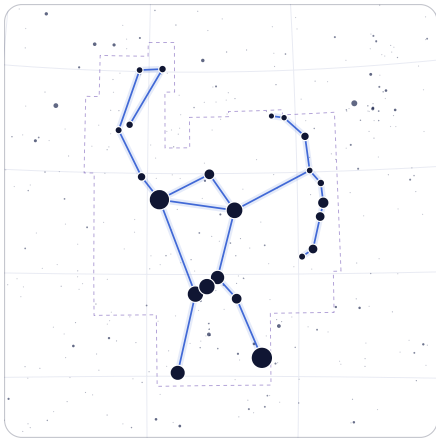
LITTLE ASTRONOMY PRINTABLE

Constellation Flash Cards

All 88 constellations: star chart on the front, name and meaning on the back

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Orion

oh-RYE-un

The Hunter

Brightest star: **Rigel**
Best month: **January** · Equatorial sky

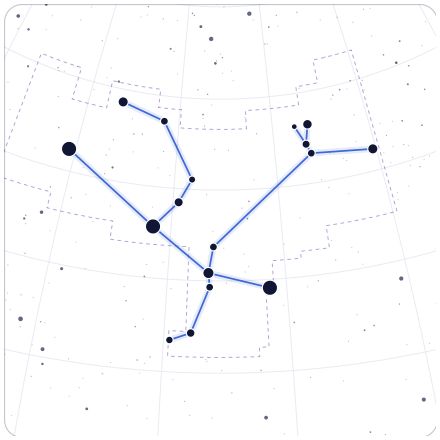
How to print

1. Print pages 2 to 23 double-sided on card stock, with "flip on long edge" selected. Each card's back lands behind its own chart.
2. If your printer is single-sided, print the odd pages, put the stack back in the tray and print the even pages.
3. Cut along the dashed lines. Each sheet makes 8 cards of 3.75 by 2.5 inches.
4. The number in the corner matches front to back, so a dropped card is easy to pair again.

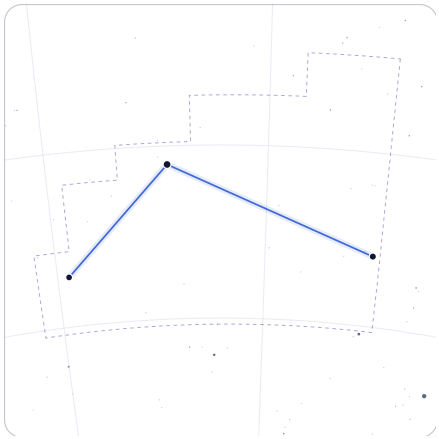
Games to play

- **Name it:** show the chart side and ask for the name. Start with the 20 best-known: Orion, Ursa Major, Cassiopeia, Leo, Scorpius, Cygnus and the rest of the zodiac.
- **What does it mean:** read the meaning ("The Swan") and find the right chart.
- **Tonight's sky:** sort the cards by best month and pull out the ones visible this month.

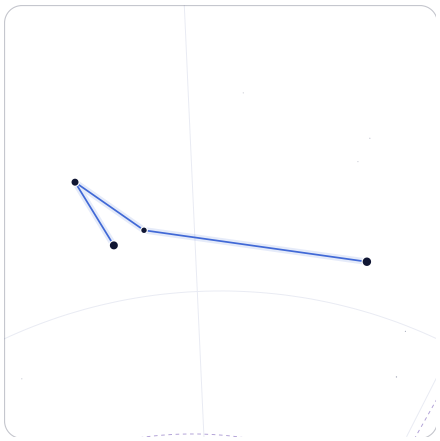
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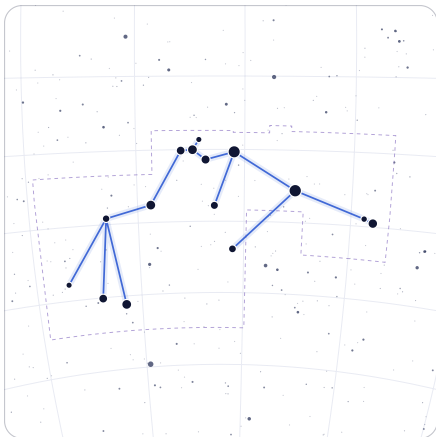
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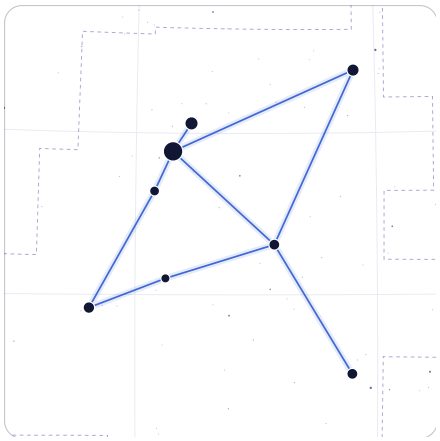
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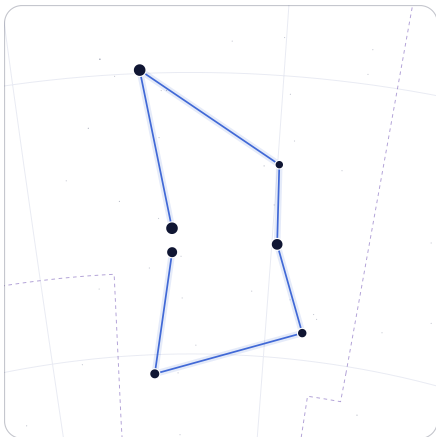
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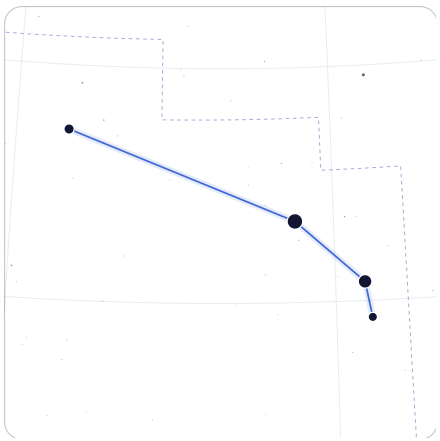
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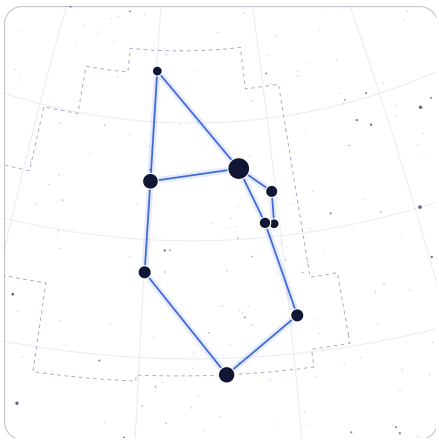
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Antlia

