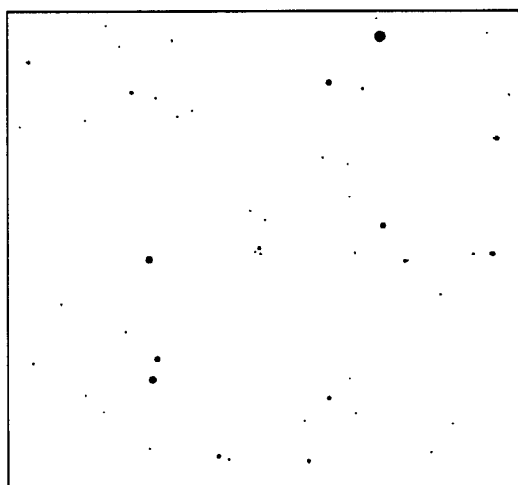
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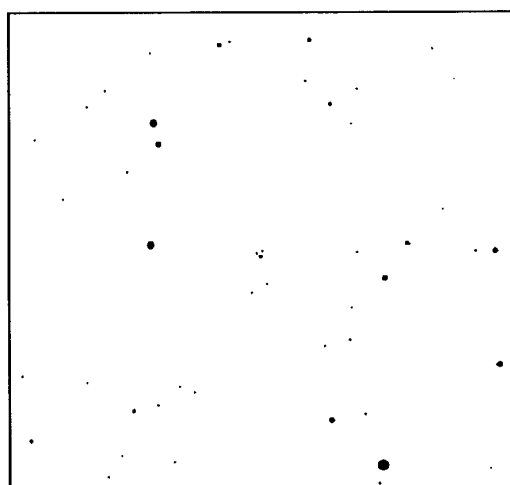
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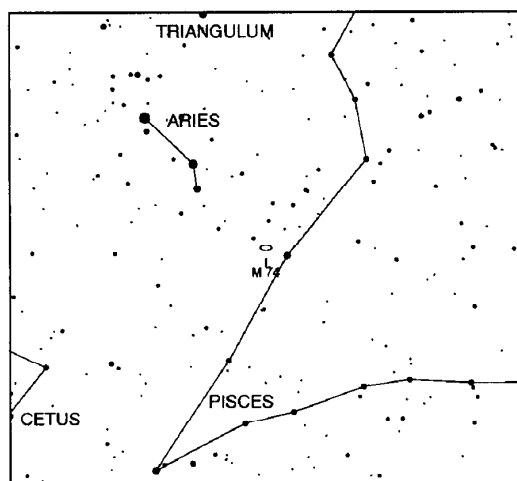
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M 74

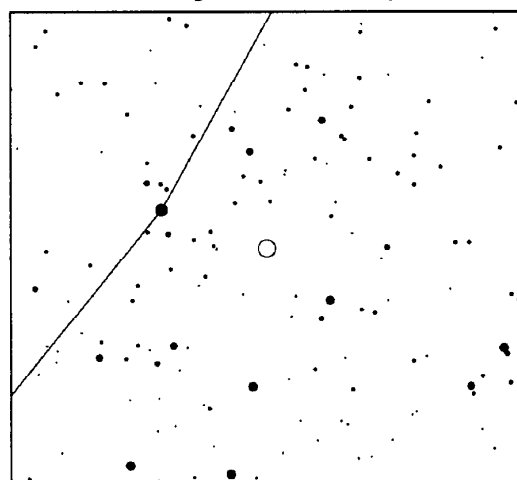
M74 - very faint. You will need very transparent skies to see it. Look for a very faint fuzzy star, which is the core, surrounded by a very faint glow. A low power eyepiece may show it best.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: none

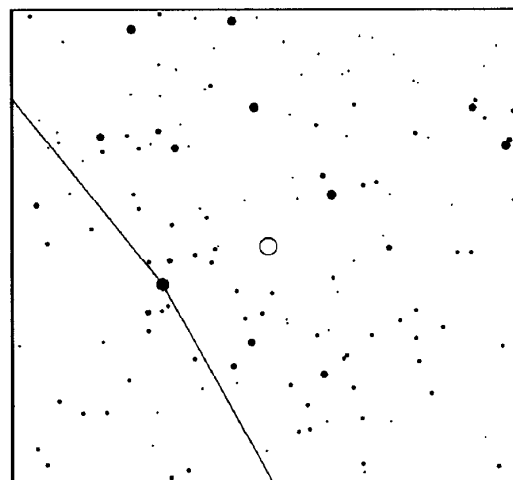


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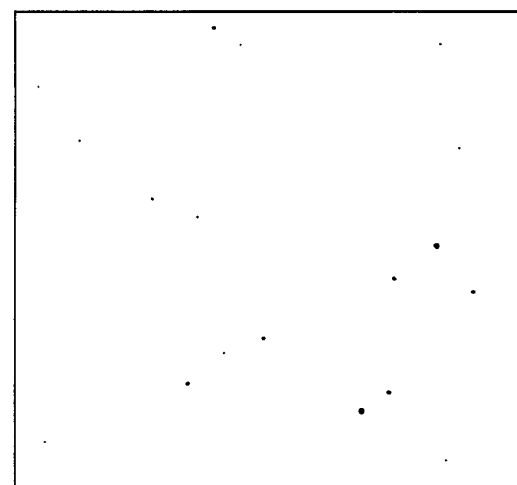
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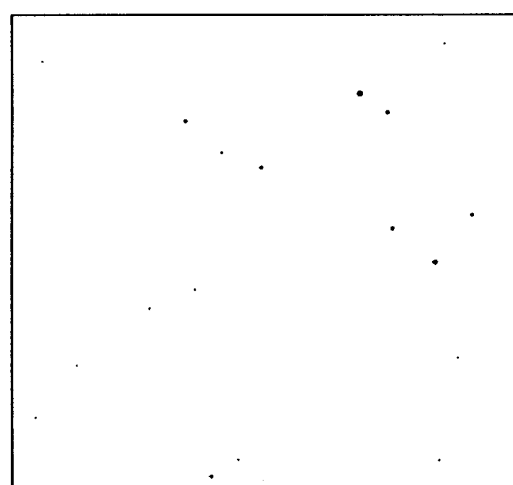
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1 degree field, North down



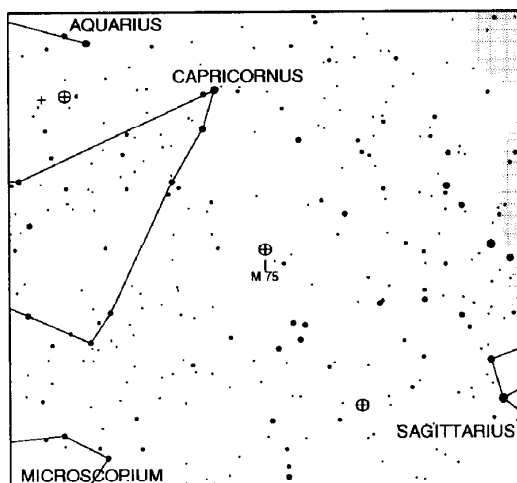
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M 75

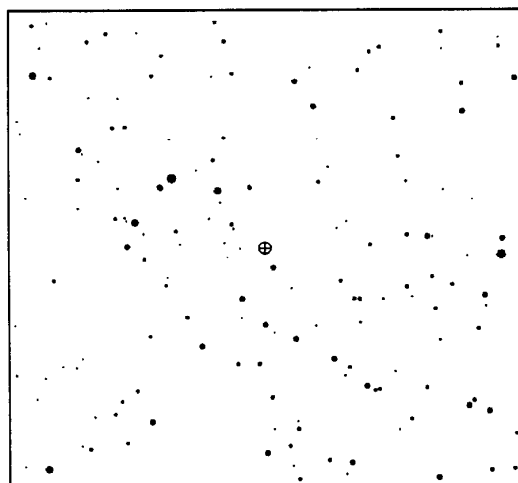
M75 - a nice condensed bright object! One of the most concentrated, but distant globulars in the Messier catalog.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 55, 72, 73

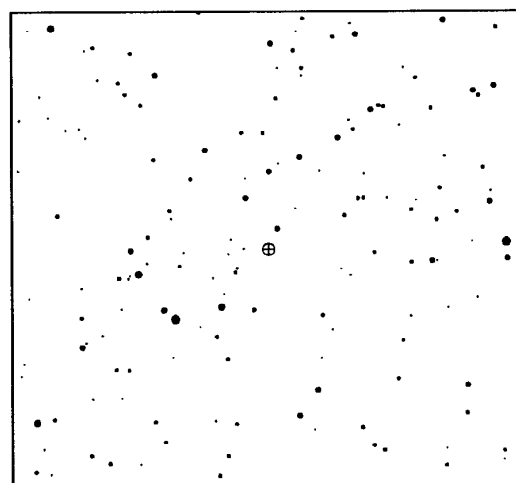


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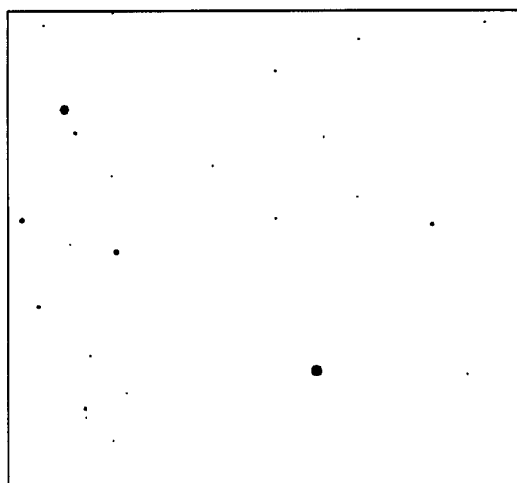
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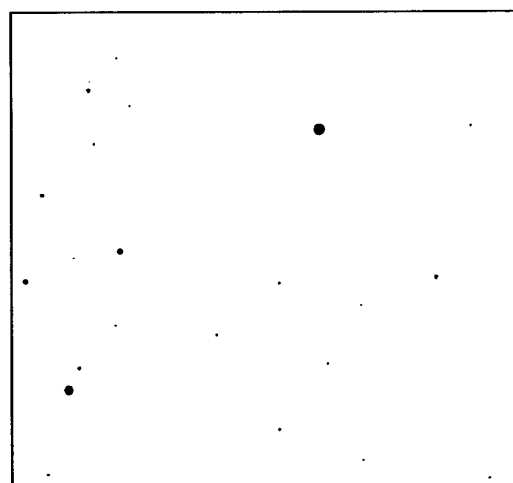
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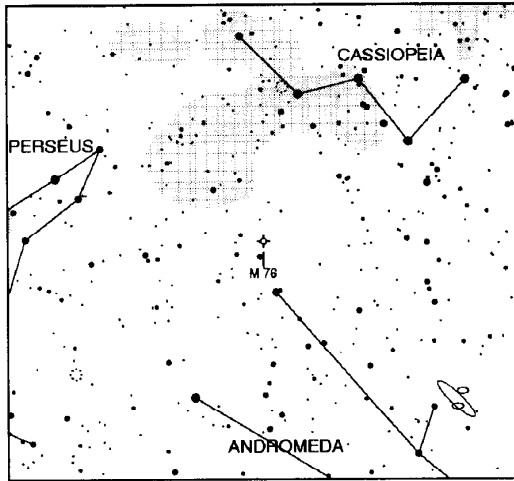


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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name	M 76
76	650	Per	01 42.4	51 34	11.0	2 x 1	PIN	1.7k	Little Dumbbell Nebula, Cork Nebula	

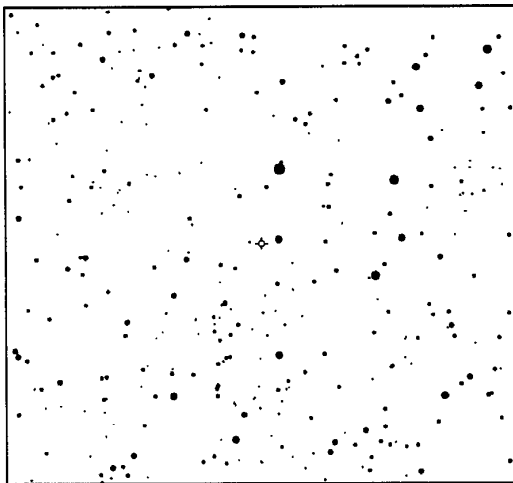
M76 - Look for a small, oblong patch of light. Fairly easy to find.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 31, 32, 34, 103, 110

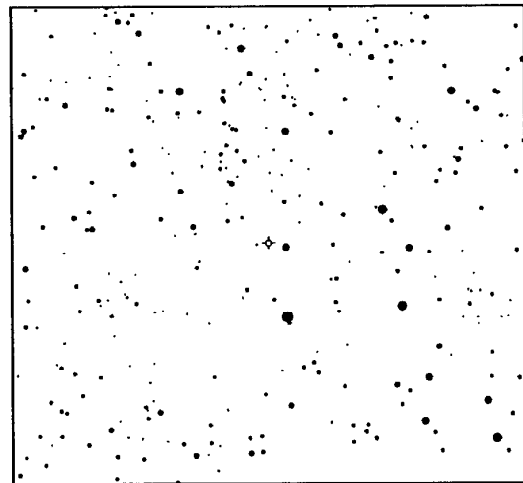


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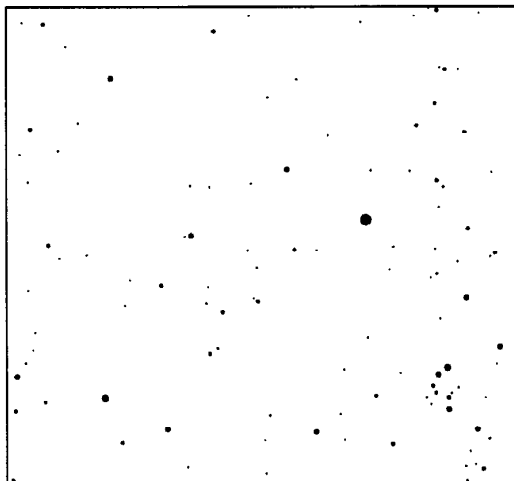
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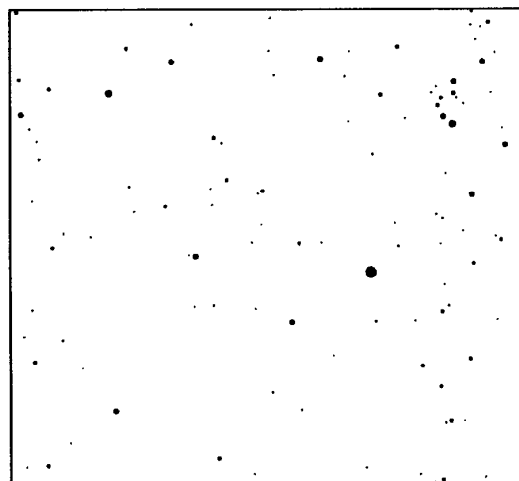
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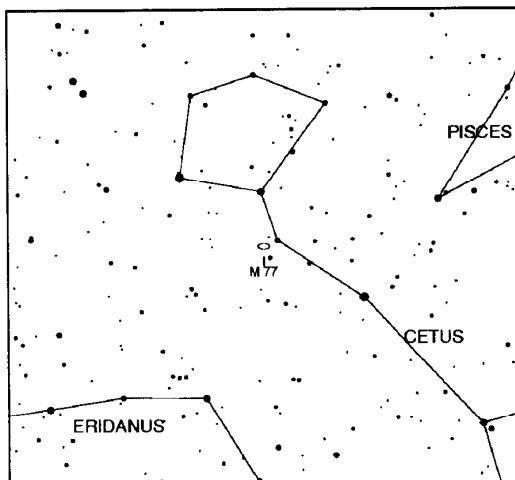
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77	1068	Cer	02 42.7	-00 01 10		2.5 x 1.7	Gal	60000k	

M 77

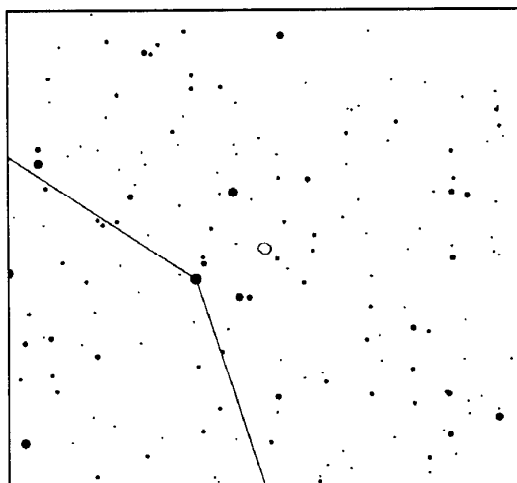
M77 - Look for a fuzzy, oval shaped patch of light, bright in the center, fading towards the edges. Look for mottling under good conditions.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: none

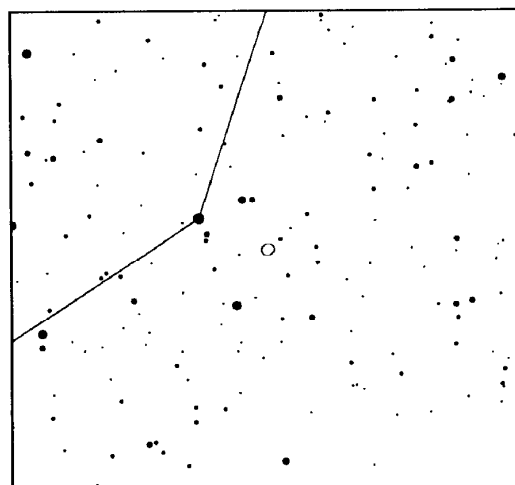


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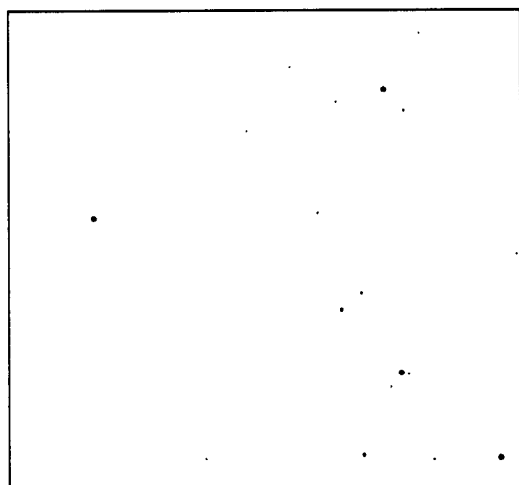
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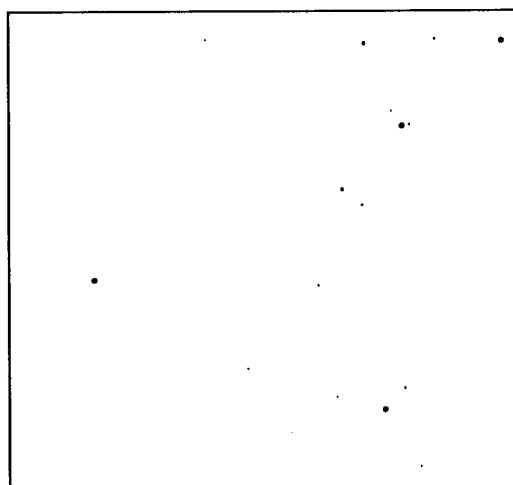
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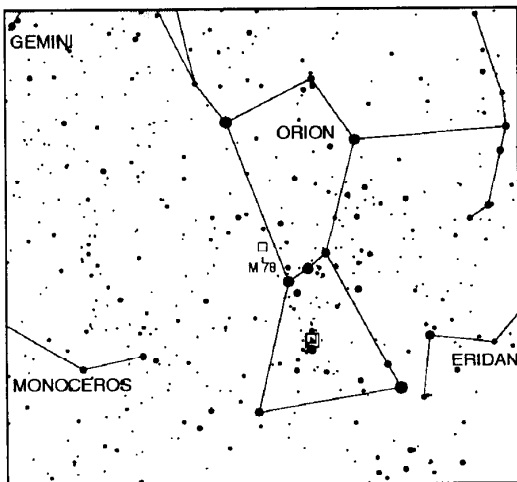
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M 78

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
78	2068	Ori	05 46.7	00 03	8.0	8 x 6	DfN	1.6k	