ANT-lee-uh

The Air Pump

Brightest star: **Alpha Antliae**
Best month: **April** · Southern sky

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Andromeda

an-DROM-eh-duh

The Chained Princess

Brightest star: **Alpheratz**
Best month: **November** · Northern sky

4

Aquarius

uh-KWAIR-ee-us

The Water Bearer

Brightest star: **Sadalsuud**
Best month: **October** · Equatorial sky

3

Apus

AY-pus

The Bird of Paradise

Brightest star: **Alpha Apodis**
Best month: **July** · Southern sky

6

Ara

AIR-uh

The Altar

Brightest star: **Beta Arae**
Best month: **July** · Southern sky

5

Aquila

AK-will-uh

The Eagle

Brightest star: **Altair**
Best month: **August** · Equatorial sky

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Auriga

oh-RYE-guh

The Charioteer

Brightest star: **Capella**
Best month: **January** · Northern sky

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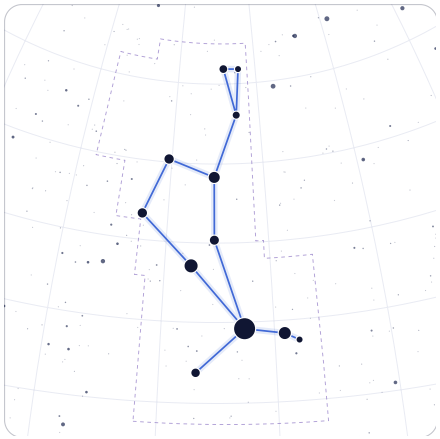
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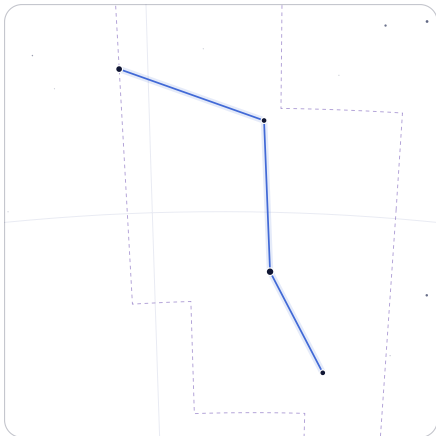
The Ram

Brightest star: **Hamal**
Best month: **December** · Northern sky

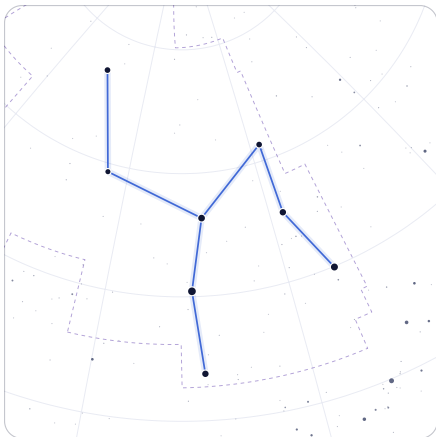
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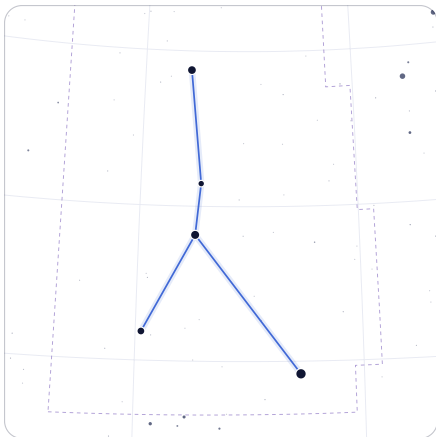
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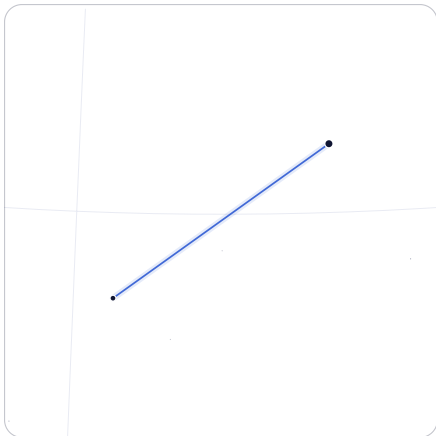
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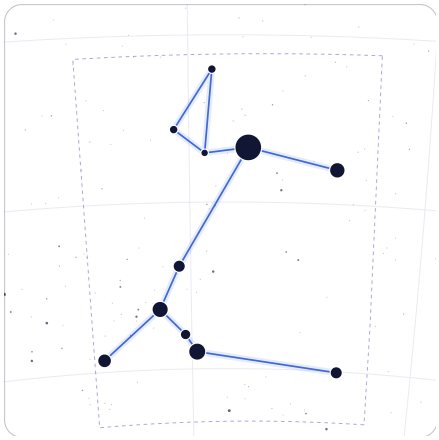
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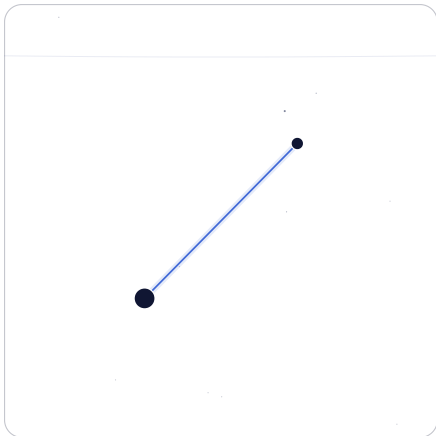
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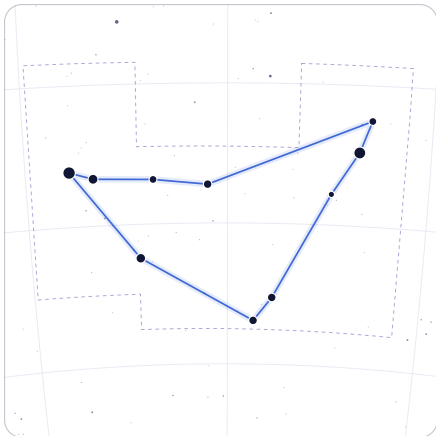
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Caelum

SEE-lum

The Chisel

Brightest star: **Alpha Caeli**
Best month: **January** · Southern sky

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Boötes

bo-OH-teez

The Herdsman

Brightest star: **Arcturus**
Best month: **June** · Northern sky

12

Cancer

KAN-sur

The Crab

Brightest star: **Tarf**
Best month: **March** · Northern sky

11

Camelopardalis

kuh-MEL-oh-PAR-duh-lis

The Giraffe

Brightest star: **Beta Camelopardalis**
Best month: **January** · Northern sky

14

Canis Major

KAY-nis MAY-jur

The Great Dog

Brightest star: **Sirius**
Best month: **February** · Southern sky

13

Canes Venatici

KAY-neez veh-NAT-ih-sy

The Hunting Dogs

Brightest star: **Cor Caroli**
Best month: **May** · Northern sky

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Capricornus

kap-rih-KOR-nus

The Sea Goat

Brightest star: **Deneb Algedi**
Best month: **September** · Southern sky

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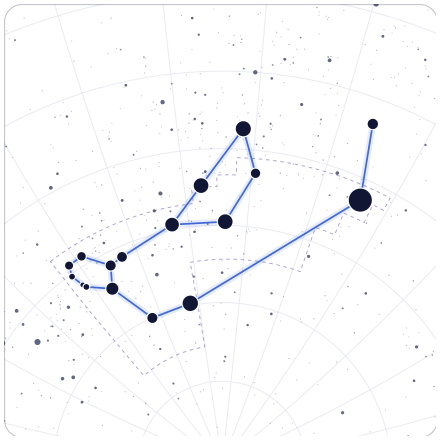
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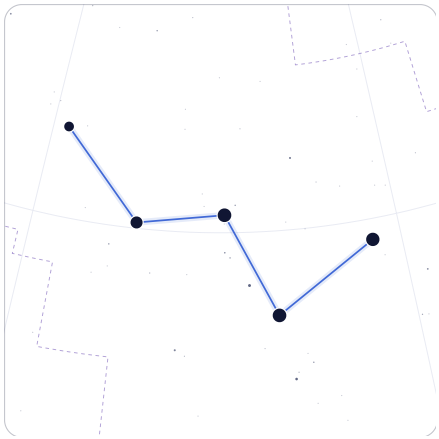
The Little Dog

Brightest star: **Procyon**
Best month: **February** · Equatorial sky

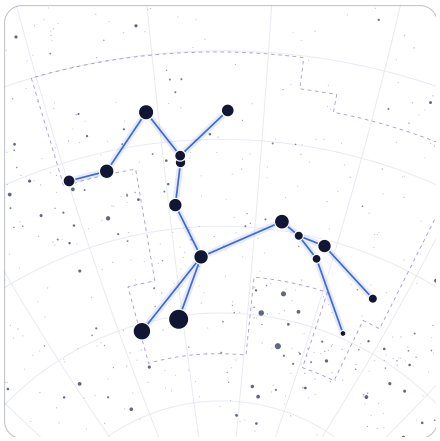
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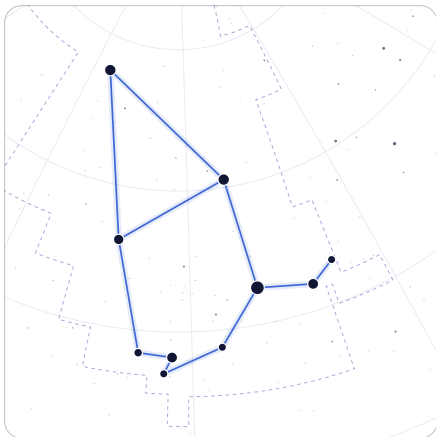
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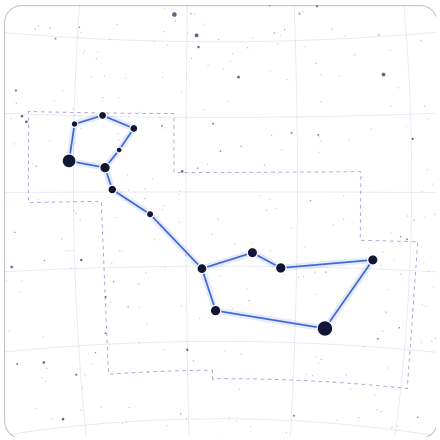
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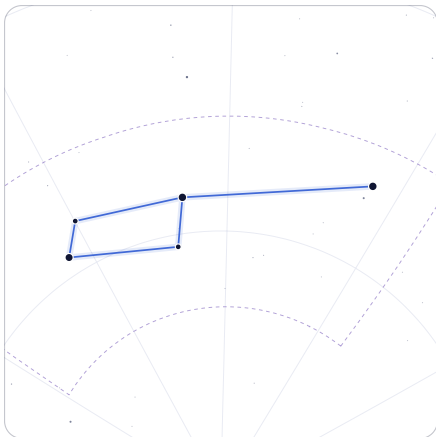
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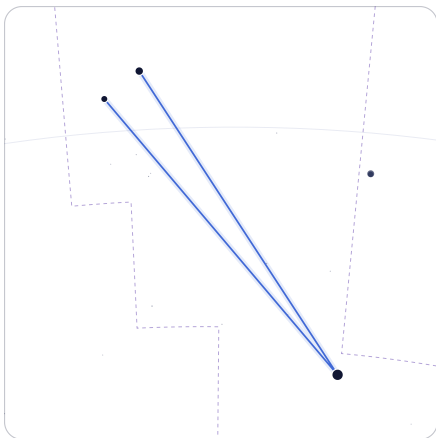
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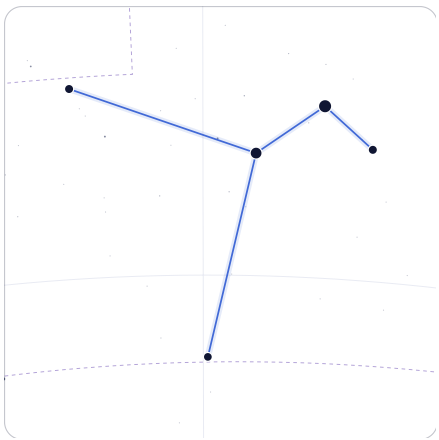
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Cassiopeia

kas-ee-oh-PEE-uh

The Seated Queen

Brightest star: **Schedar**
Best month: **November** · Northern sky

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Carina

kuh-RYE-nuh

The Keel

Brightest star: **Canopus**
Best month: **March** · Southern sky

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Cepheus

SEE-fee-us

The King

Brightest star: **Alderamin**
Best month: **October** · Northern sky

19

Centaurus

sen-TAR-us

The Centaur

Brightest star: **Rigil Kentaurus**
Best month: **May** · Southern sky

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Chamaeleon

kuh-MEE-lee-un

The Chameleon

Brightest star: **Alpha Chamaeleontis**
Best month: **April** · Southern sky

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Cetus

SEE-tus

The Sea Monster

Brightest star: **Diphda**
Best month: **December** · Equatorial sky

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Columba

kuh-LUM-buh

The Dove

Brightest star: **Phact**
Best month: **February** · Southern sky

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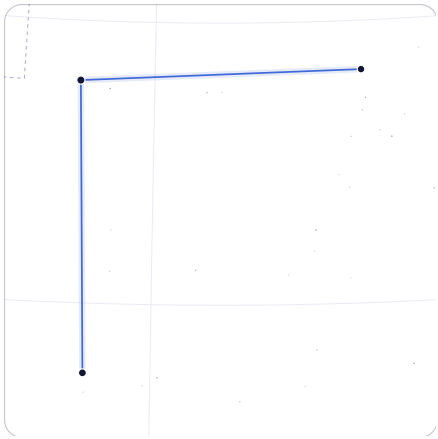
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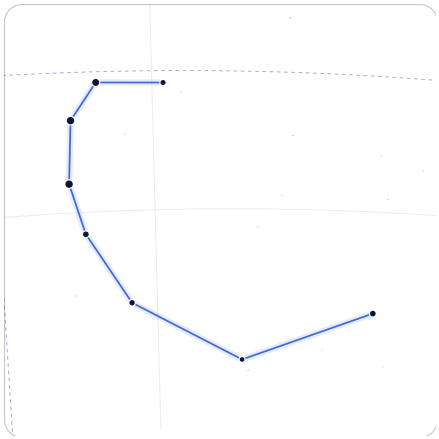
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Brightest star: **Alpha Circini**
Best month: **June** · Southern sky