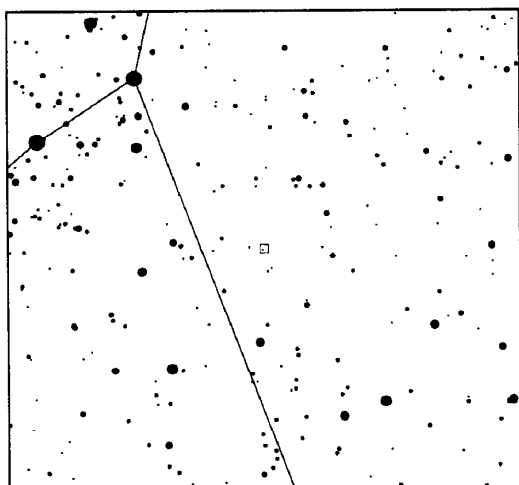
M78 - A small emission nebula, two stars with involved neblosity.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 42, 43

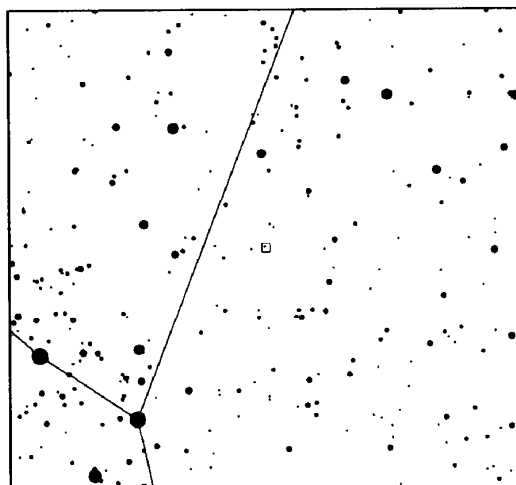


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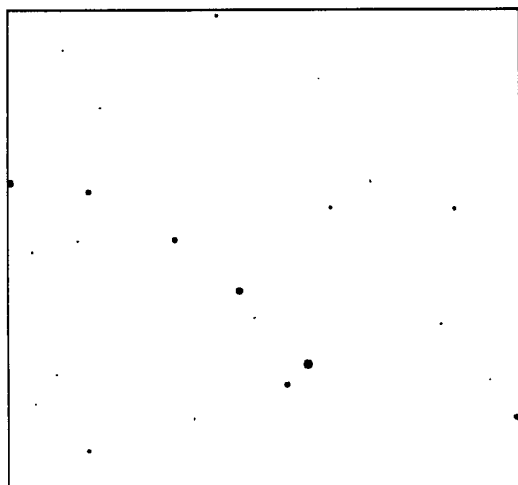
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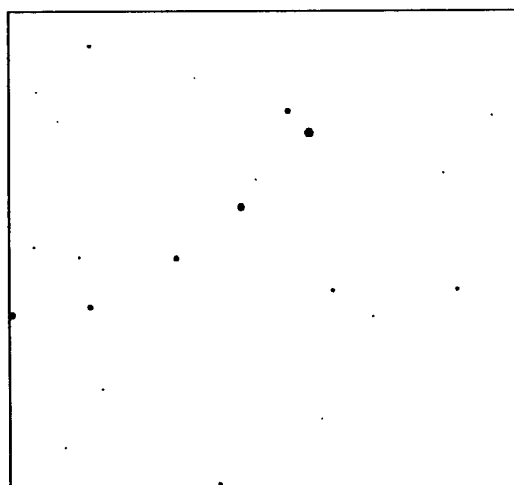
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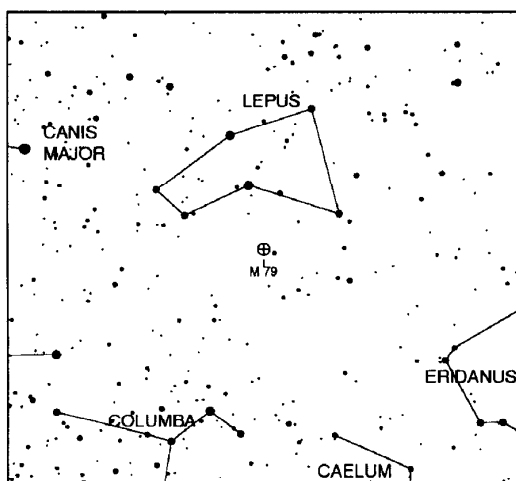
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M 79

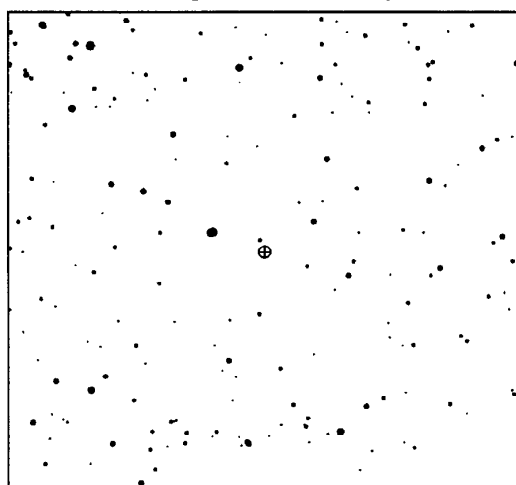
M79 - Very faint and small cloudy patch.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: none

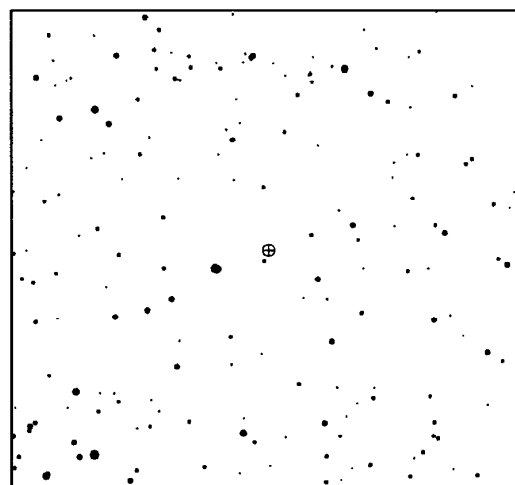


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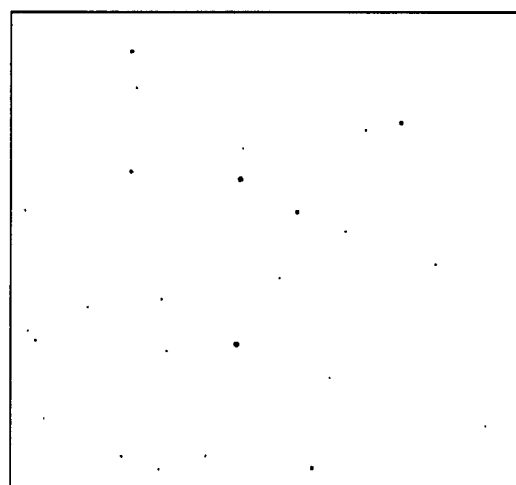
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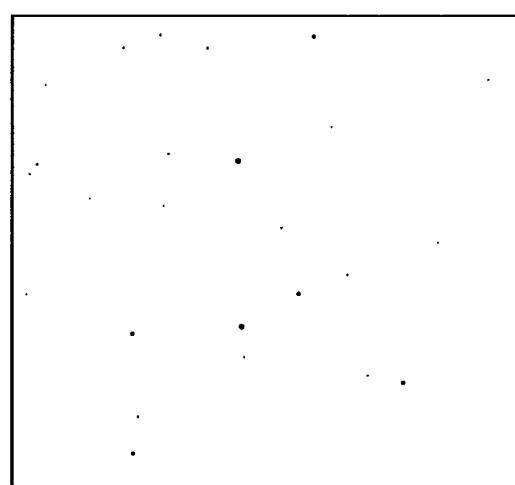
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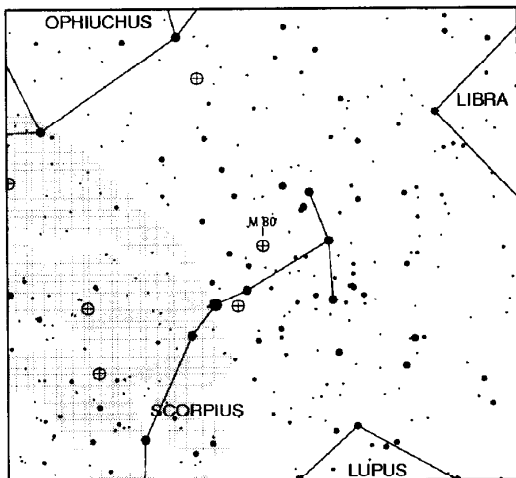
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M 80

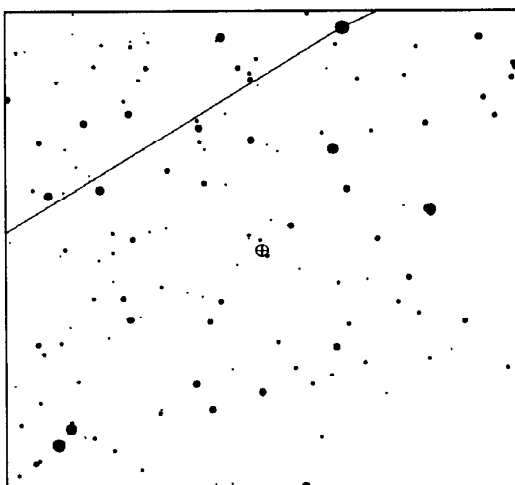
M80 - very condensed, with a hint of resolution.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 4, 9, 19, 62, 107

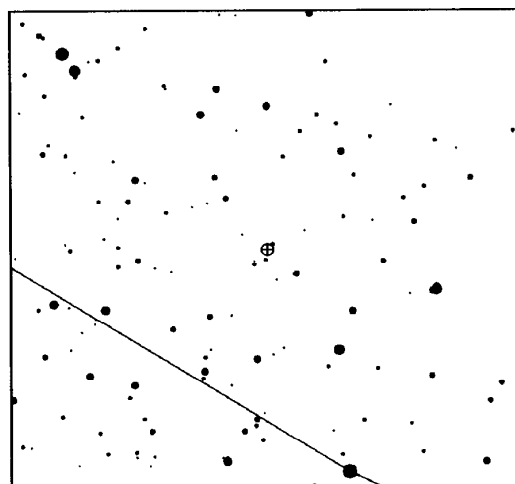


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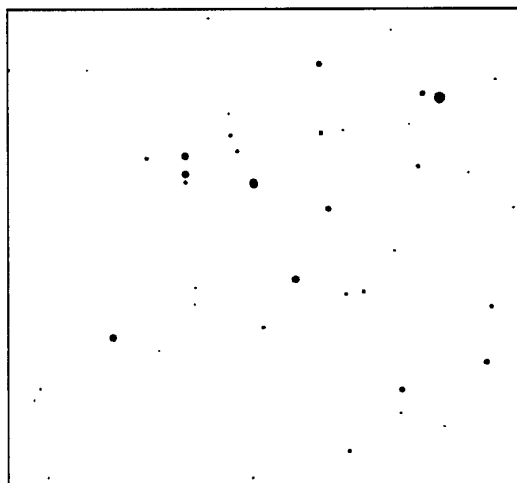
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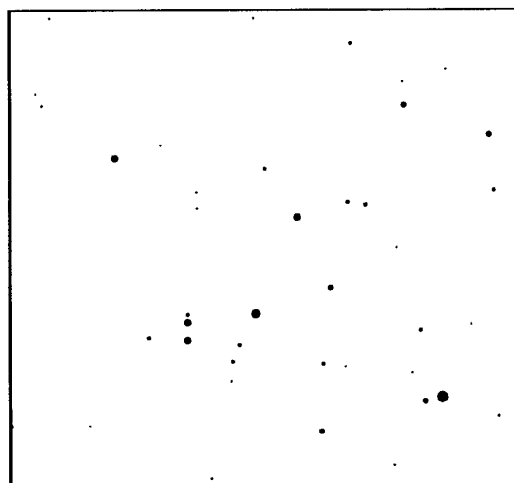
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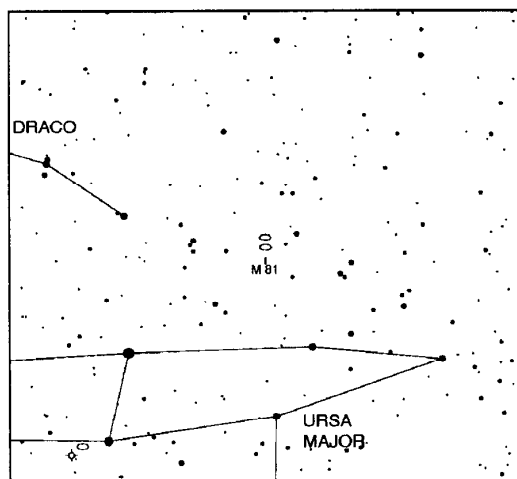
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
81	3031	UMa	09 55.6	69 04	8	18 x 10	Gal	6500k	Bode's Galaxy

M 81

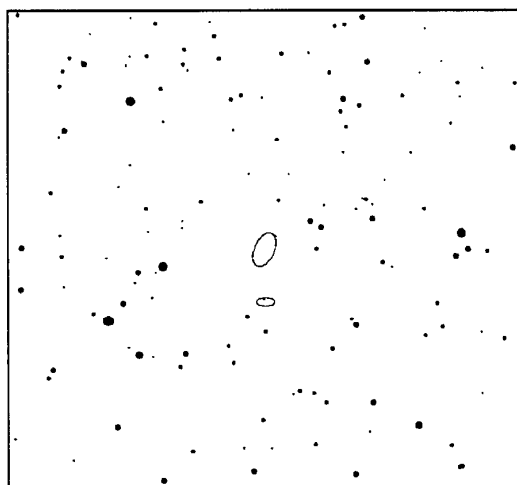
M81 - Note granularity in central region. Look for hints of outer arms, small luminous patches outside the main body of object. Three foreground stars superimposed on galaxy. Same field as M82.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 82, 97, 108

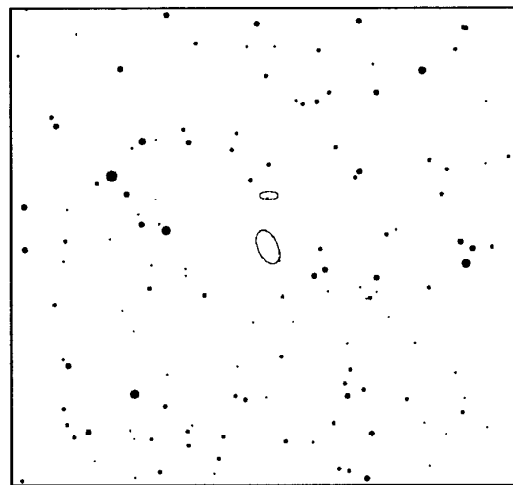


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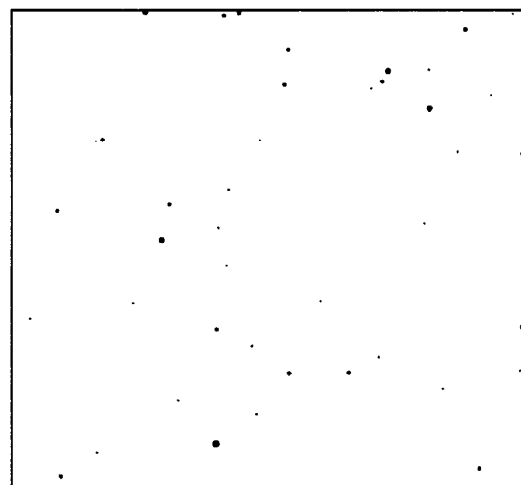
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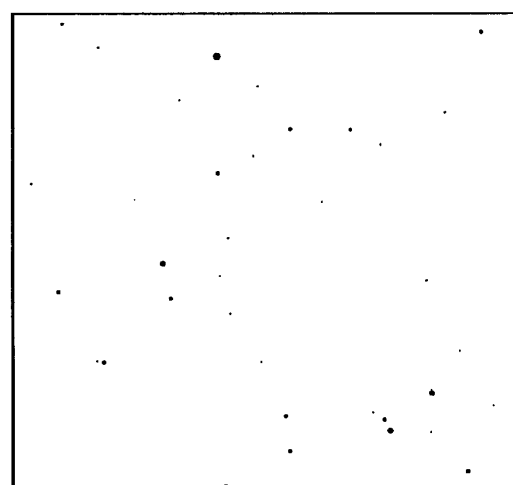
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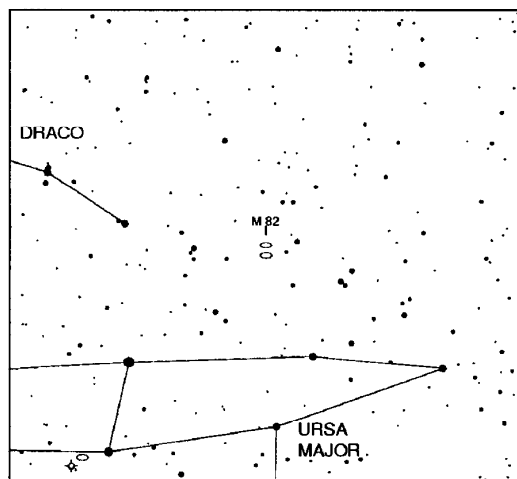
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
82	3034	UMa	09 55.8	69 41	9.2	8 x 3	Gal	11000k	Cigar Galaxy

M 82

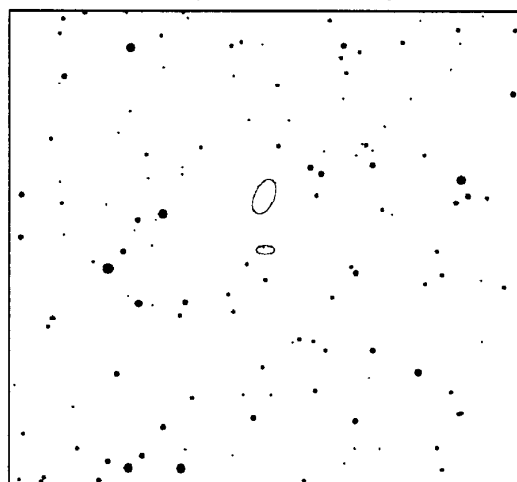
M82 - a long, thin taper, with core slightly offset. Star very close to southern edge. Same field as M81.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 81, 97, 108

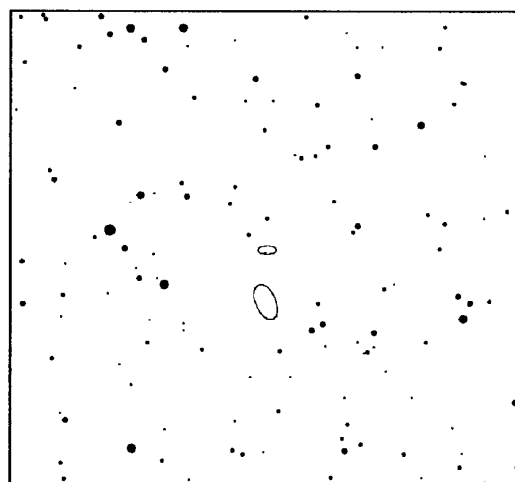


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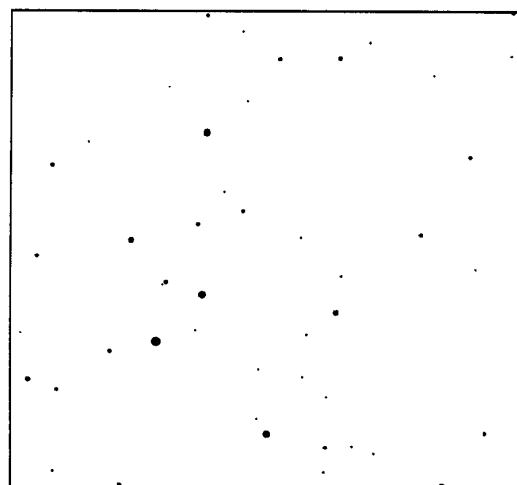
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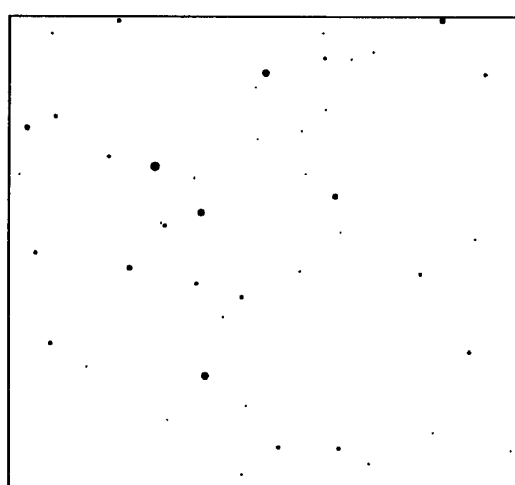
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6 degree field, North up, Mirrored



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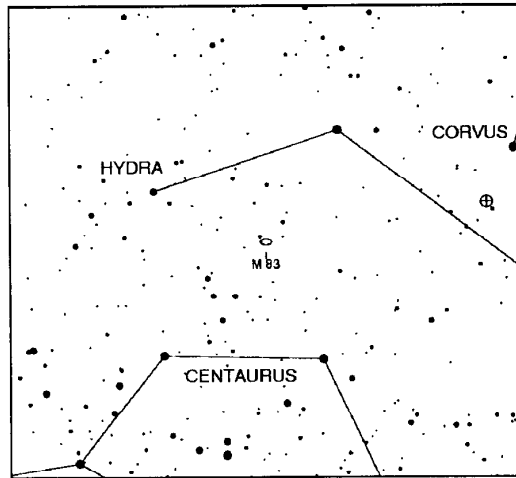


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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name	M 83
83	5236	Hya	13 37.0	-29 52	8	10 x 8	Gal	10000k	Southern Pinwheel Galaxy	

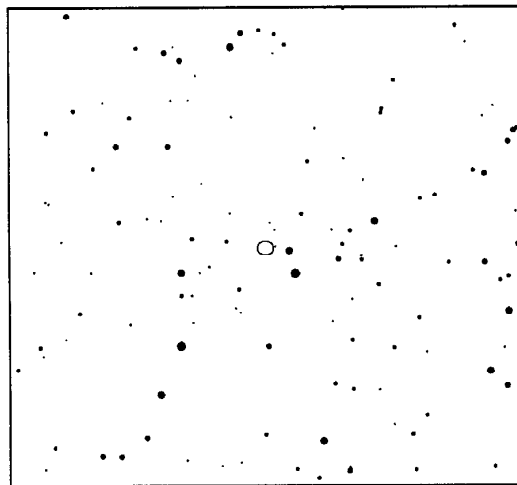
M83 - central core with some mottling visible.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 68

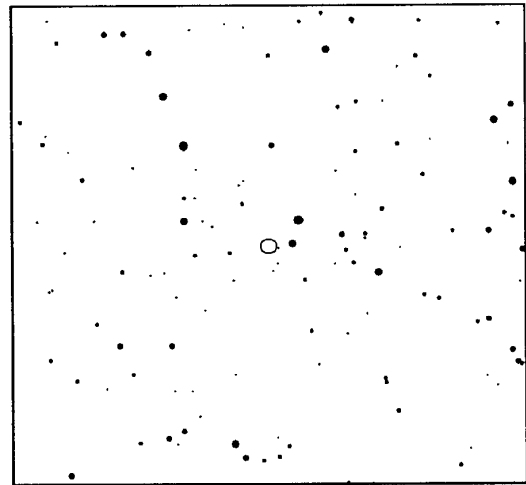


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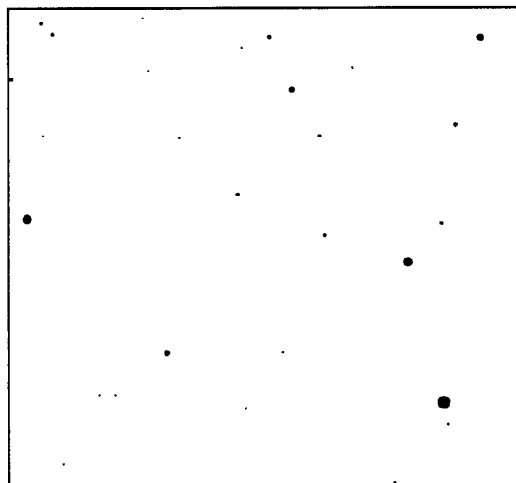
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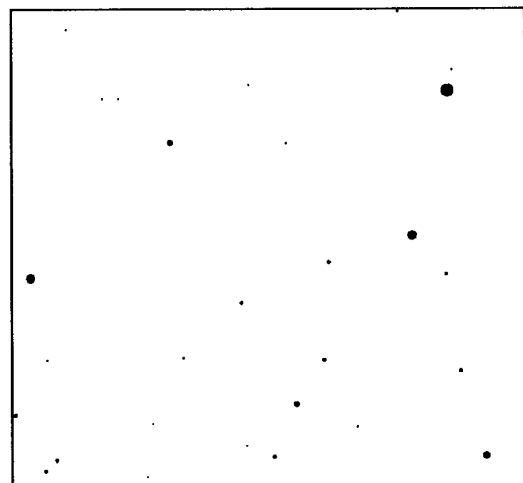
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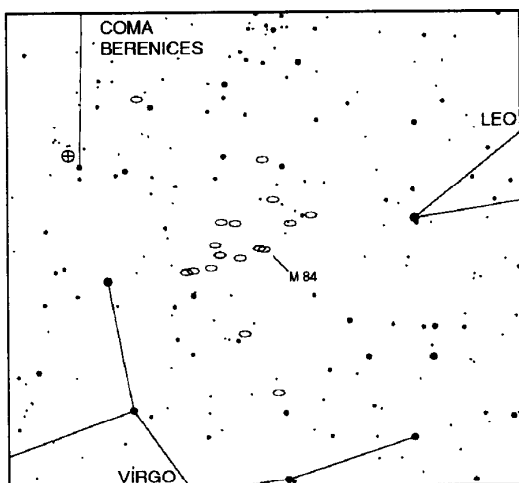
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84	4374	Vir	12 25.1	12 53	10.5	2 x 1.8	Gal	25000k	

M 84

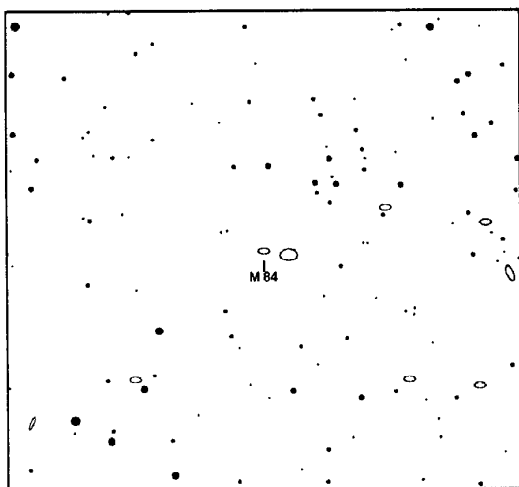
M84 - A small fuzz ball with bright, almost stellar core. Same low power field as M86.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

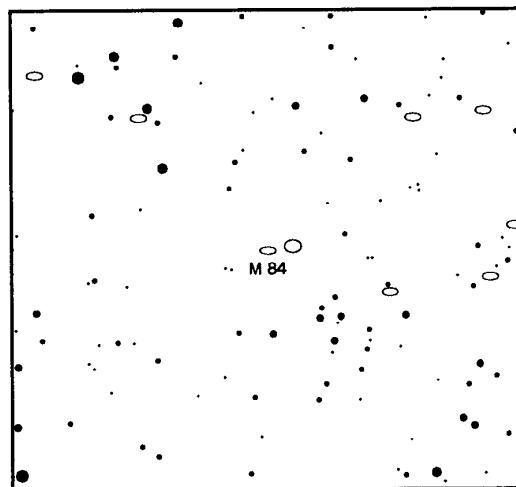


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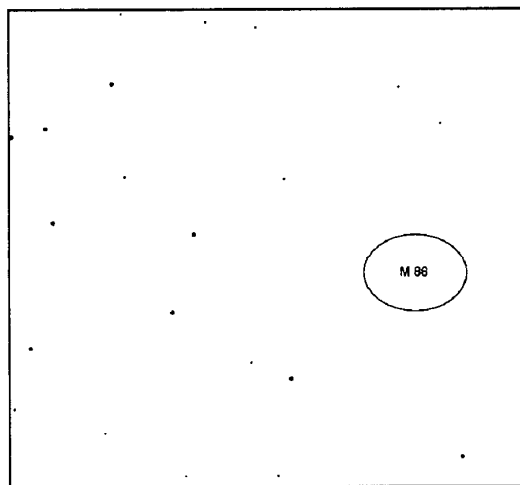
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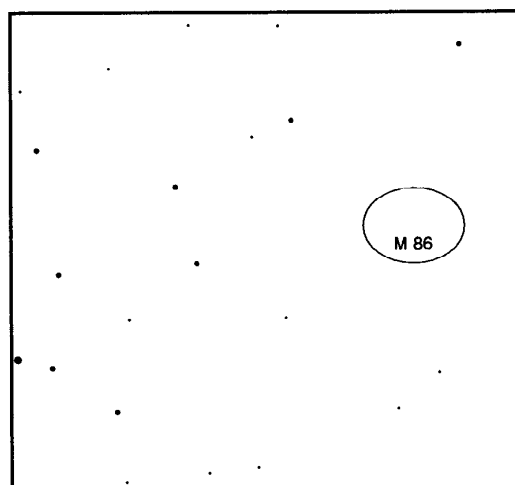
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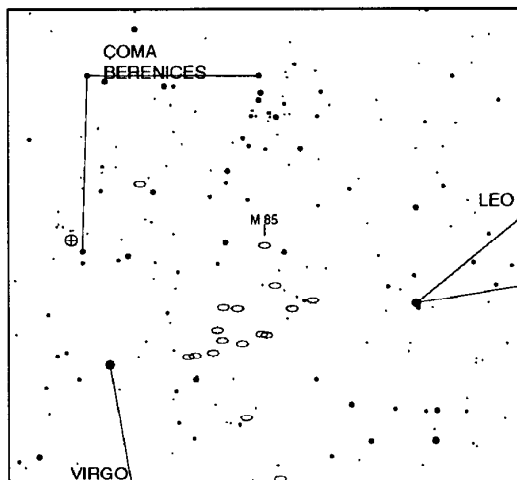
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M 85

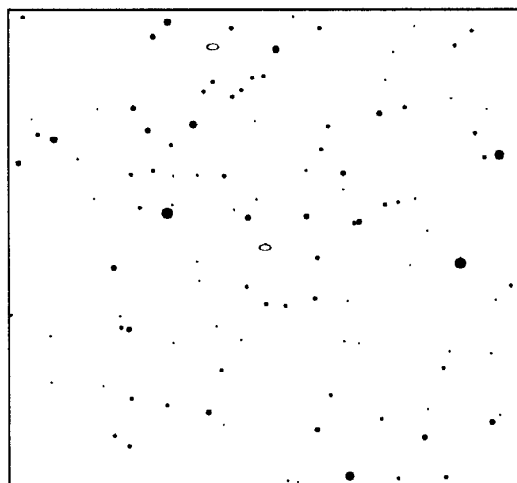
M85 - appears as a bright, small, patch of light with a stellar core.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 84, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

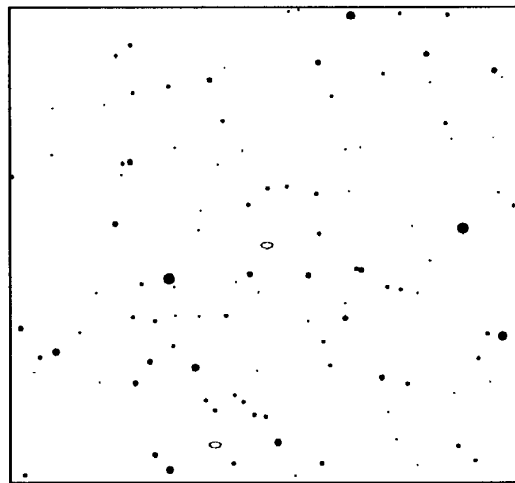


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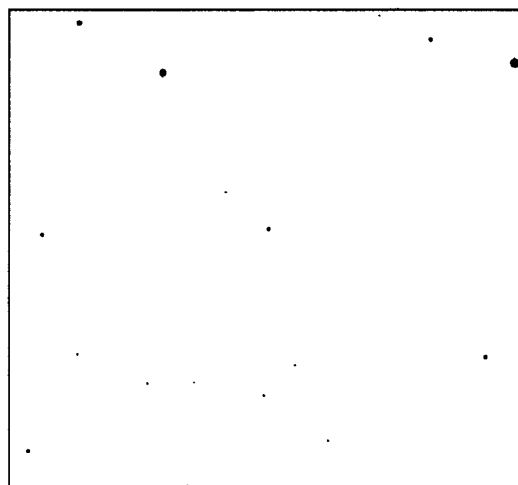
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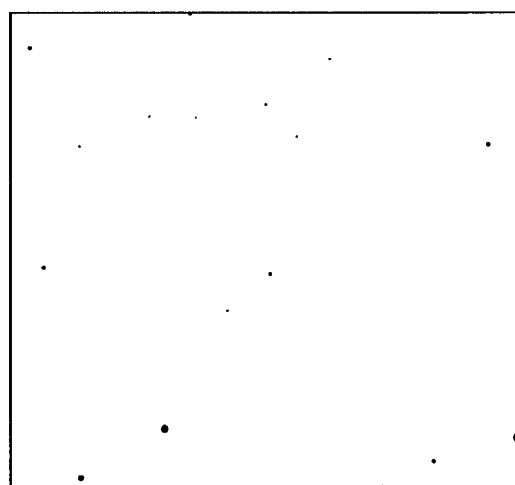
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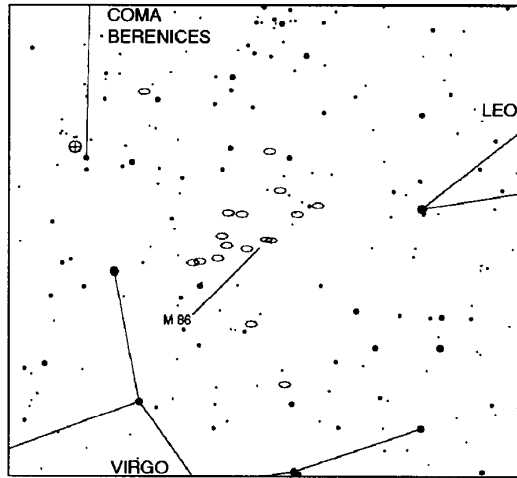
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86	4406	Vir	12 26.2	12 57	10.5	3 x 2	Gal	20000k	

M 86

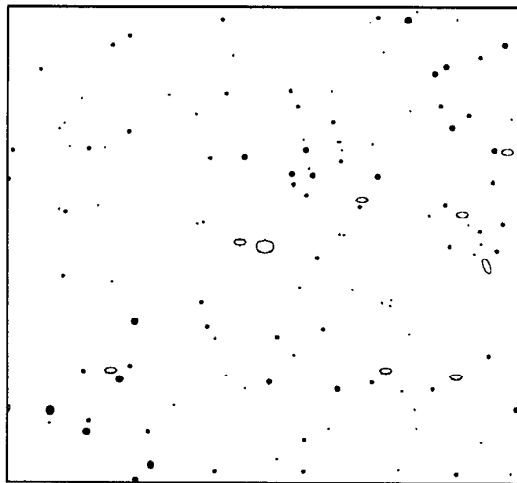
M86 - A small fuzz ball, more elongated and larger than M84. Same low power field as M84.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

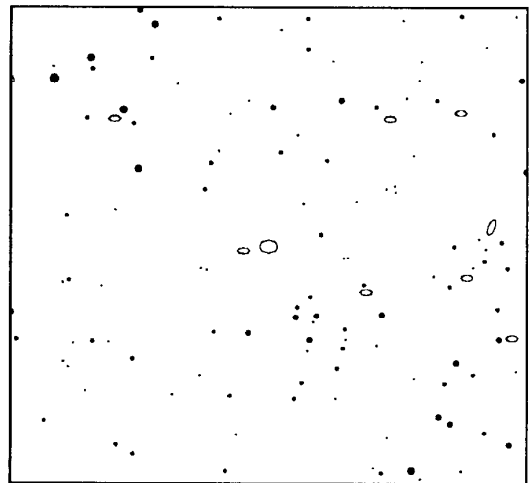


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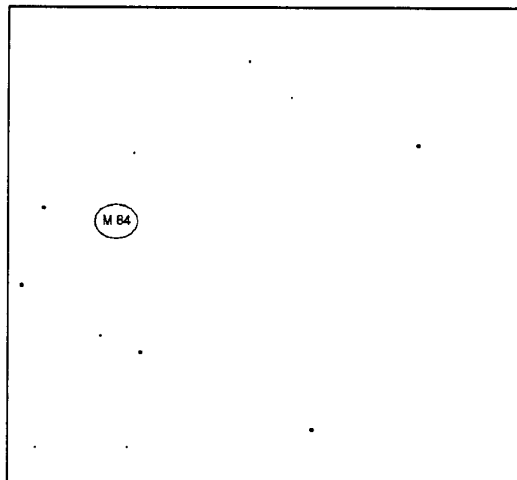
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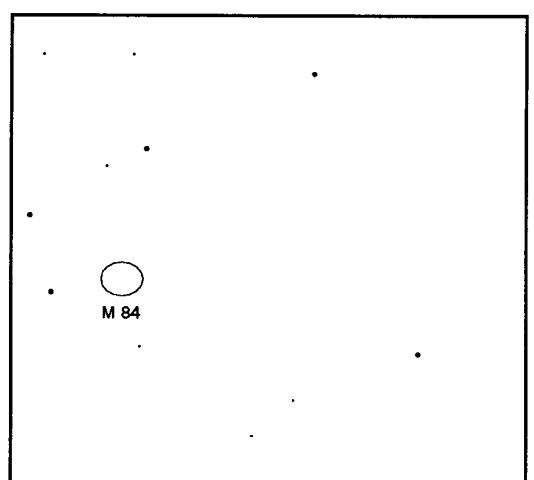
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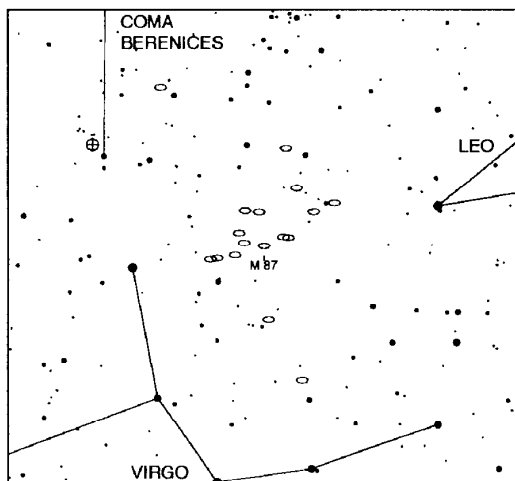
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
87	4486	Vir	12 30.8	12 24	10.1	3 x 3	Gal	60000k	Virgo A

M 87

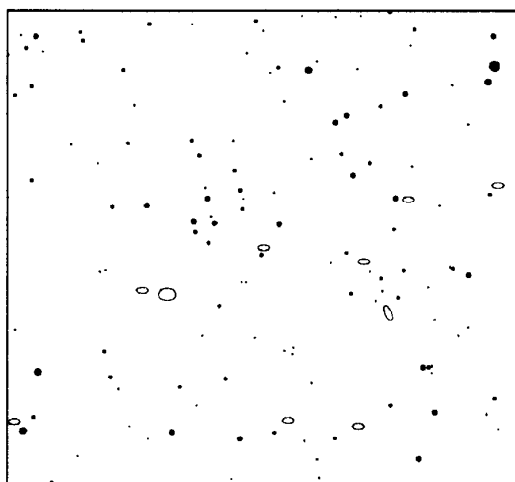
M87 - Another very round fuzzy ball with a bright core. Slightly brighter than both M84 and M86. NGC 4478 in same field.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 84, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