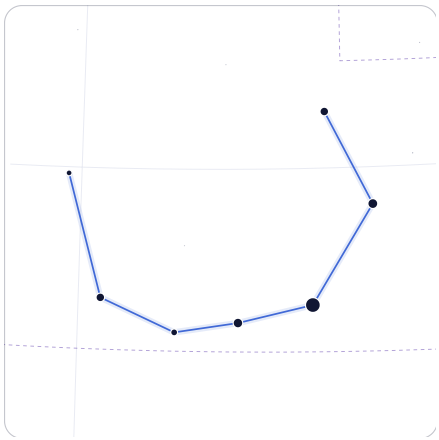
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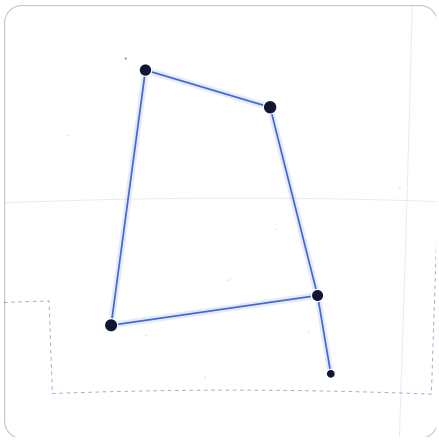
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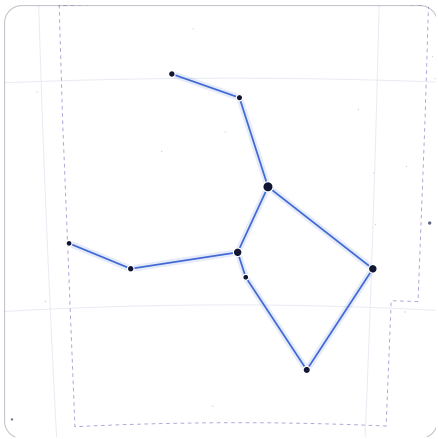
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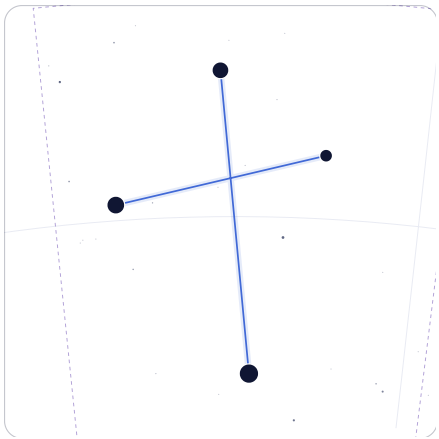
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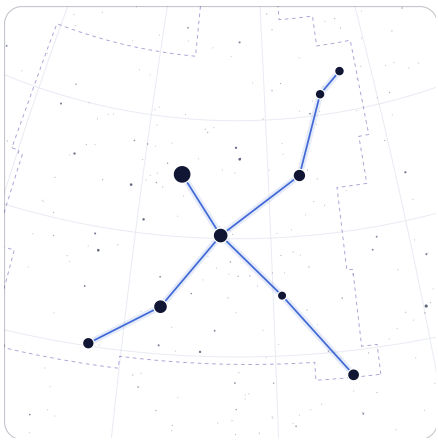
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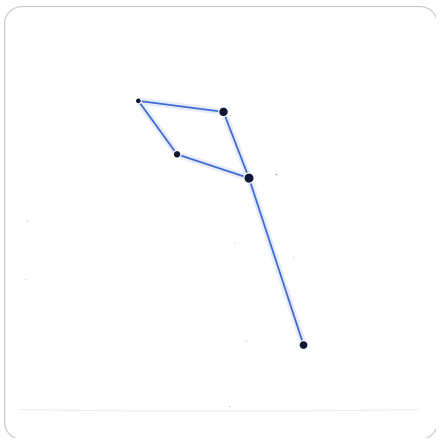
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Corona Australis

kuh-ROH-nuh aw-STRAY-lis

The Southern Crown

Brightest star: **Meridiana**
Best month: **August** · Southern sky

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Coma Berenices

KOH-muh bair-uh-NY-seez

Berenice's Hair

Brightest star: **Beta Comae Berenices**
Best month: **May** · Northern sky

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Corvus

KOR-vus

The Crow

Brightest star: **Gienah**
Best month: **May** · Southern sky

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Corona Borealis

kuh-ROH-nuh bor-ee-AL-is

The Northern Crown

Brightest star: **Alphecca**
Best month: **July** · Northern sky

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Crux

KRUKS

The Southern Cross

Brightest star: **Acrux**
Best month: **May** · Southern sky

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Crater

KRAY-tur

The Cup

Brightest star: **Delta Crateris**
Best month: **April** · Southern sky

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Delphinus

del-FYE-nus

The Dolphin

Brightest star: **Rotanev**
Best month: **September** · Equatorial sky

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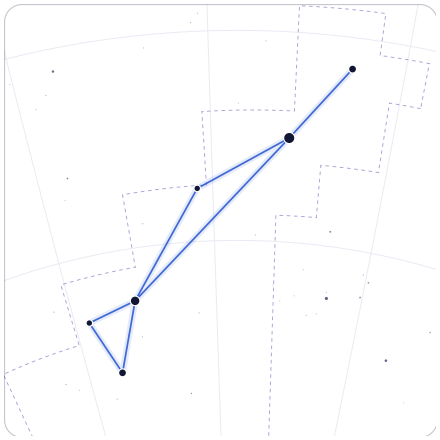
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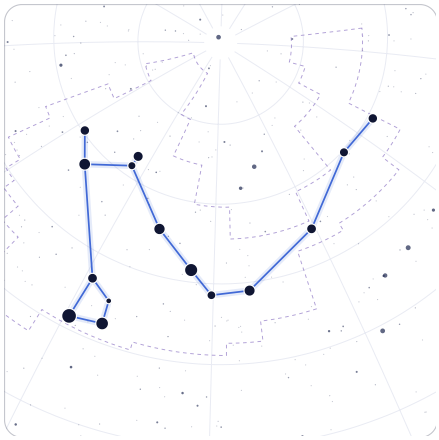
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Brightest star: **Deneb**
Best month: **September** · Northern sky