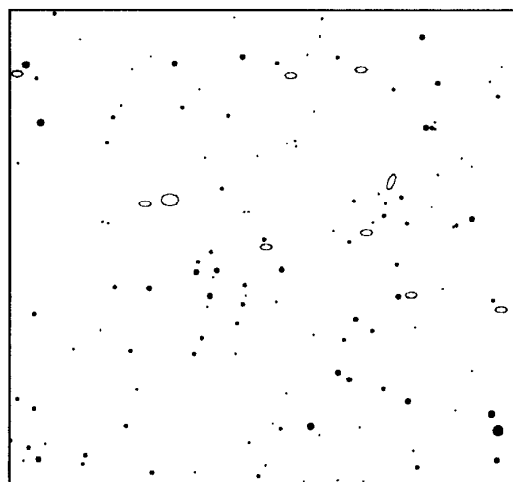


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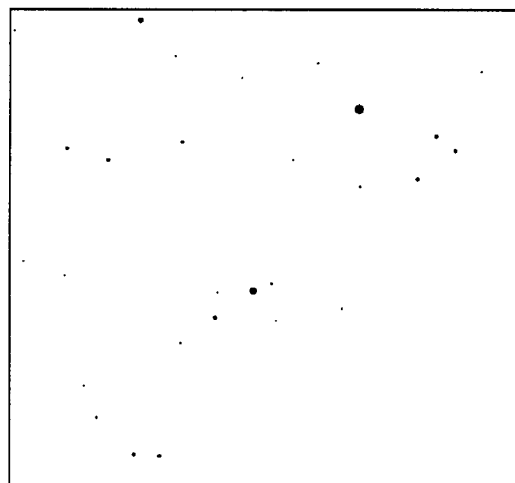
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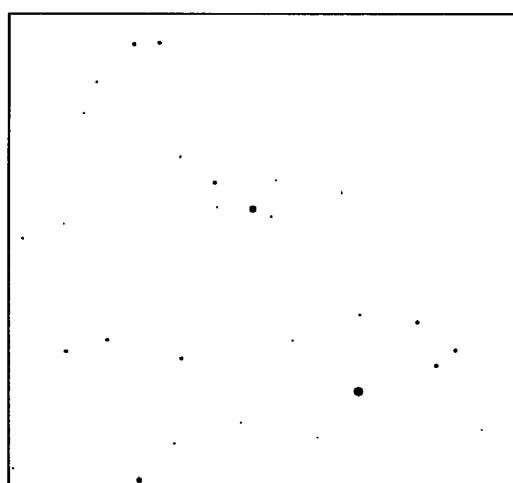
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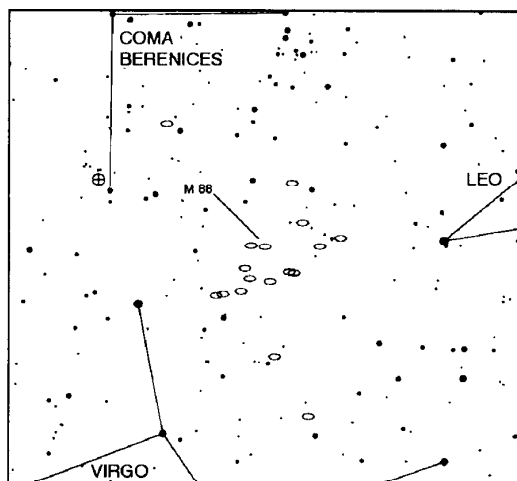
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88	4501	Com	12 32.0	14 25	10.5	5.7 x 2.5	Gal	41000k	

M 88

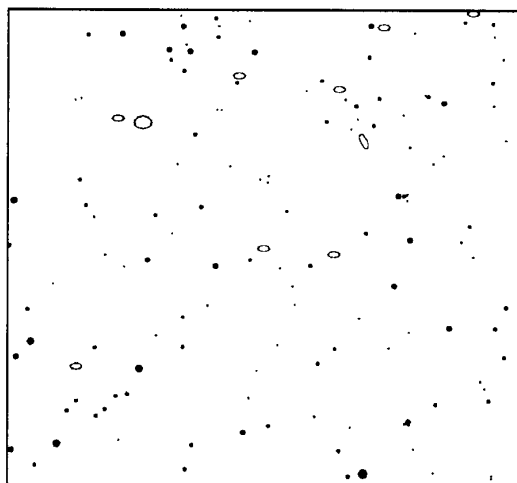
M88 - A small oval shaped fuzzy patch with a bright stellar core.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

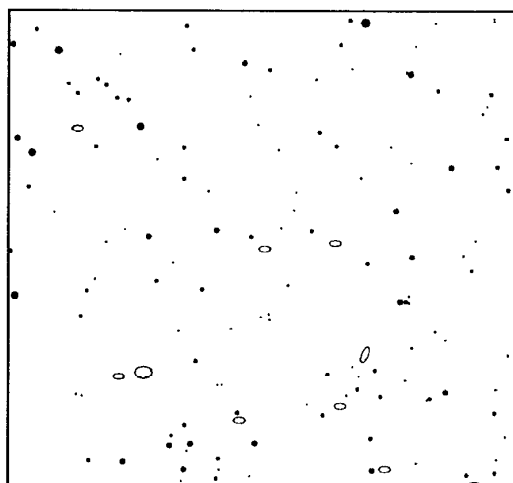


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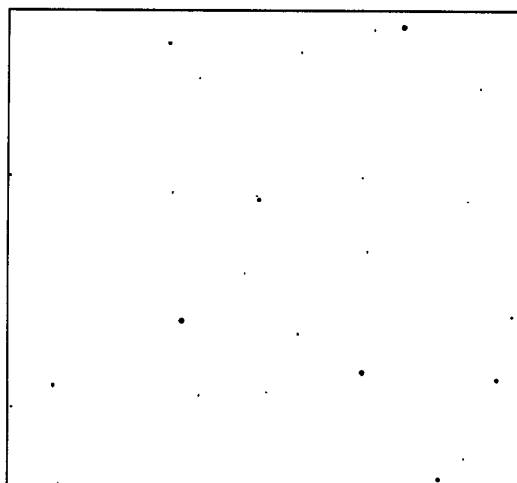
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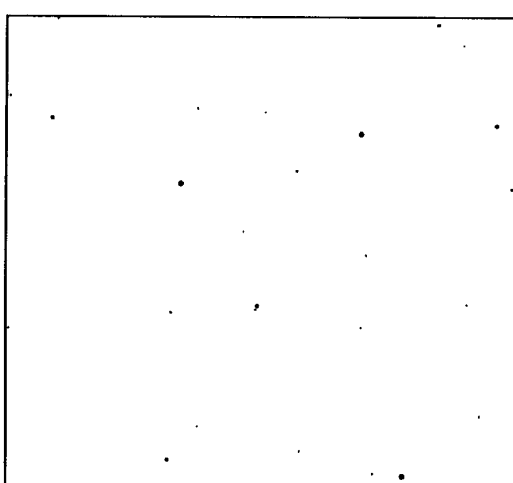
6 degree field, North down



6 degree field, North up, Mirrored



1 degree field, North down



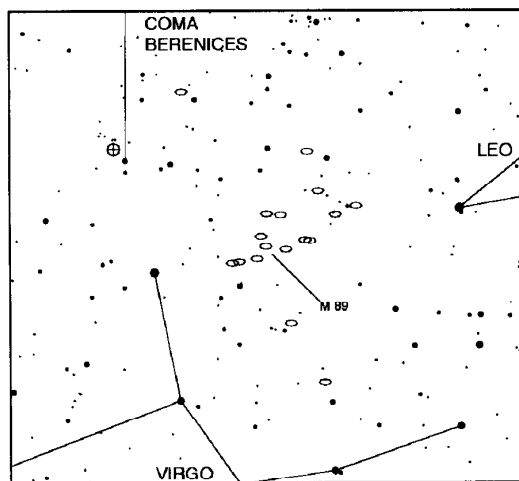
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M 89

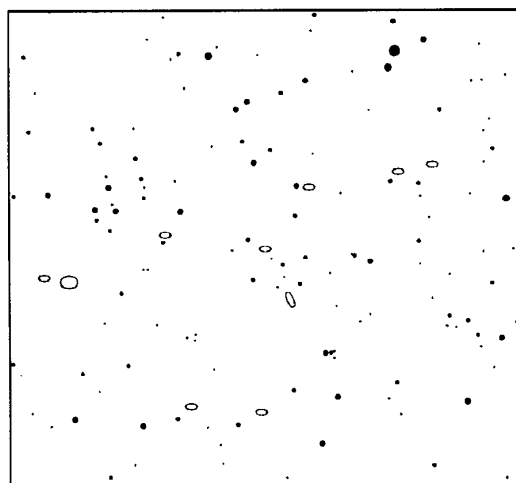
M89 - very round, fairly evenly illuminated.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100

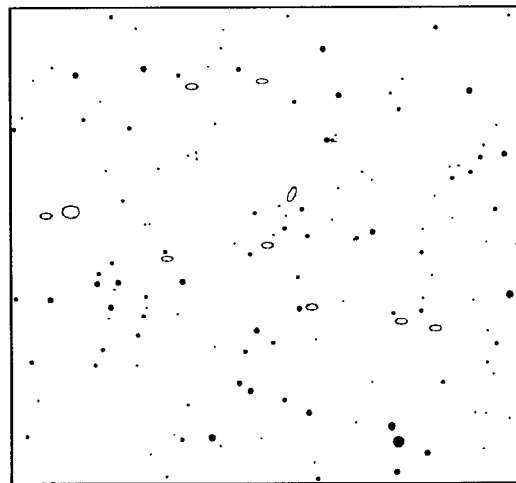


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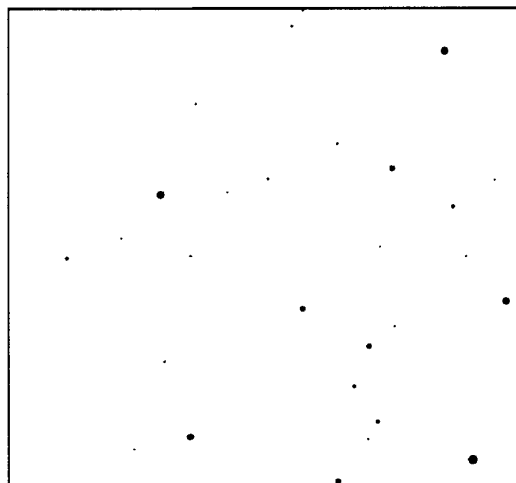
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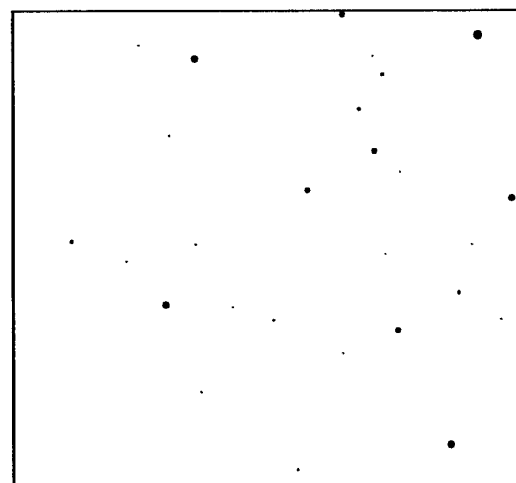
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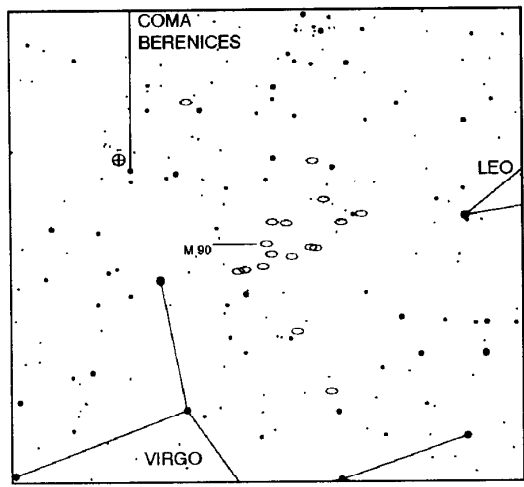
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M 90

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90	4569	Vir	12 36.8	13 10	11.0	9.5 x 4.5	Gal	42000k	

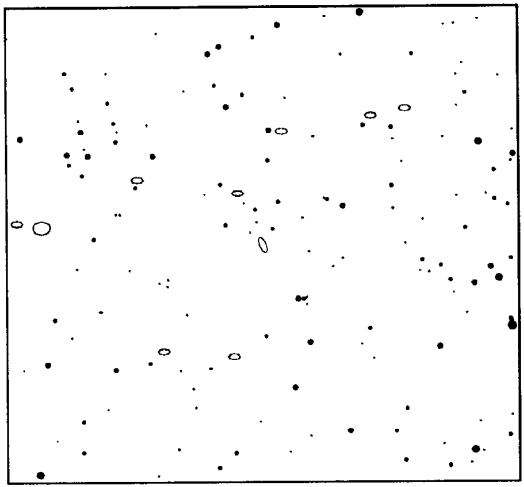
M90 - appears quite elongated with near stellar core, some mottling.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 98, 99, 100

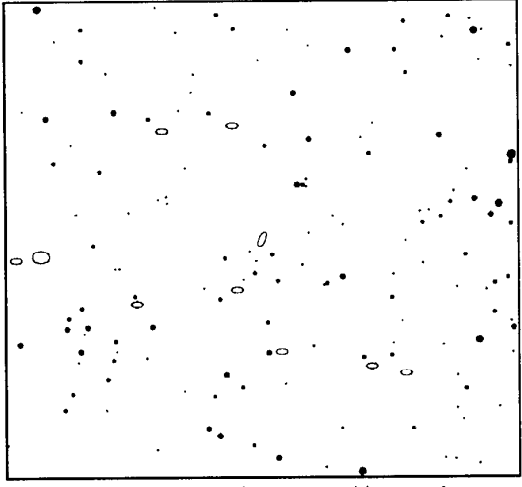


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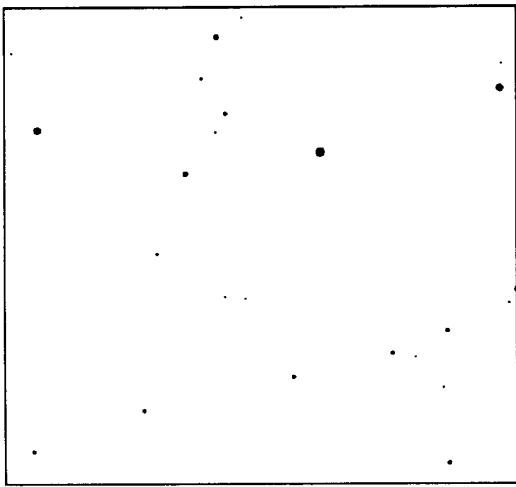
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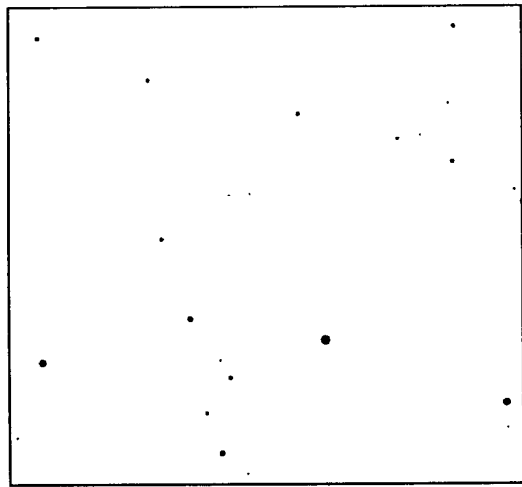
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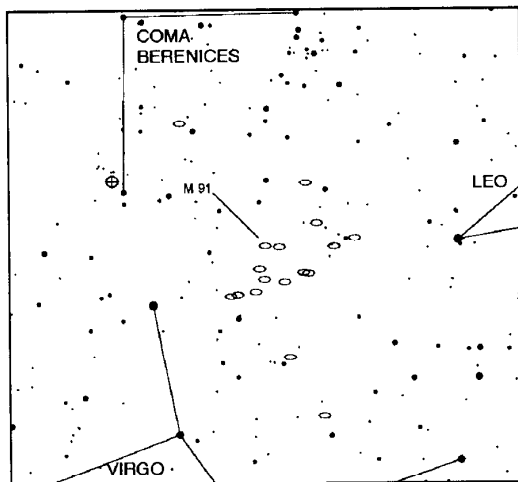
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M 91

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
91	4548	Com	12 35.4	14 30	11.1	7 x 2.5	Gal	60000k	

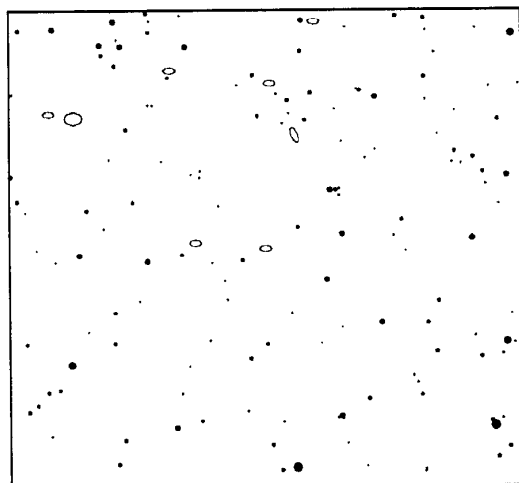
M91 - A faint, slightly irregular oval hazy patch of light.

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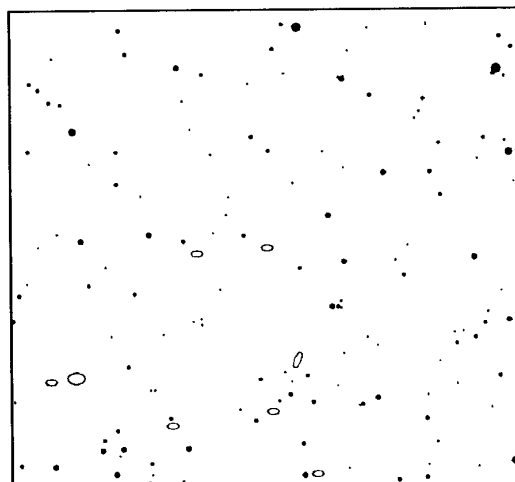


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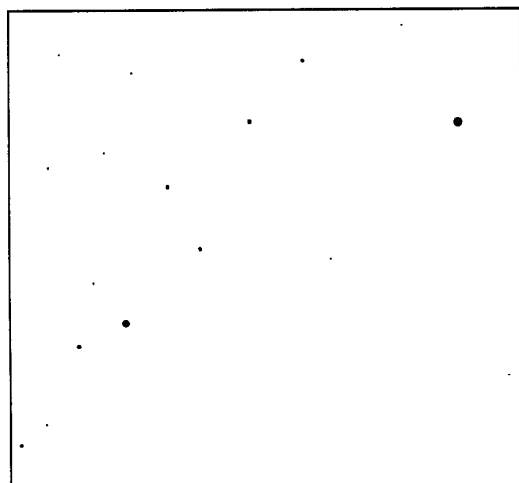
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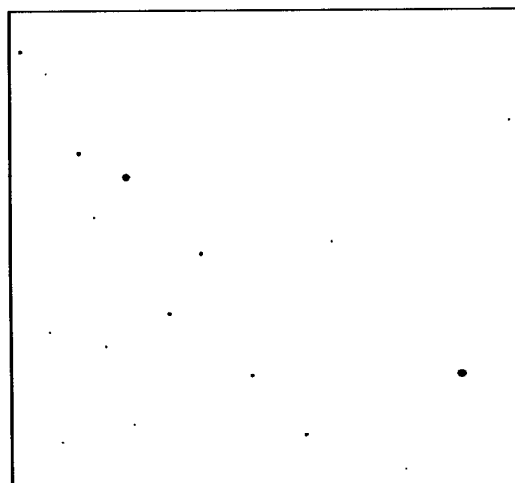
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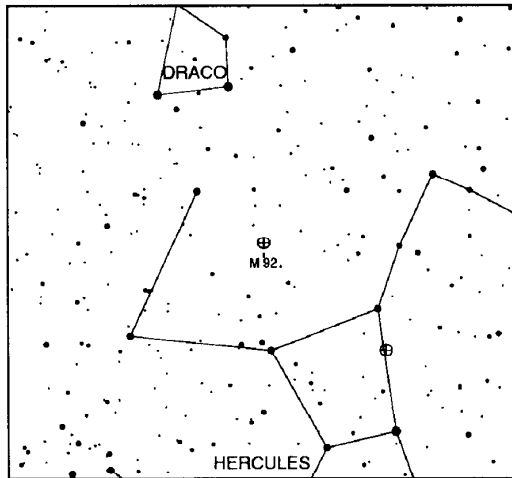
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92	6341	Her	17 17.1	43 08	7.5	11.2	GCl	35k	

M 92

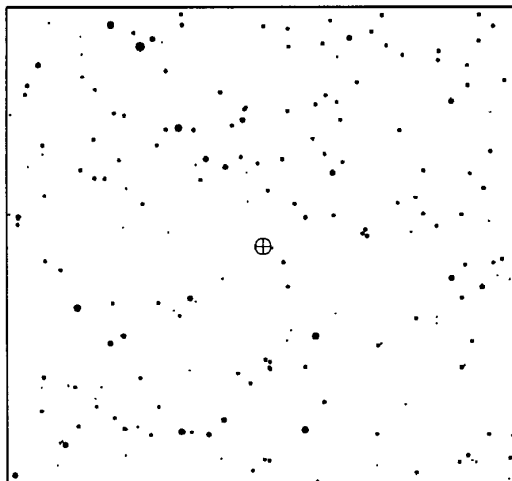
M92 - partially resolvable, looks elongated in small scope . Bright core. Look for small, dark patches within the cluster.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 13

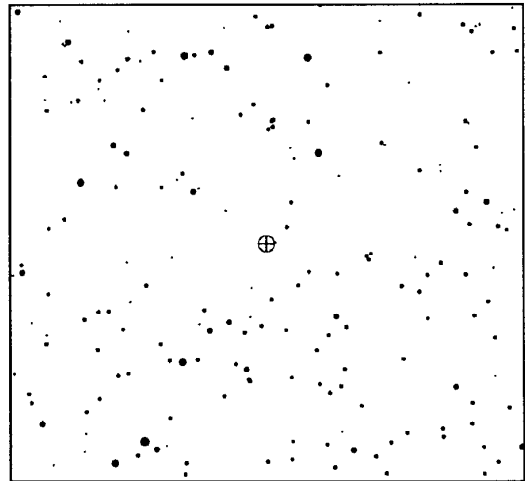


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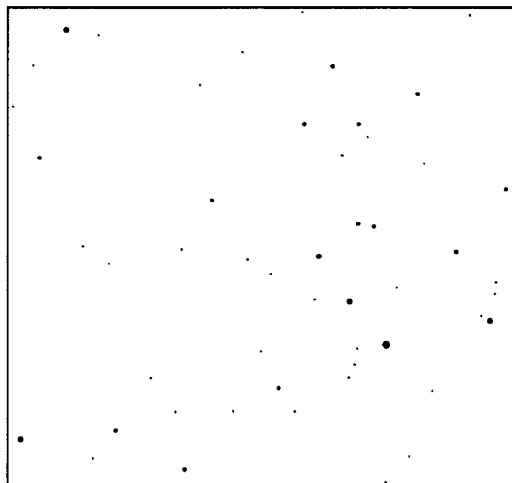
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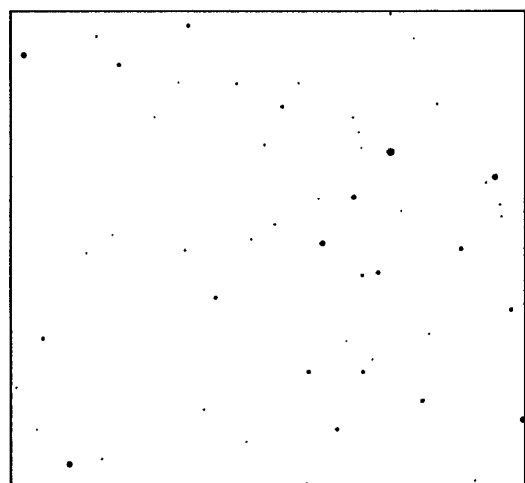
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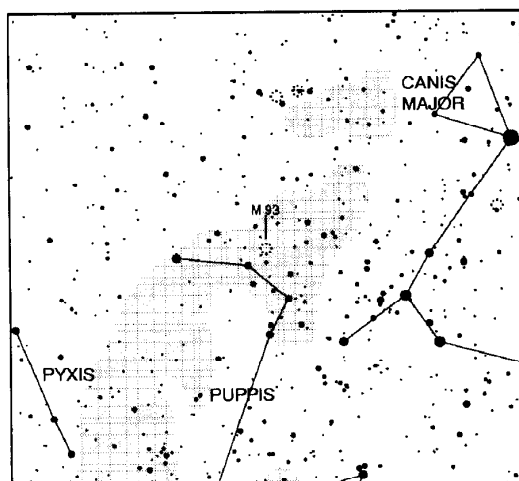
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93	2447	Pup	07 44.6	-23 52	7	18	OCI	3.4k	

M 93

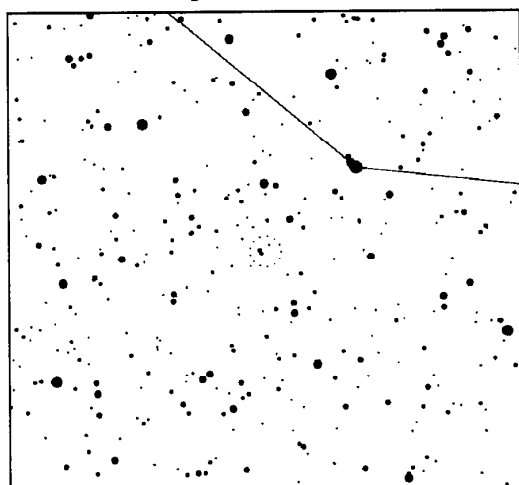
M93 - somewhat diamond shaped with two prominent streamers of stars leading off to one side.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 41, 46, 47

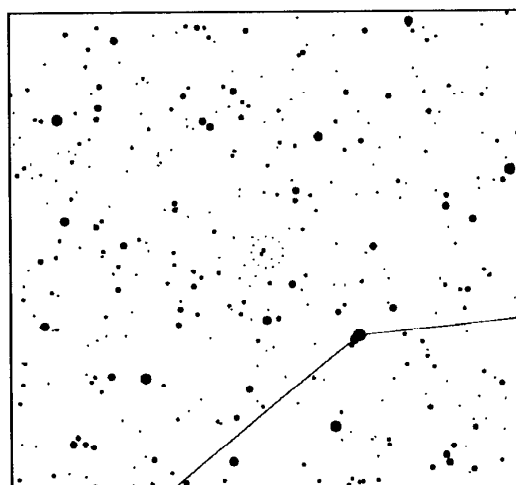


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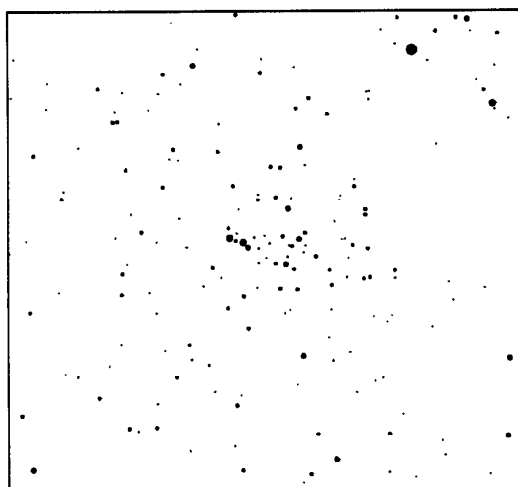
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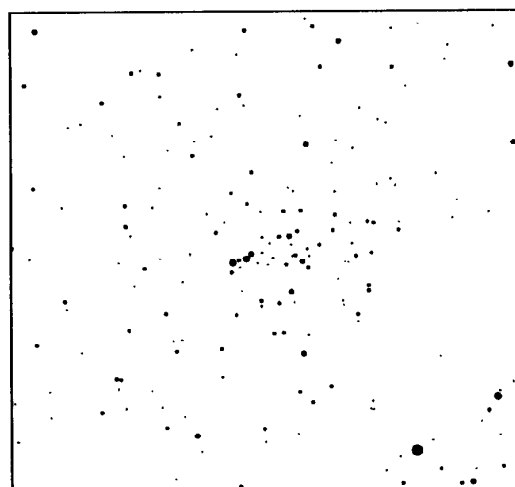
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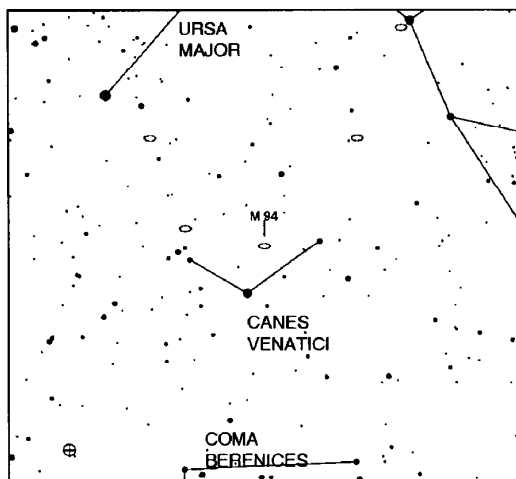
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
94	4736	CVn	12 50.9	41 07	8.9	5 x 3.5	Gal	20000k	

M 94

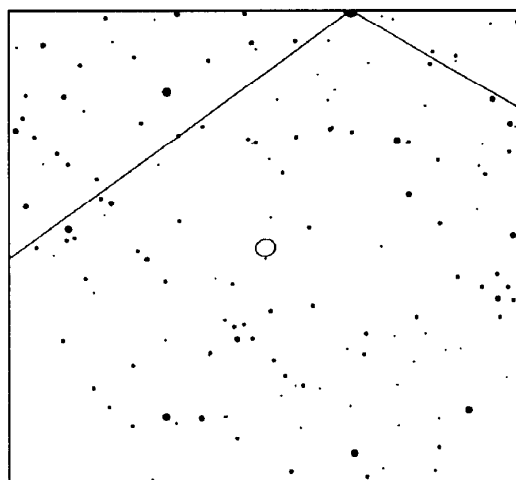
M94 - Looks like a bright core surrounded by a faint haze.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 3, 51, 63, 106, 109

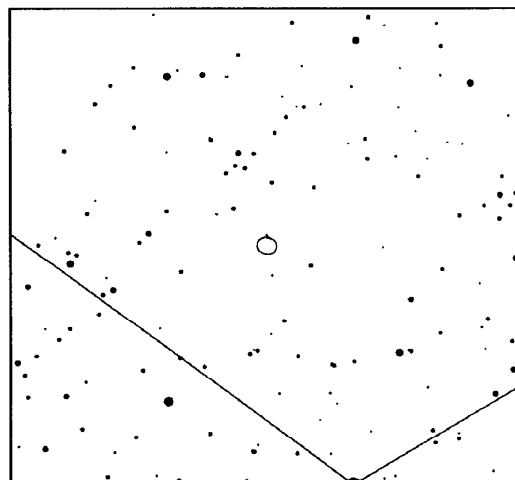


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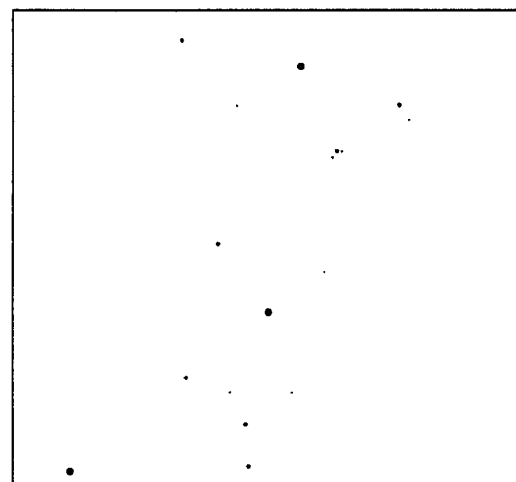
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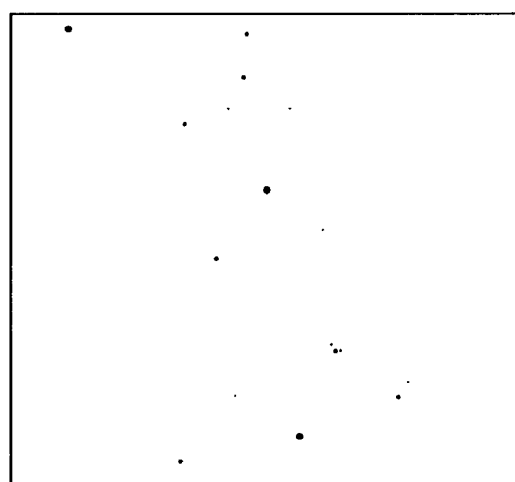
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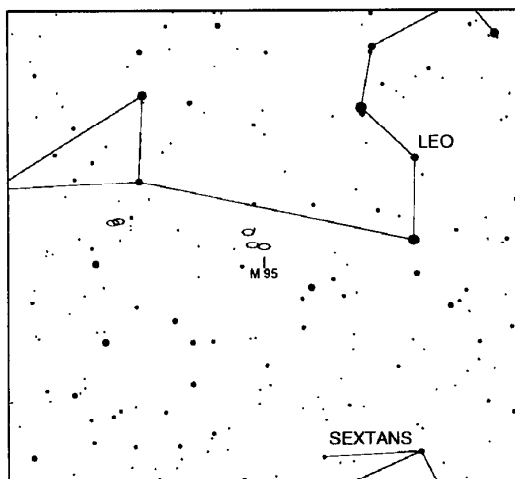
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M 95

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Type	Distance	Common Name
95	3351	Leo	10 44.0	11 42	11.0	4 x 3	Gal	29000k	

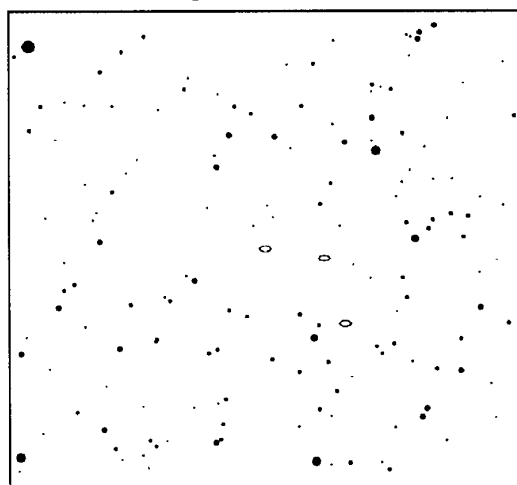
M95 - round bright nucleus with much fainter outer elongated area.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 65, 66, 96, 105

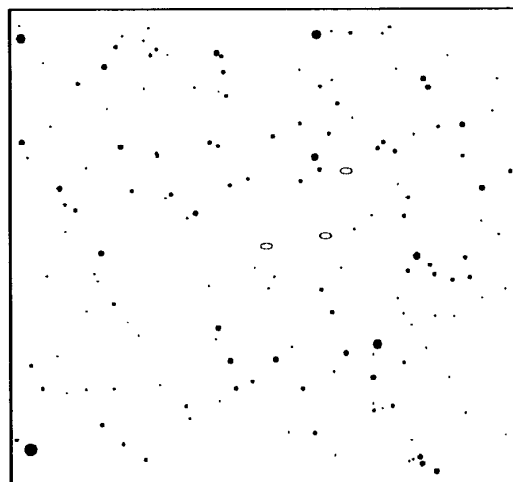


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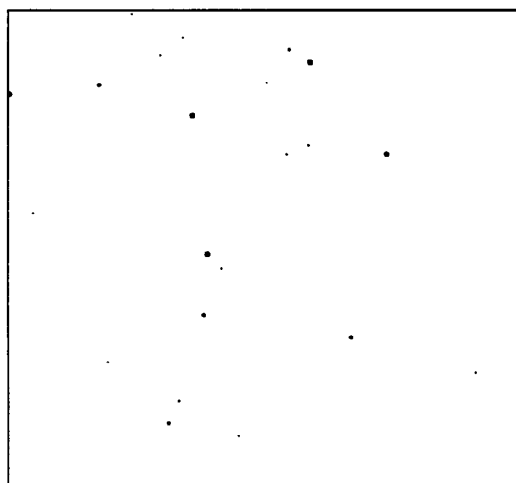
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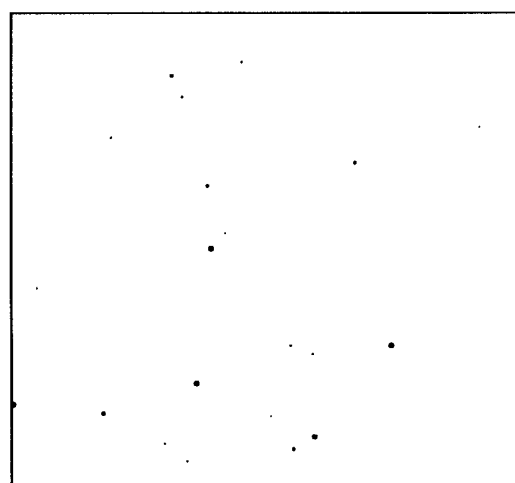
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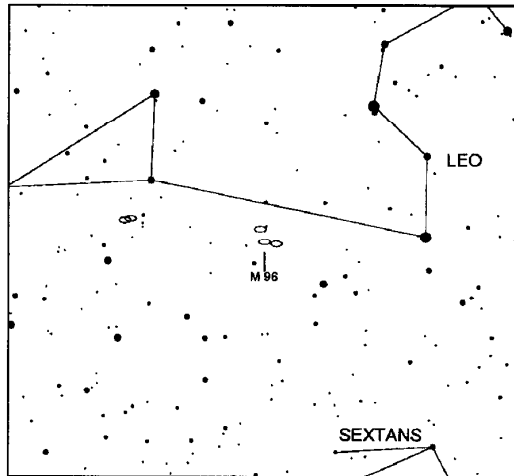
1 degree field, North up, Mirrored

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
96	3368	Leo	10 46.8	11 49	10.2	6 x 4	Gal	29000k	

M 96

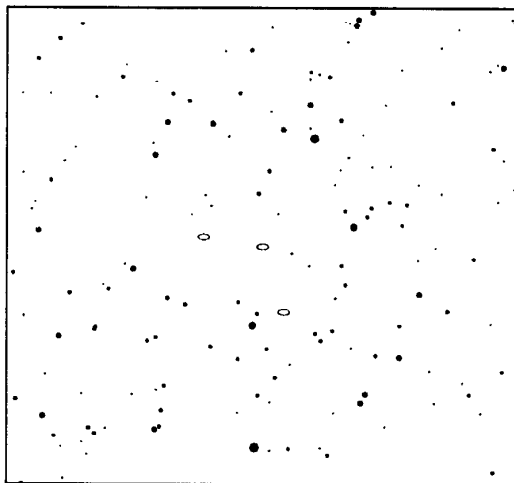
M96 - elongated core surrounded by mottled area.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 65, 66, 95, 105

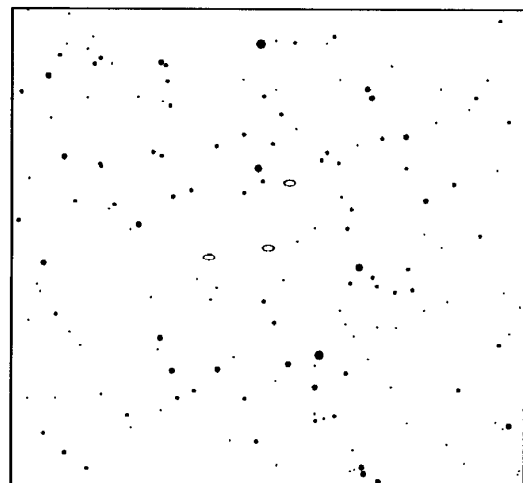


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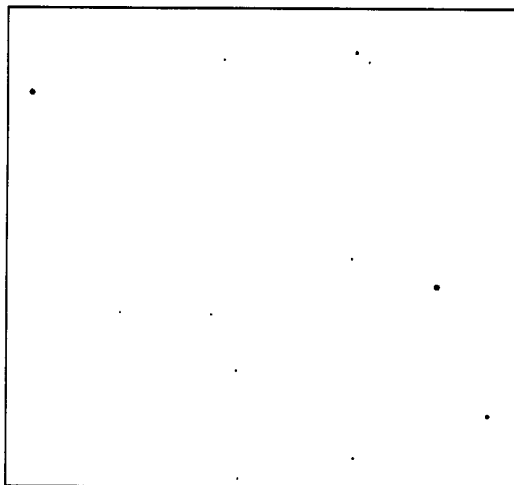
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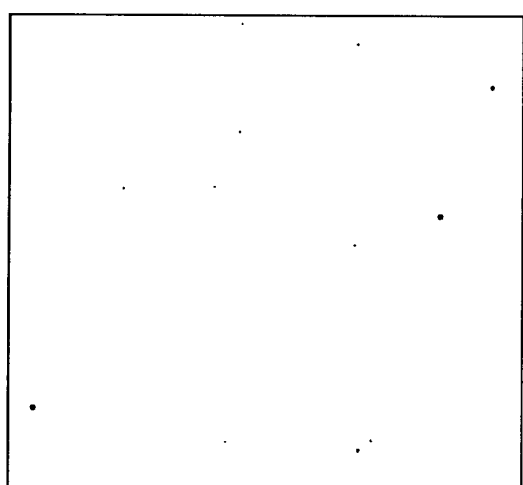
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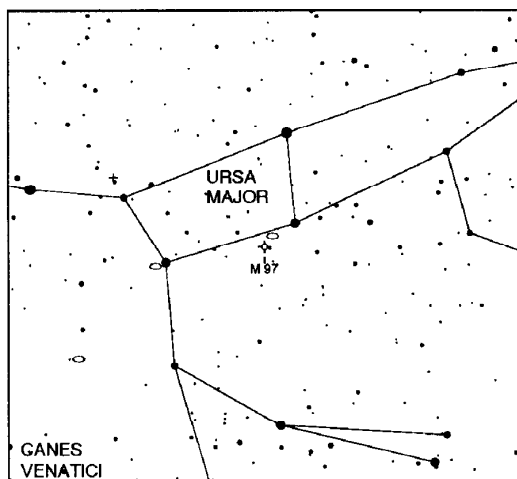
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
97	3587	UMa	11 14.8	55 01	11.0	2.5	PIN	2.6k	Owl Nebula