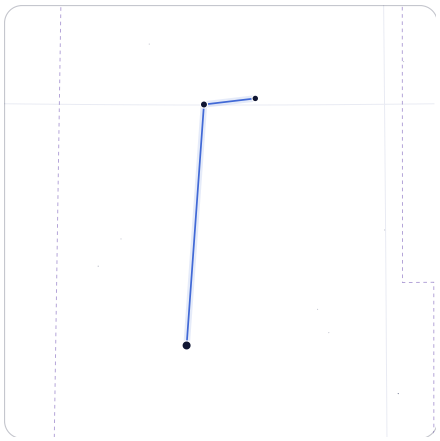
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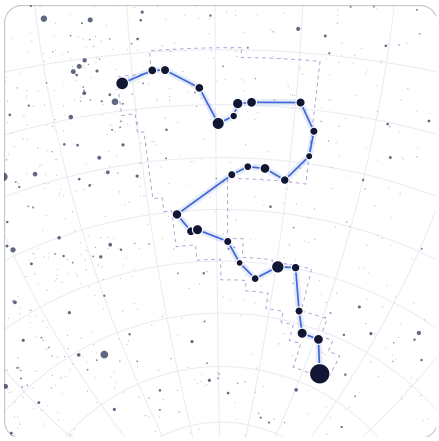
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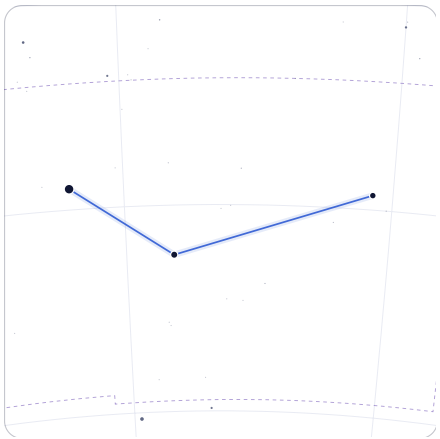
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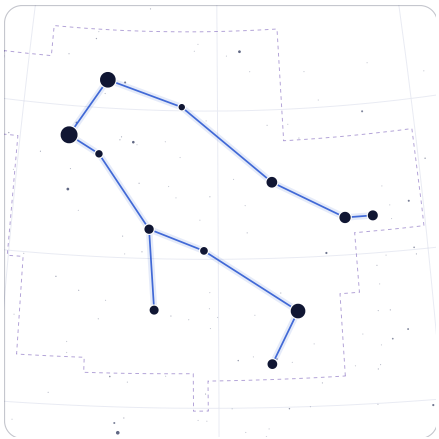
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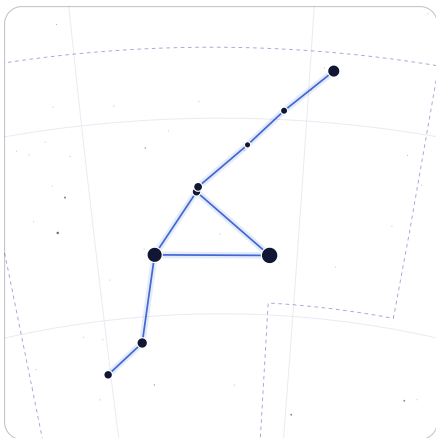
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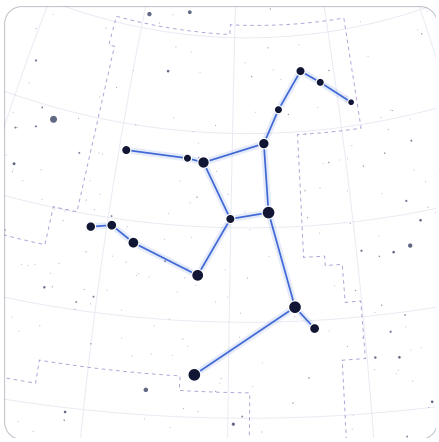
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Draco

DRAY-ko

The Dragon

Brightest star: **Eltanin**
Best month: **July** · Northern sky

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Dorado

doh-RAH-doh

The Dolphinfish

Brightest star: **Alpha Doradus**
Best month: **January** · Southern sky

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Eridanus

eh-RID-uh-nus

The River

Brightest star: **Achernar**
Best month: **January** · Southern sky

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Equuleus

eh-KWOO-lee-us

The Little Horse

Brightest star: **Kitalpha**
Best month: **September** · Equatorial sky

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Gemini

JEM-ih-nye

The Twins

Brightest star: **Pollux**
Best month: **February** · Northern sky

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Fornax

FOR-naks

The Furnace

Brightest star: **Dalim**
Best month: **December** · Southern sky

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Hercules

HER-kyoo-leez

Hercules, the Hero

Brightest star: **Kornephoros**
Best month: **July** · Northern sky

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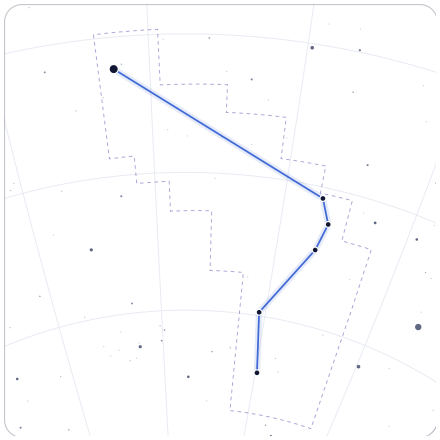
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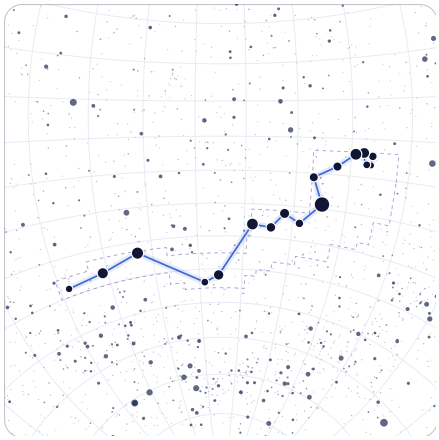
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Brightest star: **Alnair**
Best month: **October** · Southern sky

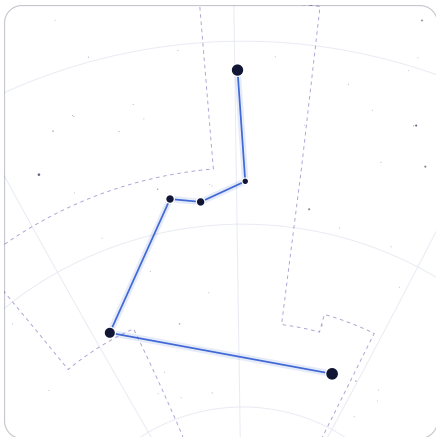
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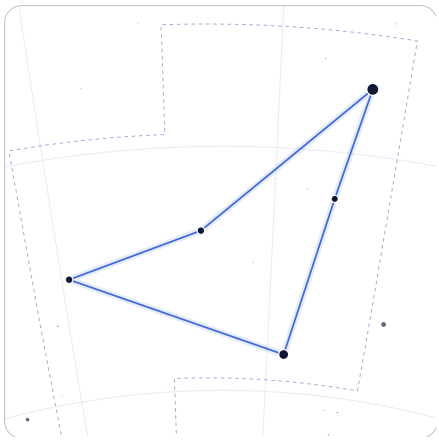
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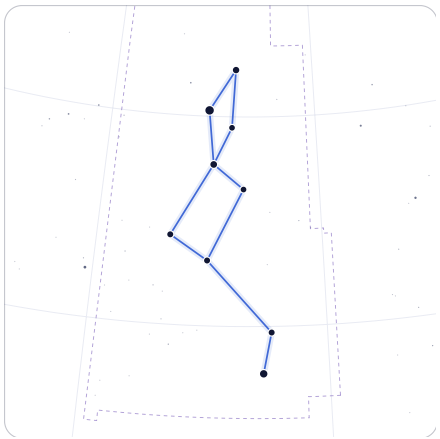
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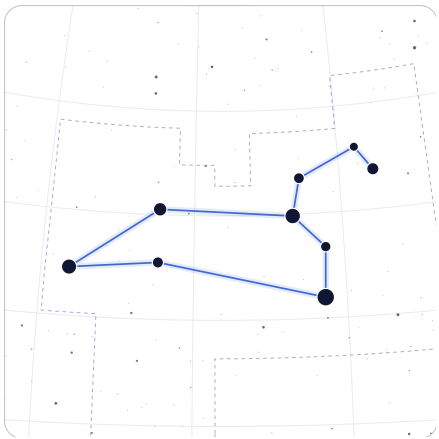
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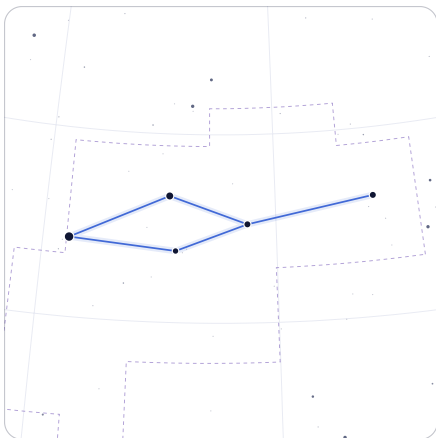
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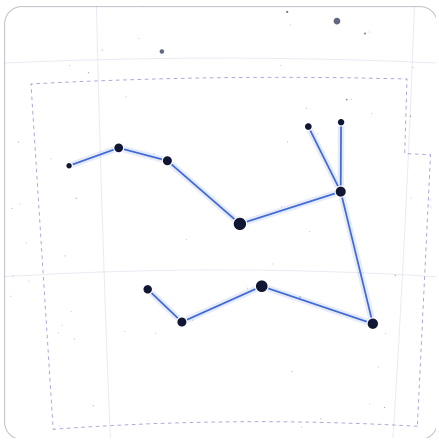
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Hydra

HY-druh

The Water Snake

Brightest star: **Alphard**
Best month: **April** · Southern sky

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Horologium

hor-oh-LOH-jee-um

The Pendulum Clock

Brightest star: **Alpha Horologii**
Best month: **January** · Southern sky

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Indus

IN-dus

The Indian

Brightest star: **Persian**
Best month: **September** · Southern sky

43

Hydrus

HY-drus

The Male Water Snake

Brightest star: **Beta Hydri**
Best month: **December** · Southern sky

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Leo

LEE-oh

The Lion

Brightest star: **Regulus**
Best month: **April** · Northern sky

45

Lacerta

luh-SUR-tuh

The Lizard

Brightest star: **Alpha Lacertae**
Best month: **October** · Northern sky

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Lepus

LEE-pus

The Hare

Brightest star: **Arneb**
Best month: **January** · Southern sky

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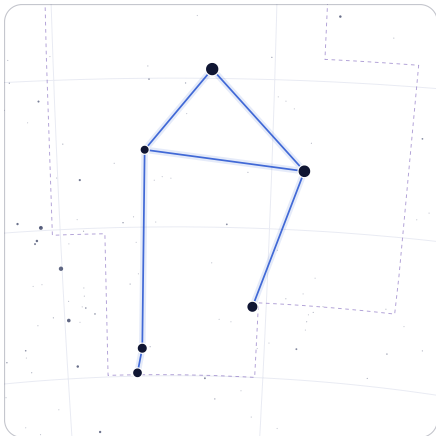
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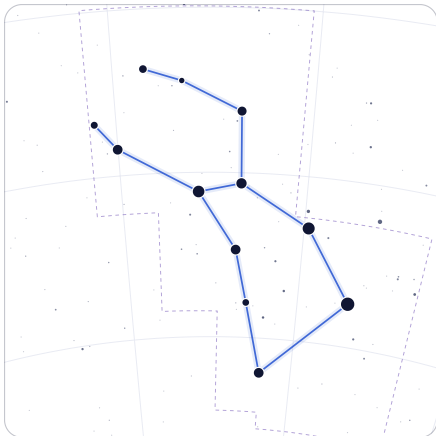
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Brightest star: **Praecipua**
Best month: **April** · Northern sky

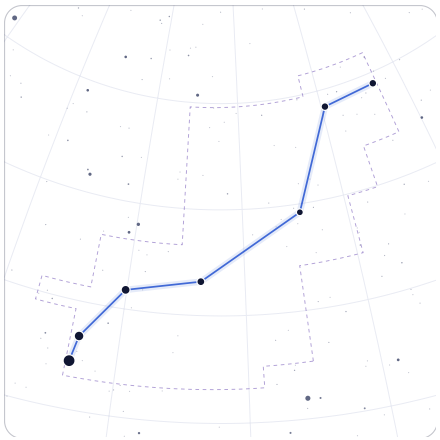
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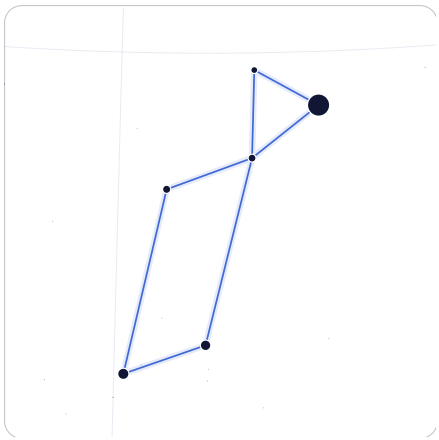
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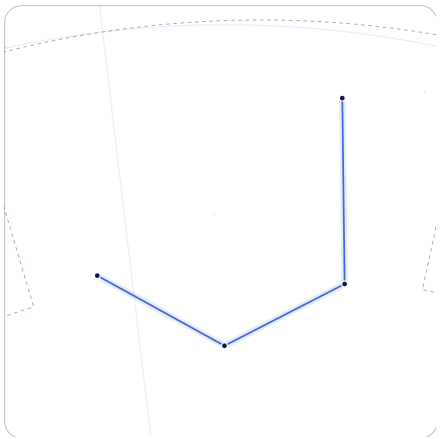
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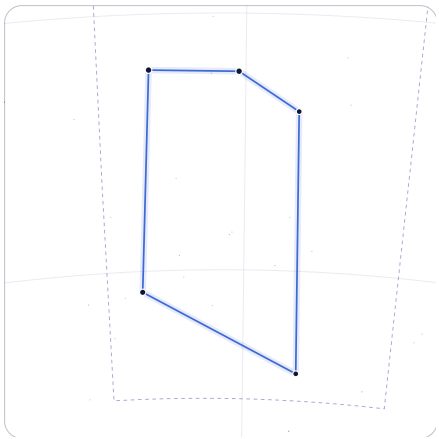
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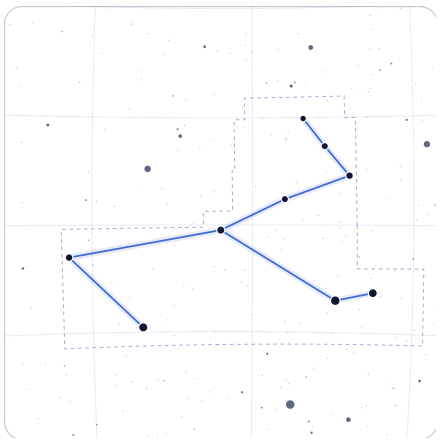
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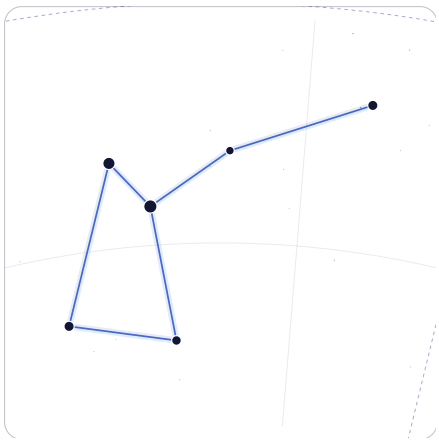
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Lupus