M 97

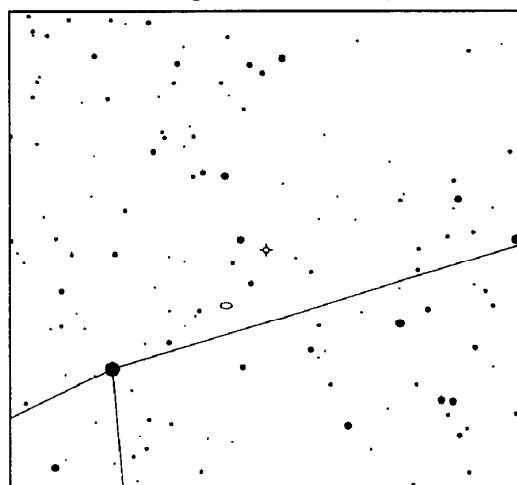
M97 - the Messier that gave me the most grief. Seen as an very faint semi-circle of light, with a brighter area in the center of the arc.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 40, 106, 108, 109

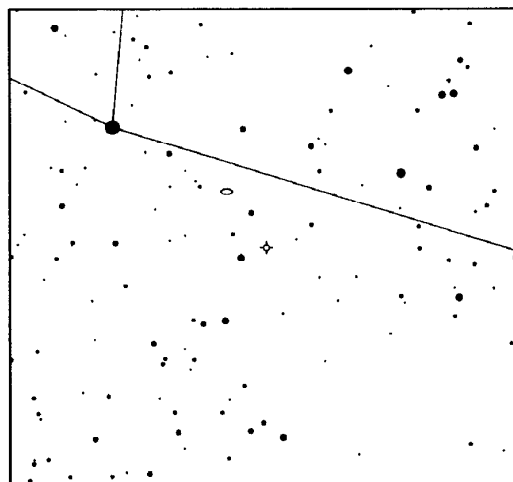


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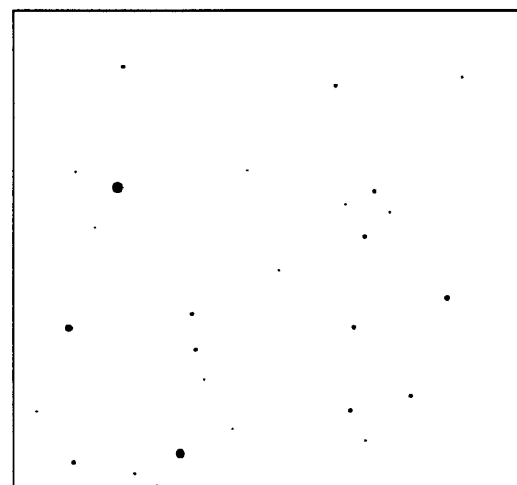
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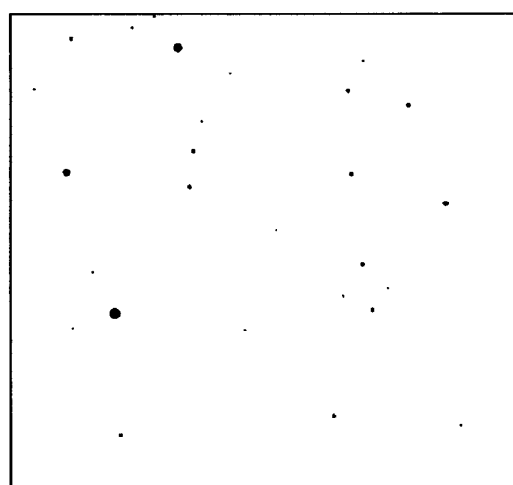
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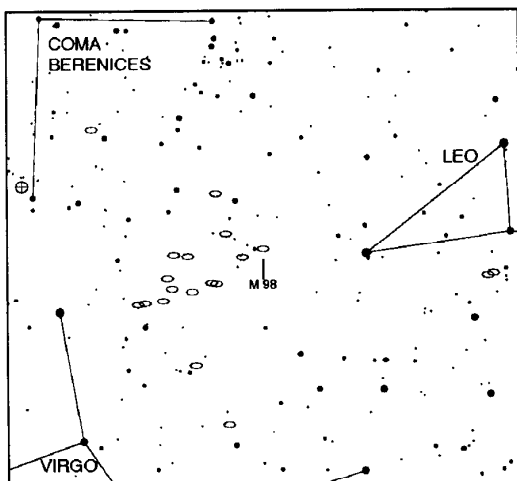
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
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M 98

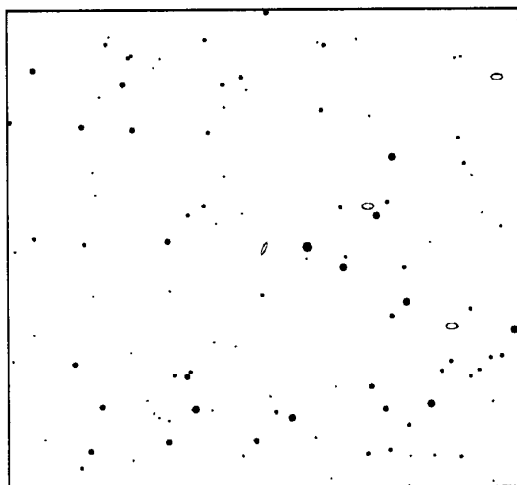
M98 - appears as a streak of light, with a near stellar core.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 99, 100

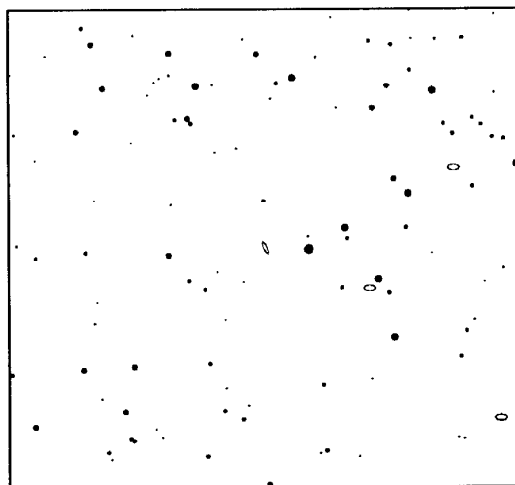


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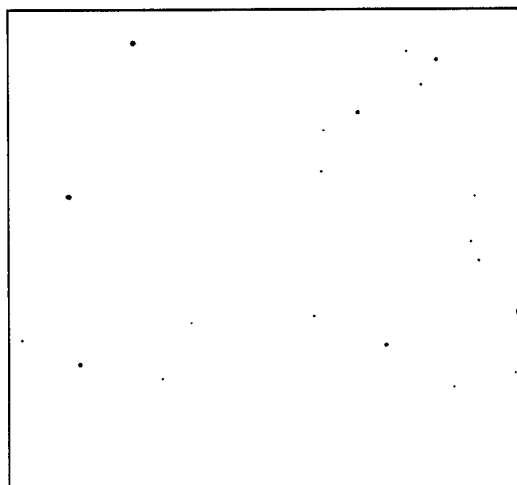
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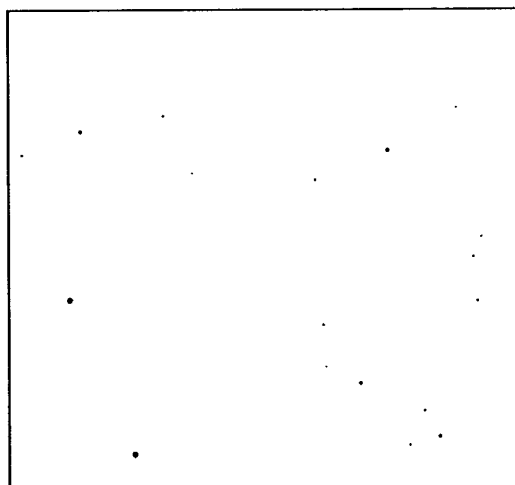
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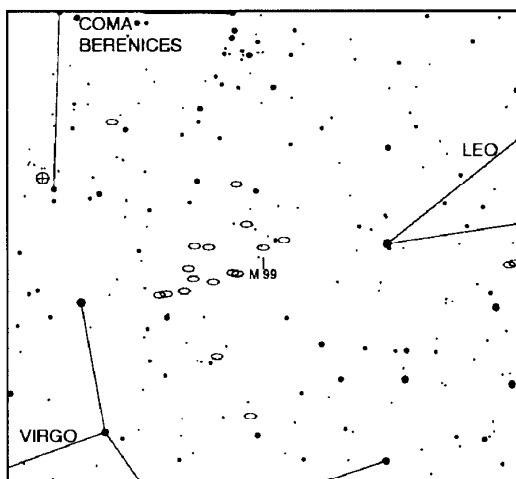
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M 99

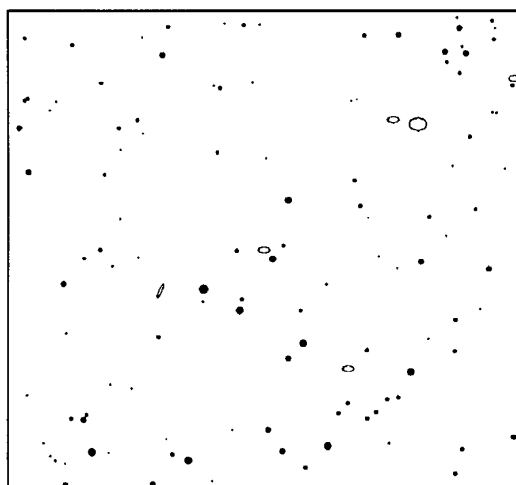
M99 - A round fuzzy with a brighter core.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 100

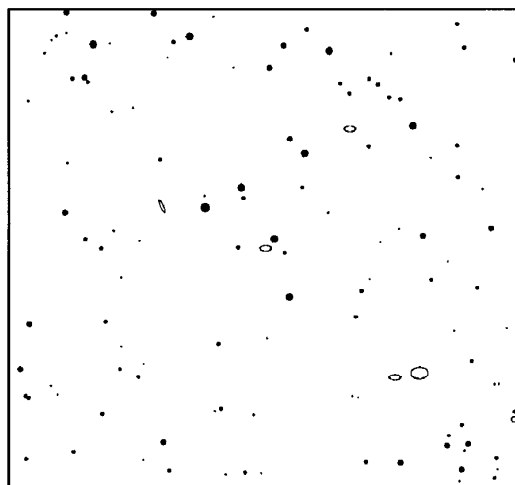


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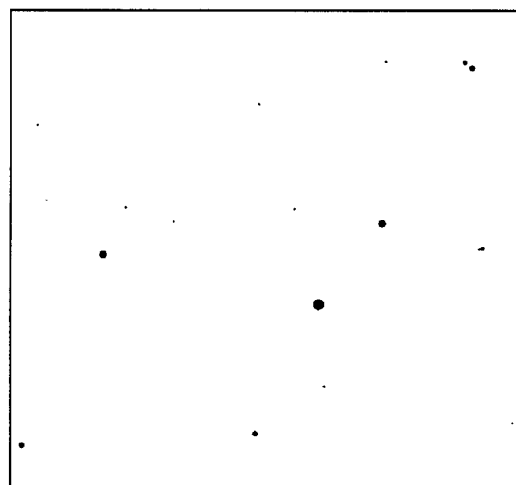
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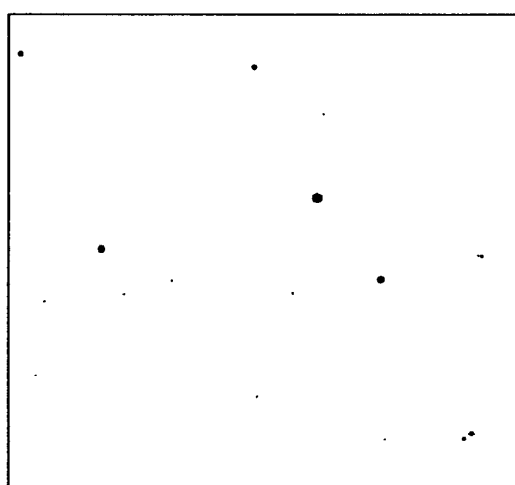
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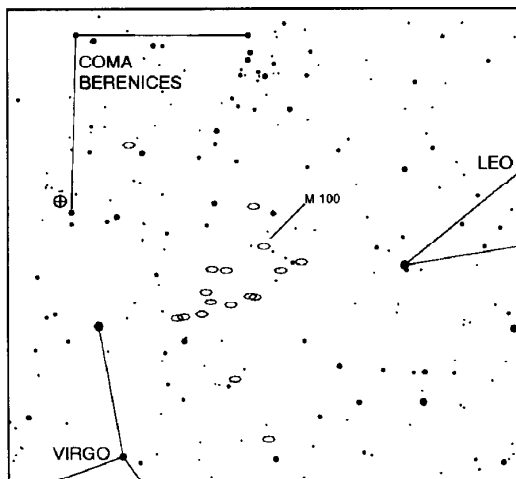
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M 100

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
100	4321	Com	12 22.9	15 49	10.4	5.2 x 5	Gal	40000k	

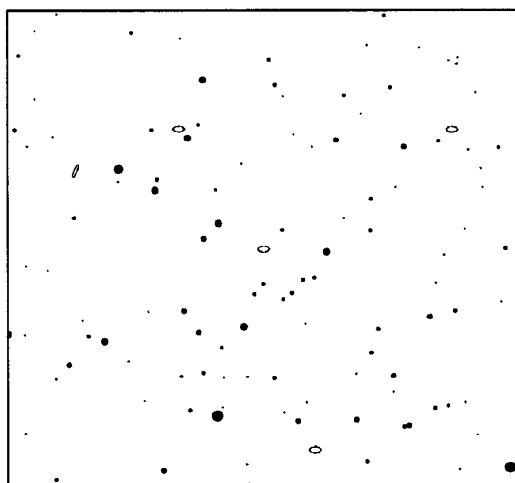
M100 - A round hazy glow of light, bright in the center. Quite distinct.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 49, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99

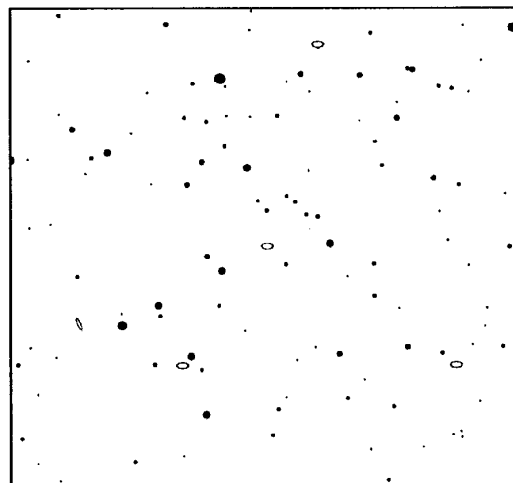


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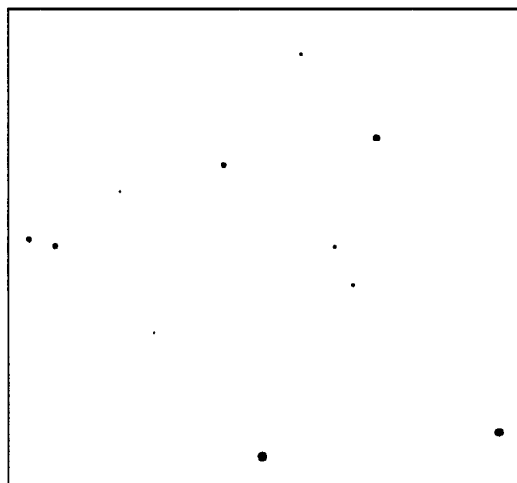
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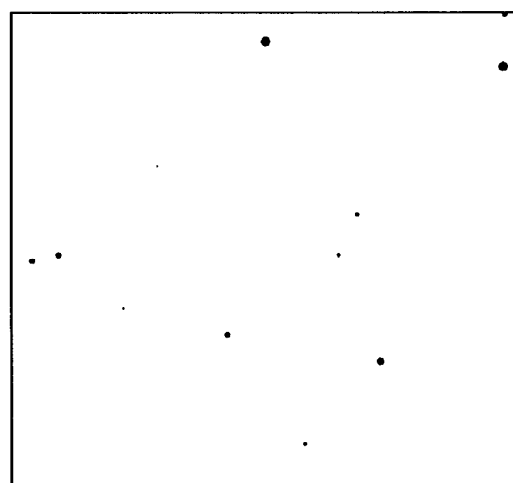
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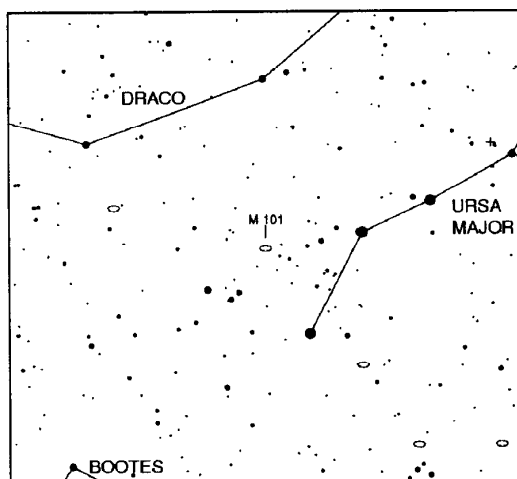
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101	5457	UMa	14 03.3	54 21	9	22 x 20	Gal	15000k	Pinwheel Galaxy

M 101

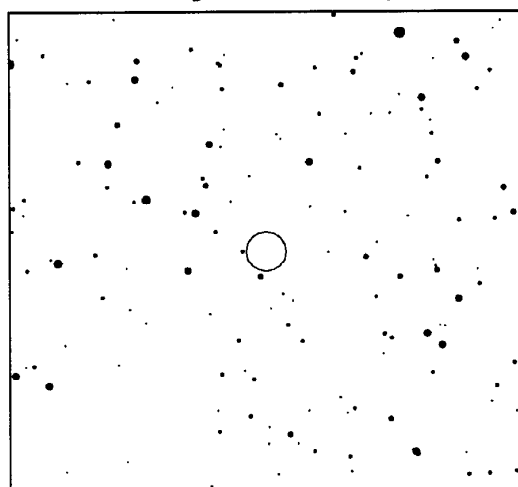
M101 - a large faint patch of light. With patience, spiral structure can be seen even with a small instrument.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 40, 51, 63, 94, 102