LOO-pus

The Wolf

Brightest star: **Alpha Lupi**
Best month: **June** · Southern sky

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Libra

LEE-bruh

The Scales

Brightest star: **Zubeneschamali**
Best month: **June** · Southern sky

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Lyra

LYE-ruh

The Lyre

Brightest star: **Vega**
Best month: **August** · Northern sky

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Lynx

LINKS

The Lynx

Brightest star: **Alpha Lyncis**
Best month: **March** · Northern sky

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Microscopium

my-kro-SKOH-pee-um

The Microscope

Brightest star: **Gamma Microscopii**
Best month: **September** · Southern sky

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Mensa

MEN-suh

The Table Mountain

Brightest star: **Alpha Mensae**
Best month: **January** · Southern sky

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Musca

MUSS-kuh

The Fly

Brightest star: **Alpha Muscae**
Best month: **May** · Southern sky

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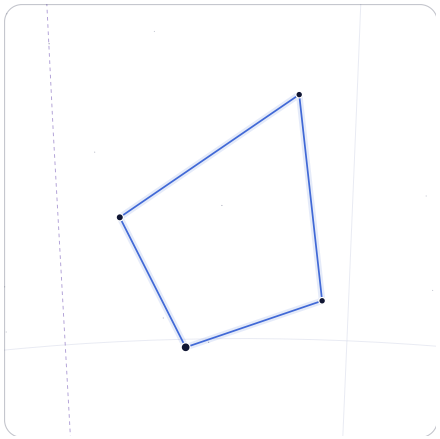
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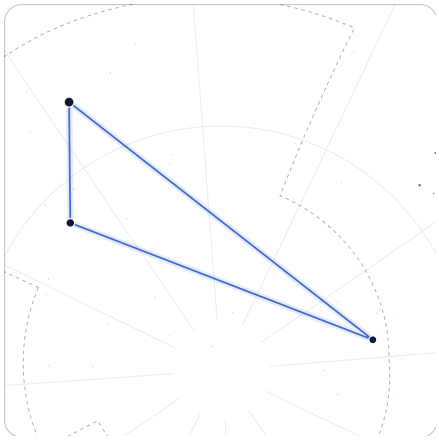
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Brightest star: **Beta Monocerotis**
Best month: **February** · Equatorial sky

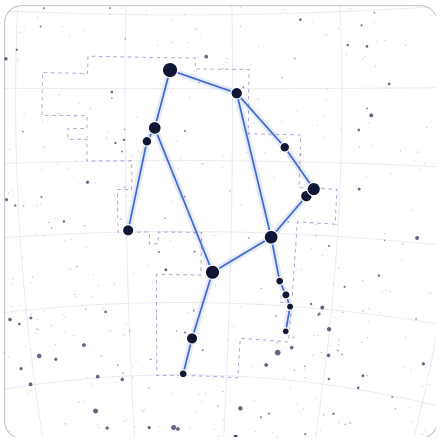
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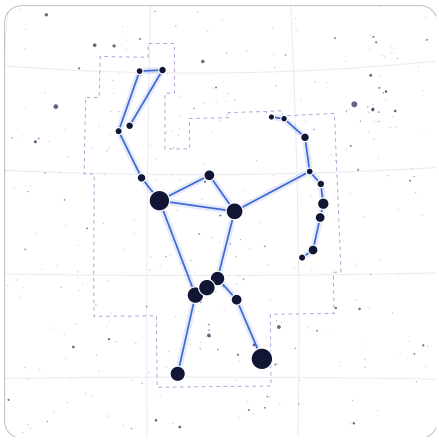
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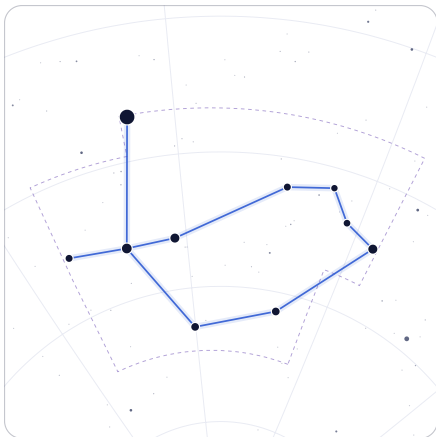
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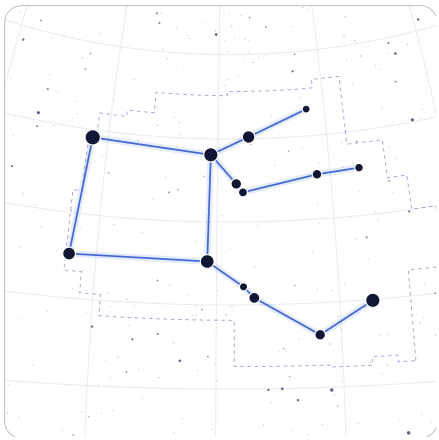
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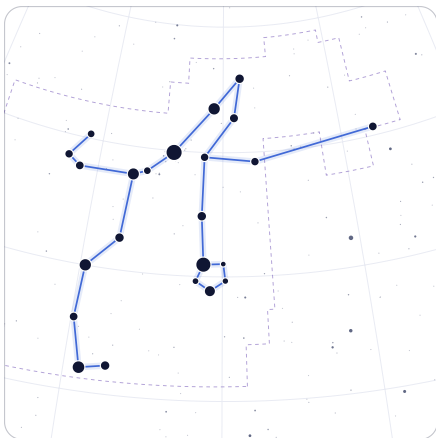
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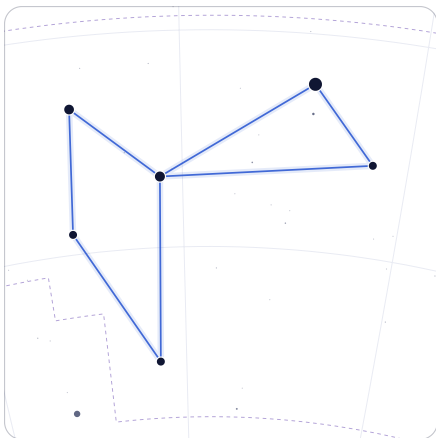
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Octans