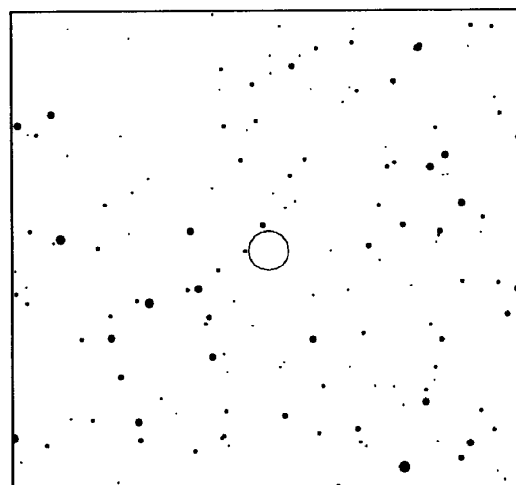


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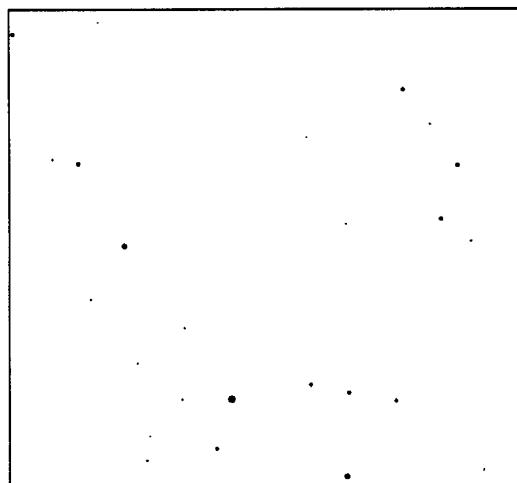
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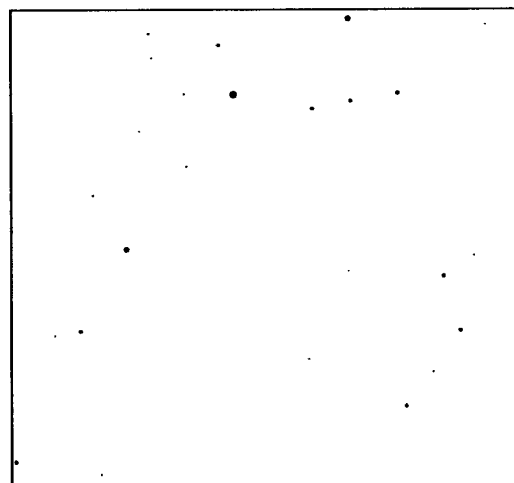
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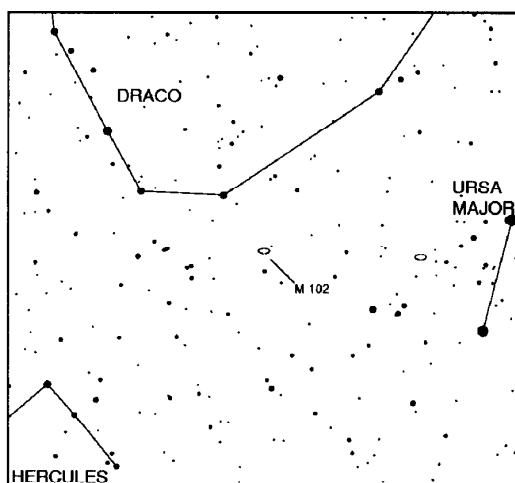
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M 102

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
102	5866	Dra	15 06.5	55 45	11.1	2.9 x 1	Gal	40000k	Spindle Galaxy

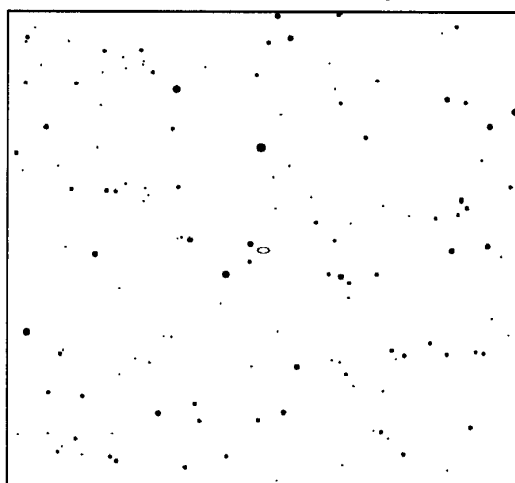
M102 - Look for a small, faint patch light that looks like a short fuzzy line.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 101

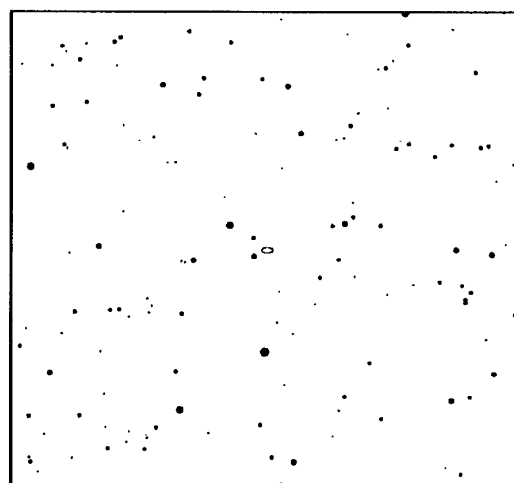


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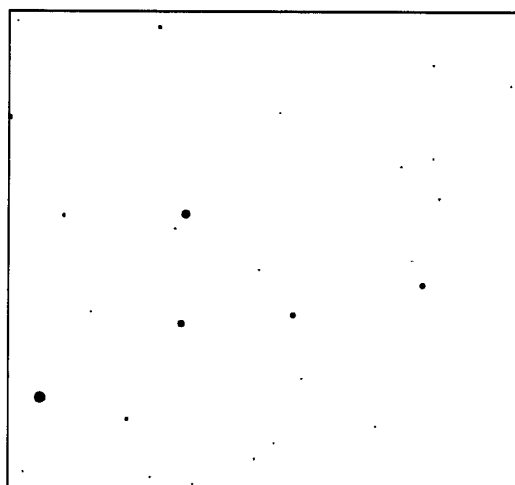
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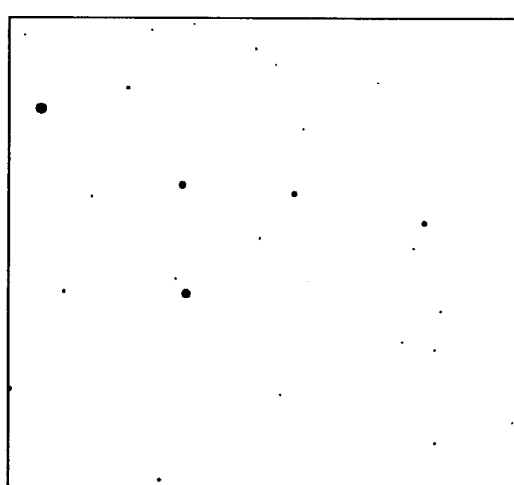
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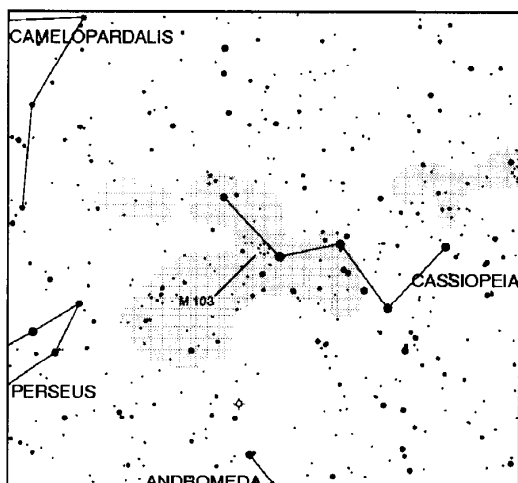
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103	581	Cas	01 33.2	60 42	8.0	8.0	OCI	8k	

M 103

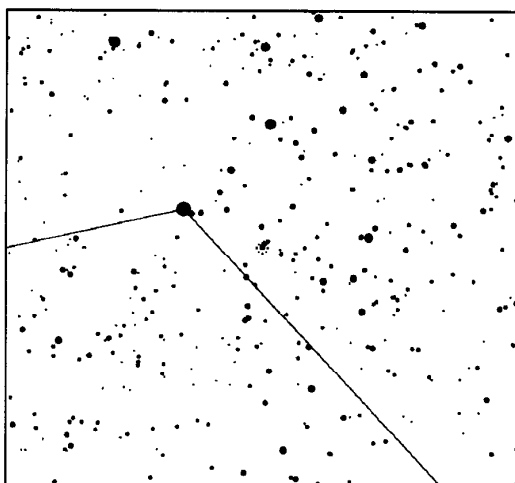
M103 - A fine dusting of stars bordered by a kite shaped asterism of brighter stars.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 52, 76

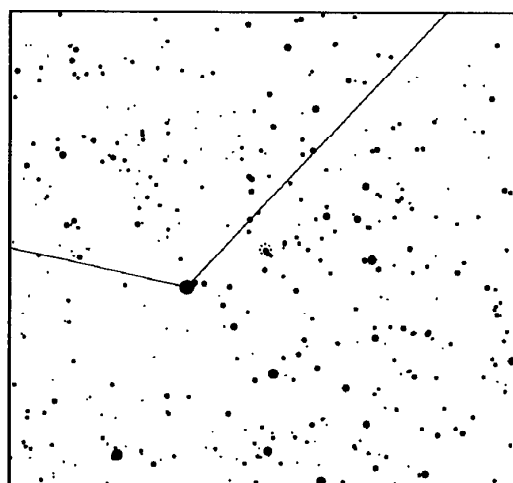


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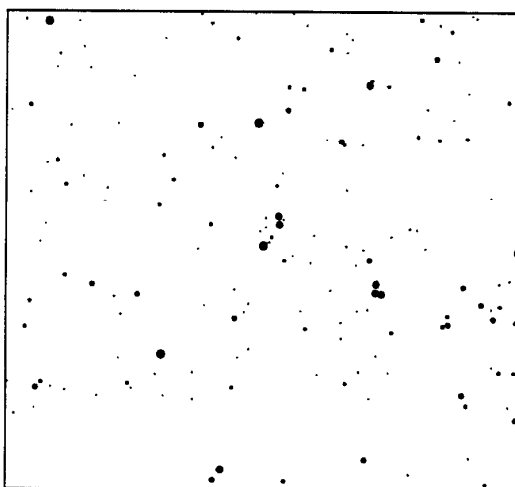
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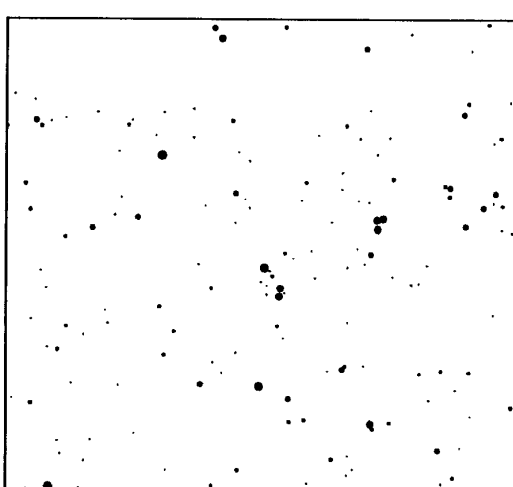
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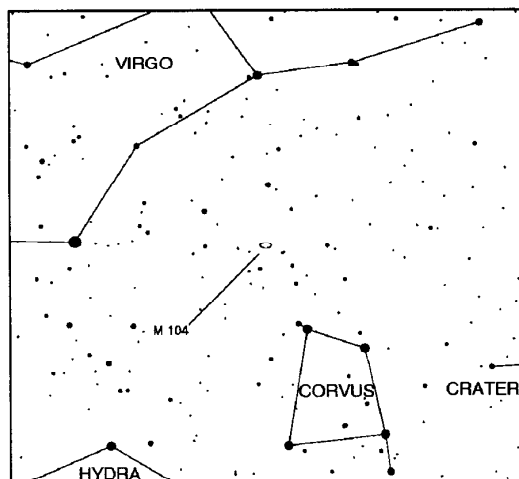
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M 104

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
104	4594	Vir	12 40.0	-11 37	8.2	7 x 1.5	Gal	40000k	Sombrero Galaxy

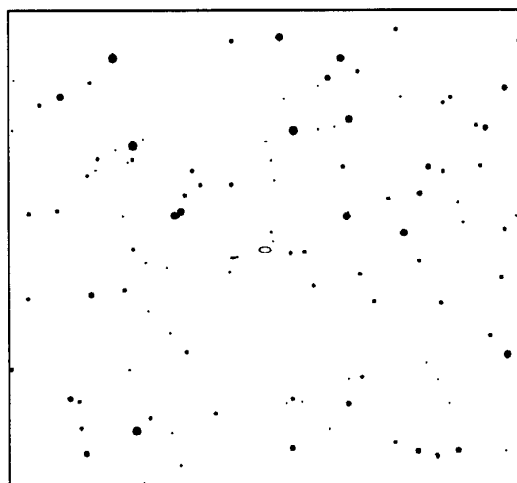
M104 - Sombrero galaxy, and that's exactly what it looks like.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: none

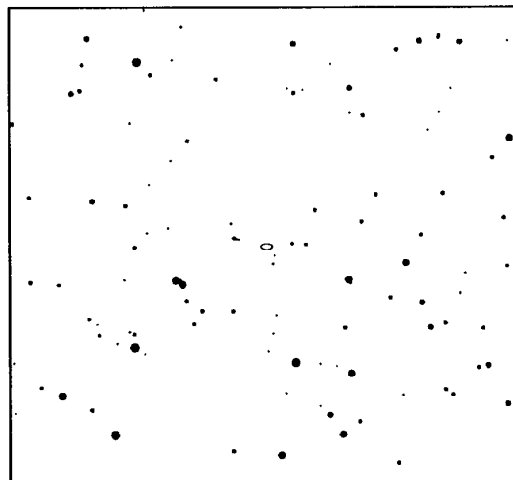


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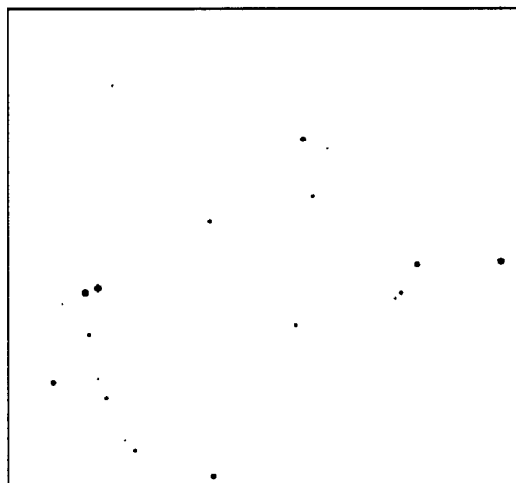
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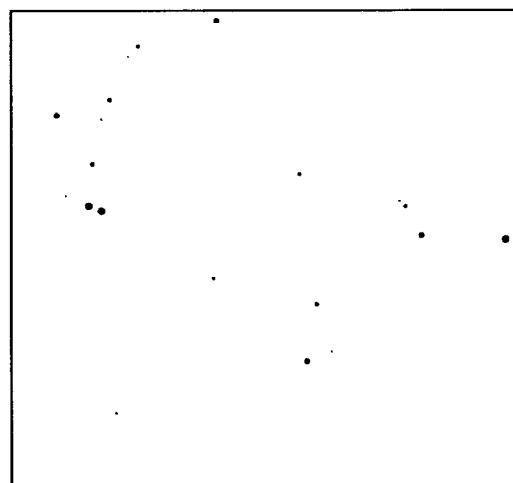
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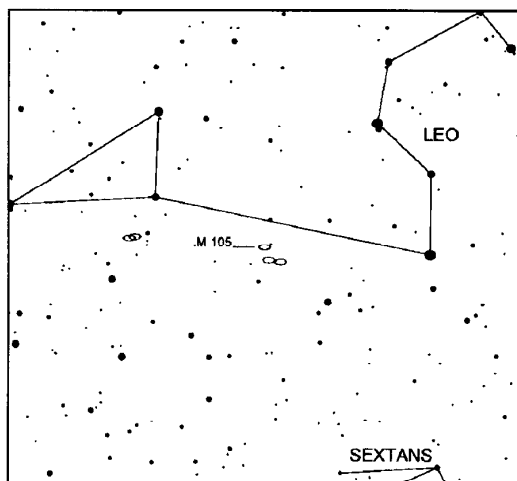
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
105	3379	Leo	10 47.8	12 35	10.6	2.1 x 2.0	Gal	38000k	

M 105

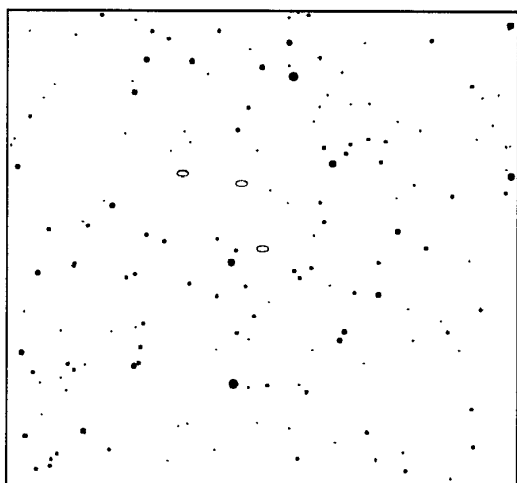
M105 - M105 has a close companion galaxy, NGC 3384, which is only slightly smaller and fainter than M105. M105 is the rounder of the two.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 65, 66, 95, 96

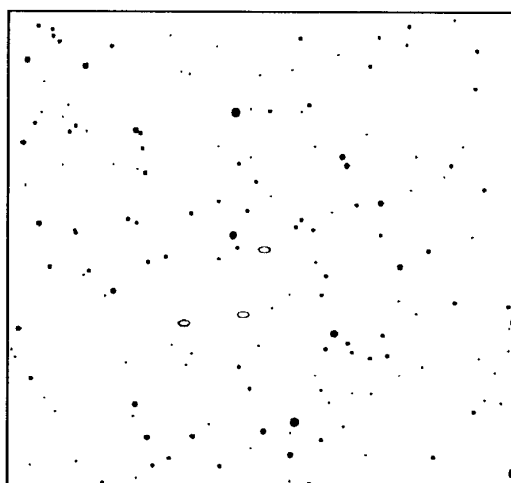


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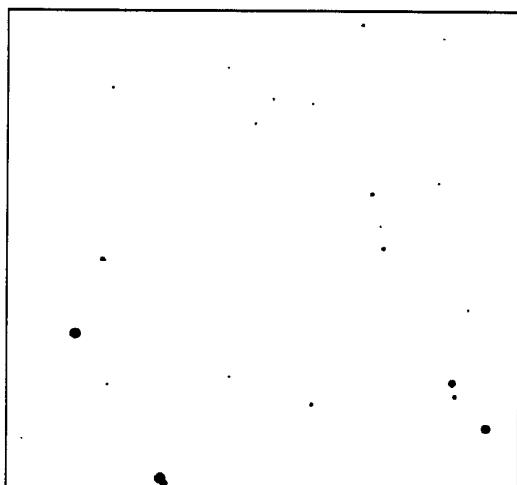
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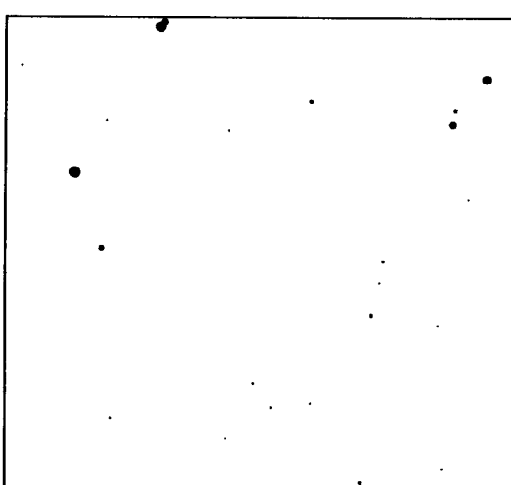
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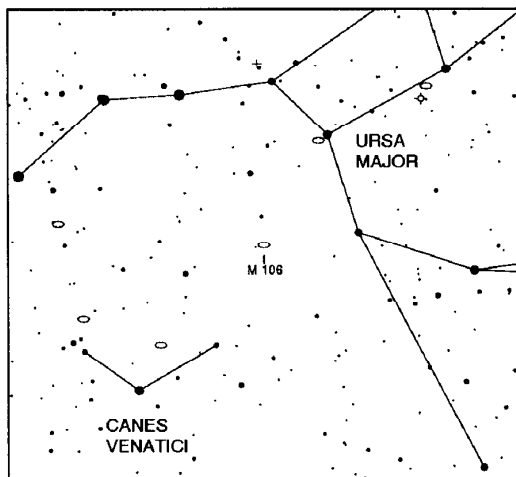
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M 106

M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
106	4258	CVn	12 19.0	47 18	8	19 x 8	Gal	25000k	

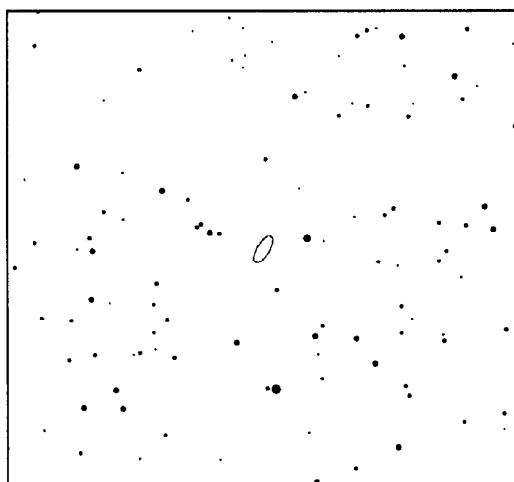
M106 - Appears as an oval patch of light, with a fairly bright core. Outer region appears quite elongated.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 40, 51, 63, 94, 97, 106, 108, 109

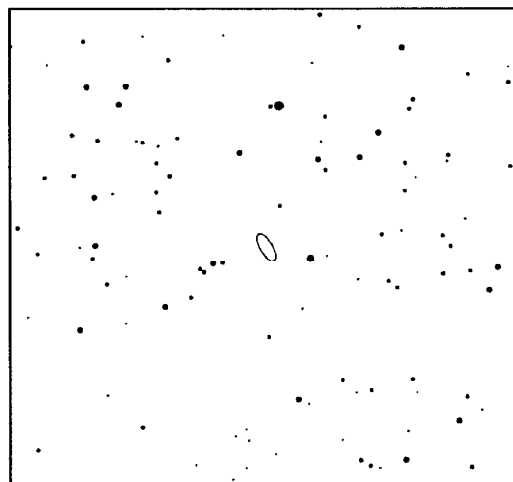


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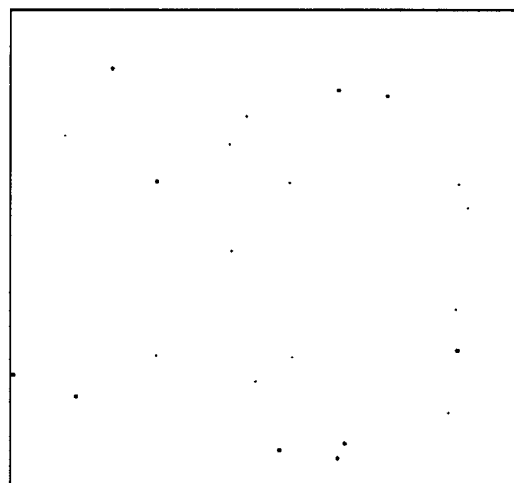
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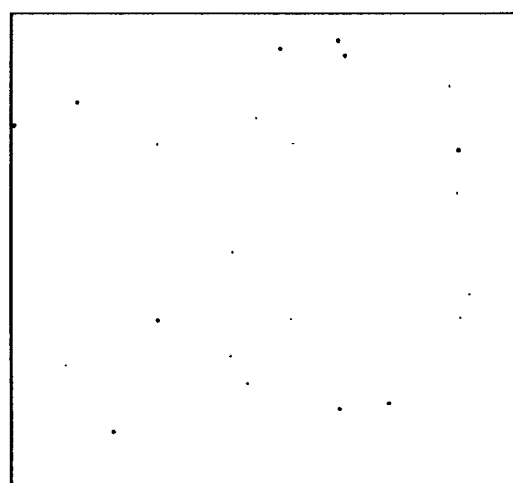
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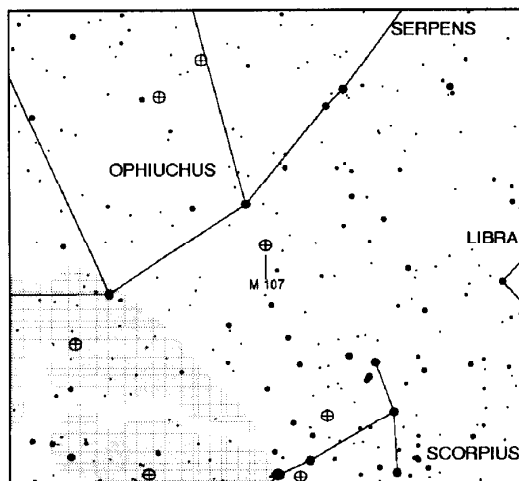
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107	6171	Oph	16 32.5	-13 03	9	4	GCI	20k	

M 107

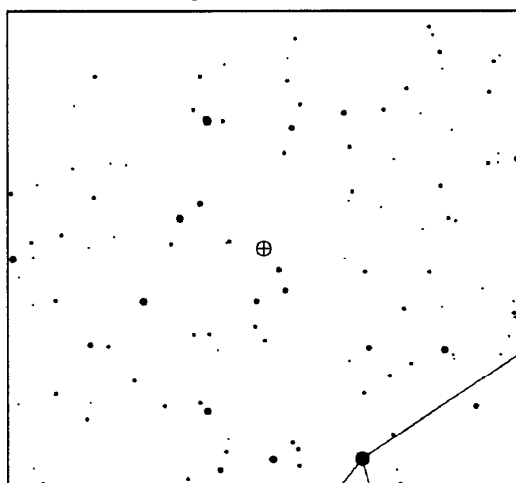
M107 - Small, fairly faint, just visible in 6".

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 4, 9, 10, 12, 19, 80

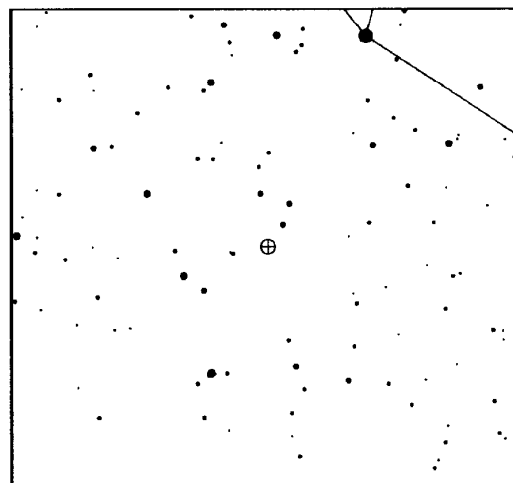


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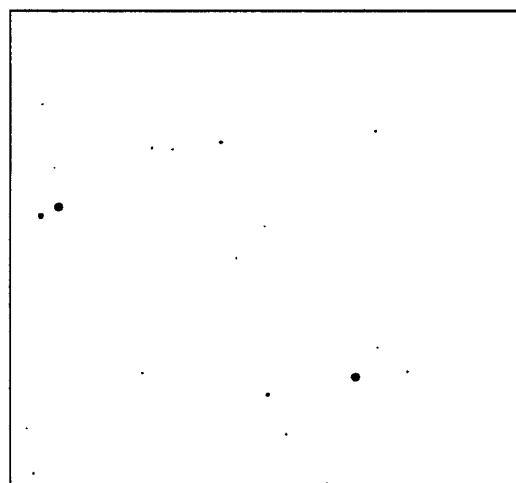
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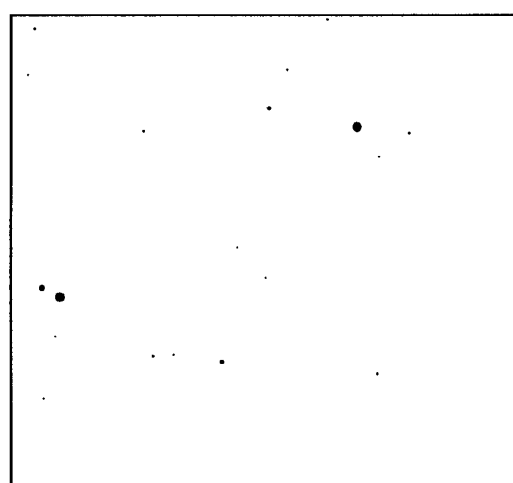
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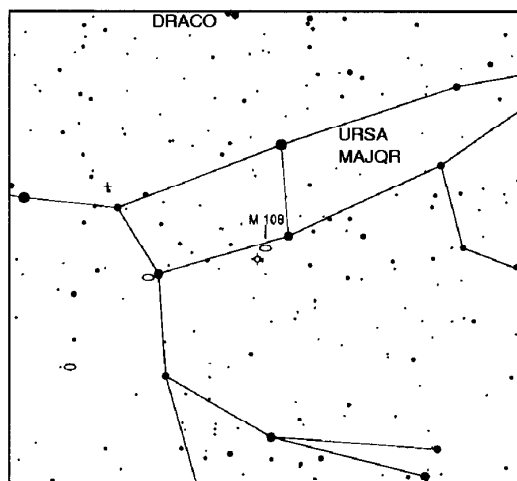
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
108	3556	UMa	11 11.5	55 40	10.8	7.8 x 1.4	Gal	45000k	

M 108

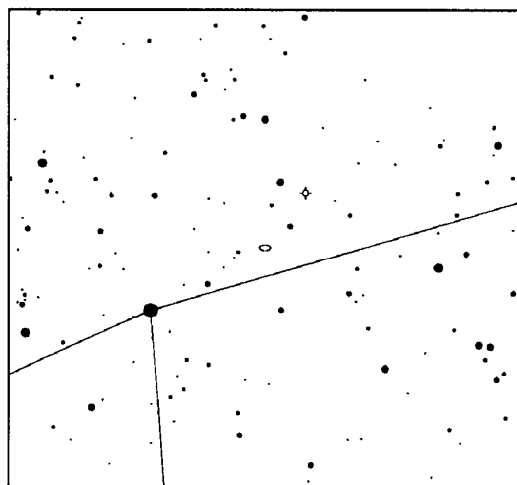
M108 - Appears as a long, thin bar of light, quite noticeable and easy. Look for mottling.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 40, 97, 106, 109

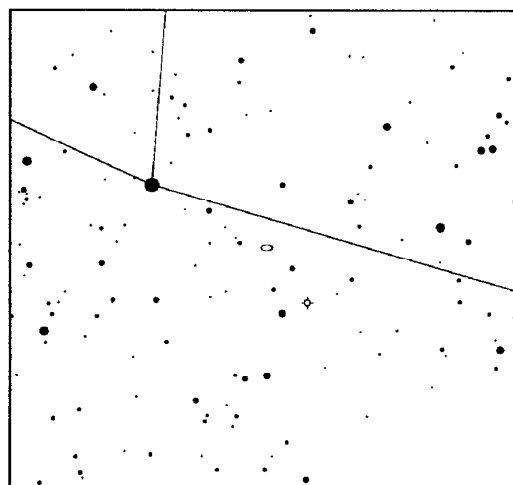


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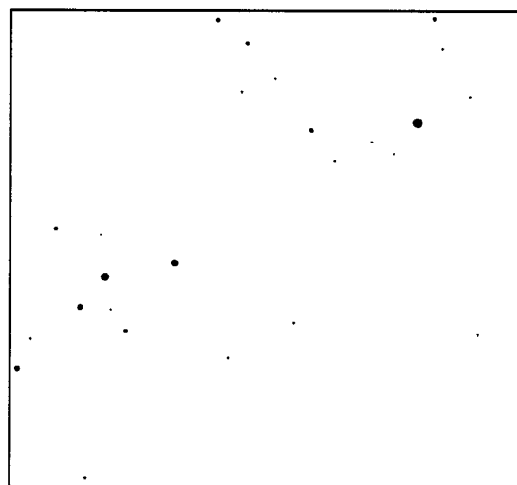
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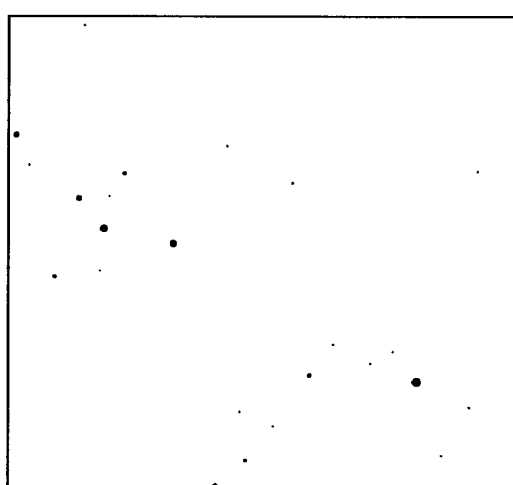
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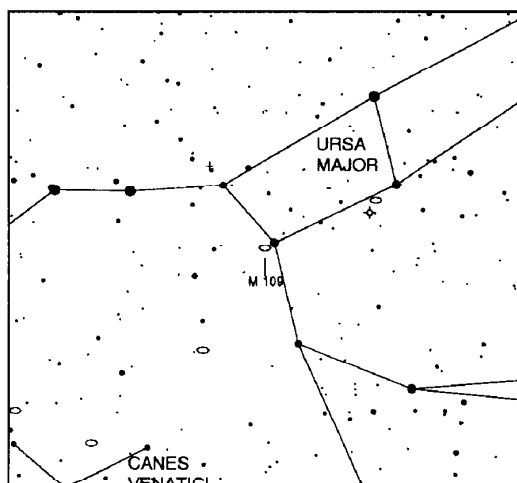
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M	NGC	Con	RA	Dec	Mag	Size (min)	Typ	Distance	Common Name
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M 109

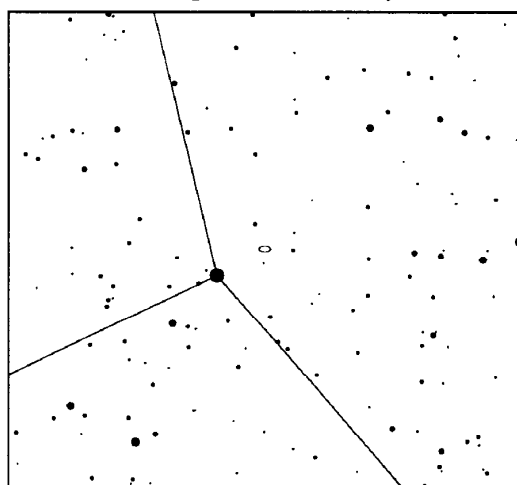
M109 - Appears as a small, pear shaped patch of light, possibly due to the glare of a nearby field star.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 40, 63, 94, 97, 106, 108

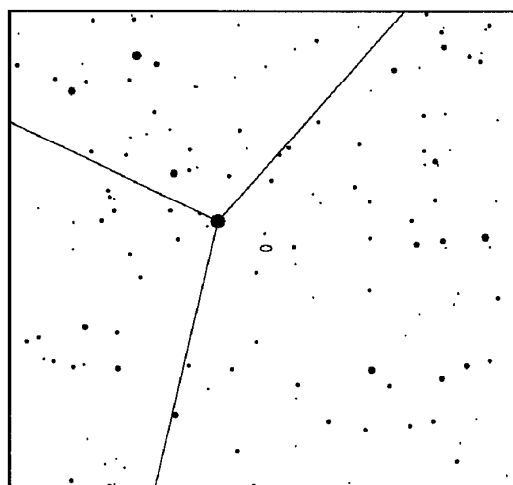


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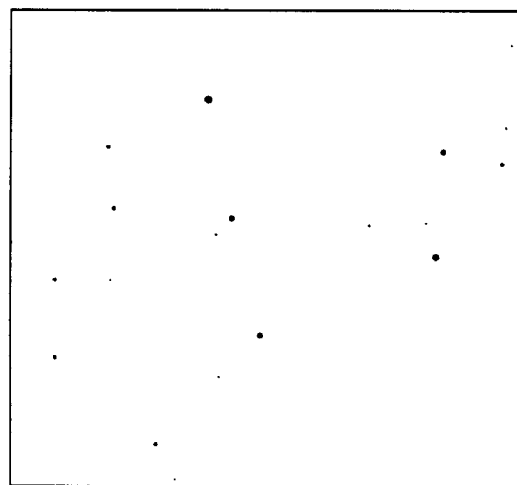
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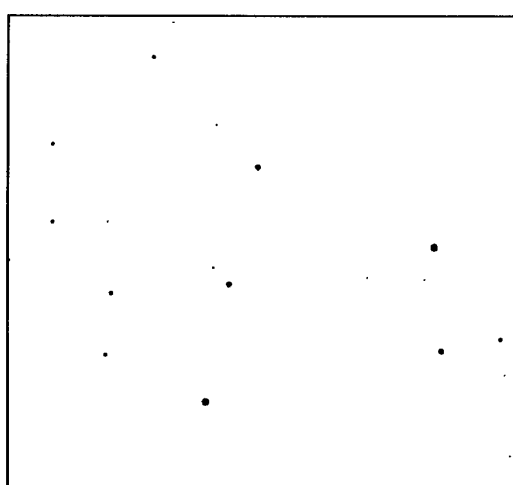
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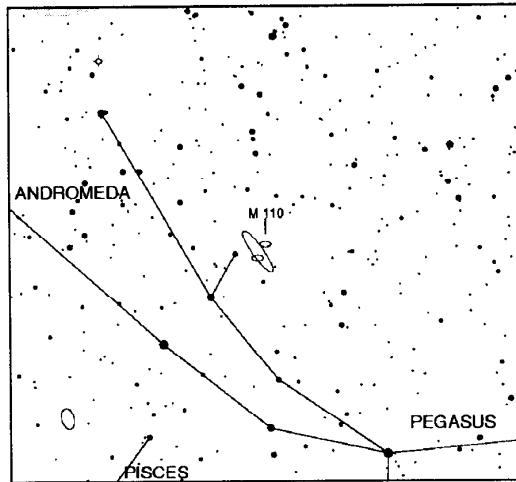
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M 110

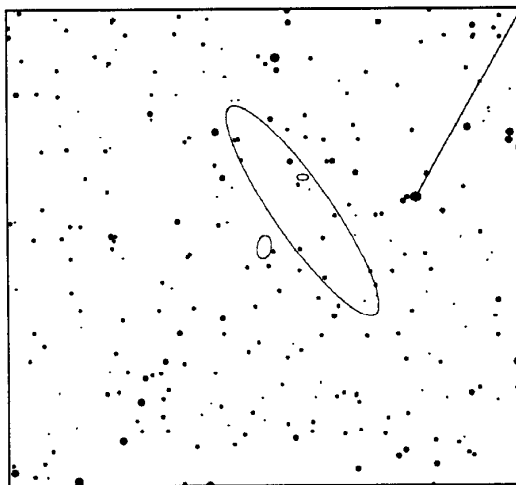
M110 - look for a large, oval patch of light.

Messier objects on 30 degree chart: 31, 32, 33, 76

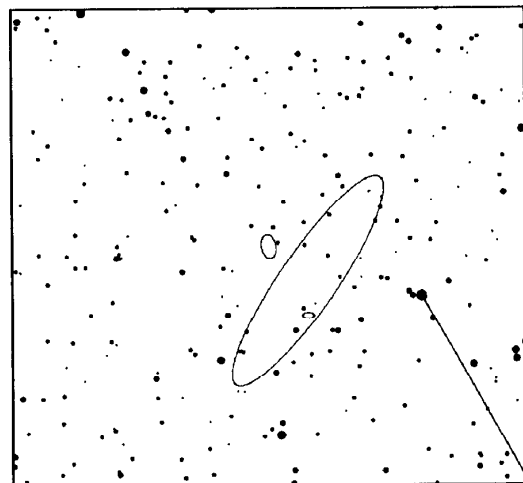


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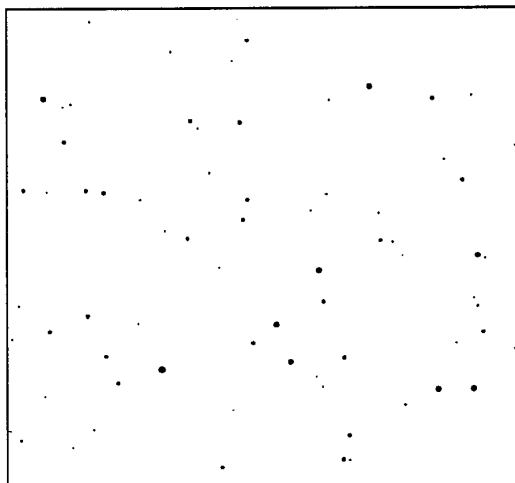
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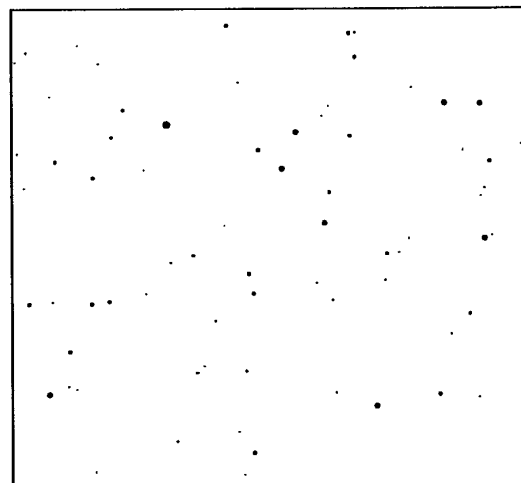
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