OK-tunz

The Octant

Brightest star: **Nu Octantis**
Best month: **August** · Southern sky

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Norma

NOR-muh

The Carpenter's Square

Brightest star: **Gamma² Normae**
Best month: **July** · Southern sky

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Orion

oh-RYE-un

The Hunter

Brightest star: **Rigel**
Best month: **January** · Equatorial sky

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Ophiuchus

off-ee-YOO-kus

The Serpent Bearer

Brightest star: **Rasalhague**
Best month: **July** · Equatorial sky

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Pegasus

PEG-uh-sus

The Winged Horse

Brightest star: **Enif**
Best month: **October** · Northern sky

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Pavo

PAY-voh

The Peacock

Brightest star: **Peacock**
Best month: **August** · Southern sky

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Phoenix

FEE-niks

The Phoenix

Brightest star: **Ankaa**
Best month: **November** · Southern sky

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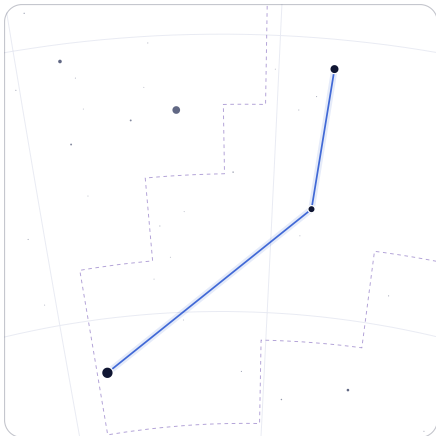
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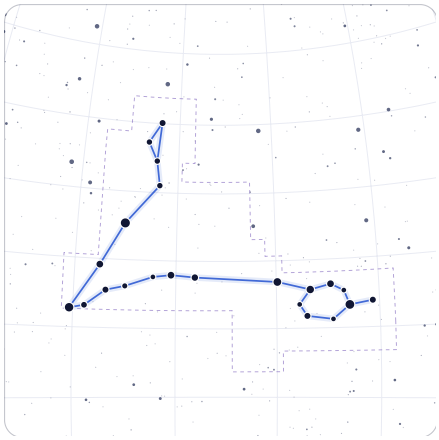
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Brightest star: **Mirfak**
Best month: **December** · Northern sky

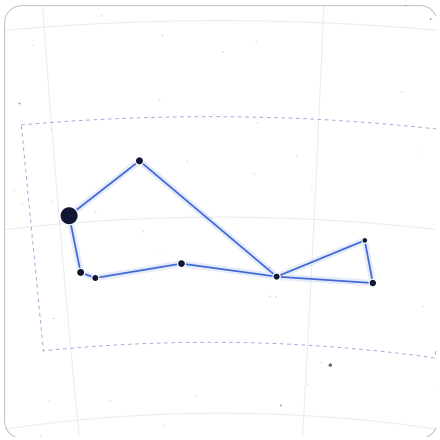
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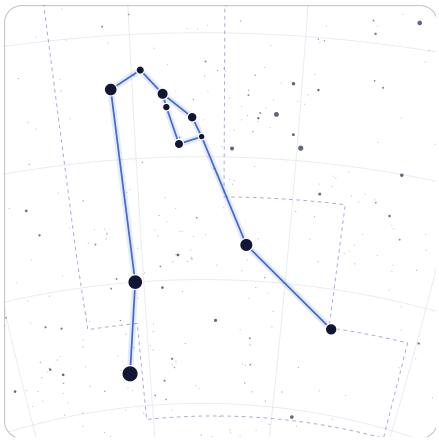
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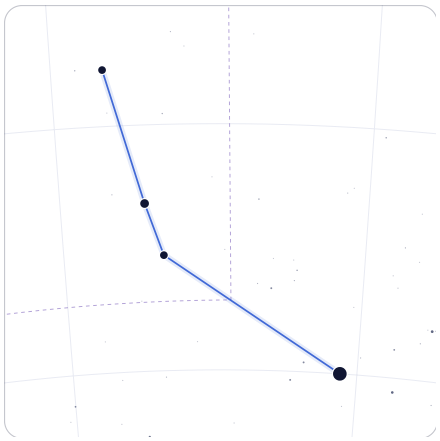
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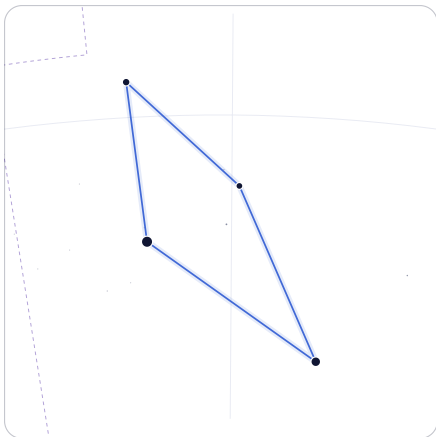
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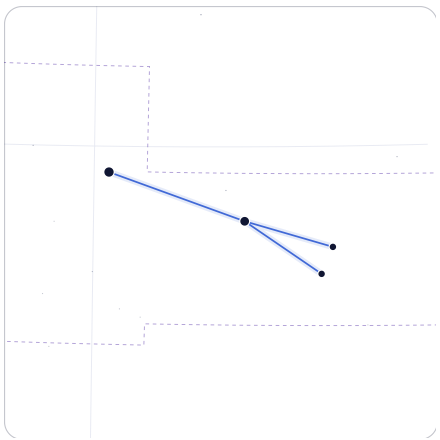
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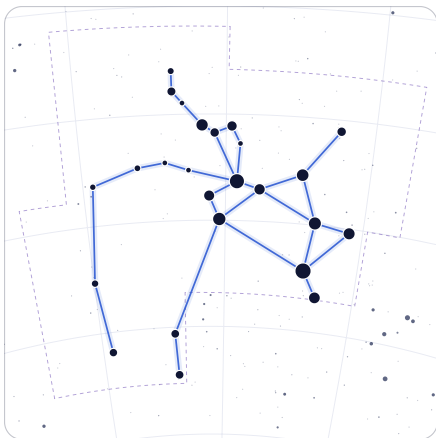
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Pisces

PY-seez

The Fishes

Brightest star: **Alpherg**
Best month: **November** · Equatorial sky

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Pictor

PIK-tor

The Painter's Easel

Brightest star: **Alpha Pictoris**
Best month: **February** · Southern sky

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Puppis

PUP-is

The Stern

Brightest star: **Naos**
Best month: **February** · Southern sky

67

Piscis Austrinus

PY-sis aw-STRY-nus

The Southern Fish

Brightest star: **Fomalhaut**
Best month: **October** · Southern sky

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Reticulum

reh-TIK-yoo-lum

The Reticle

Brightest star: **Alpha Reticuli**
Best month: **January** · Southern sky

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Pyxis

PIK-sis

The Compass Box

Brightest star: **Alpha Pyxidis**
Best month: **March** · Southern sky

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Sagittarius

saj-ih-TAIR-ee-us

The Archer

Brightest star: **Kaus Australis**
Best month: **August** · Southern sky

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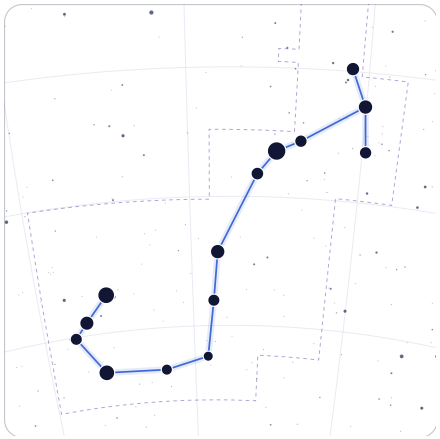
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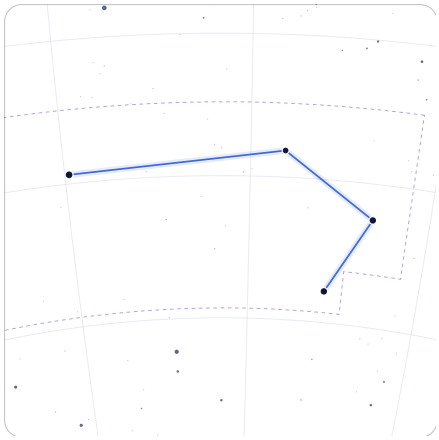
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Brightest star: **Gamma Sagittae**
Best month: **September** · Northern sky

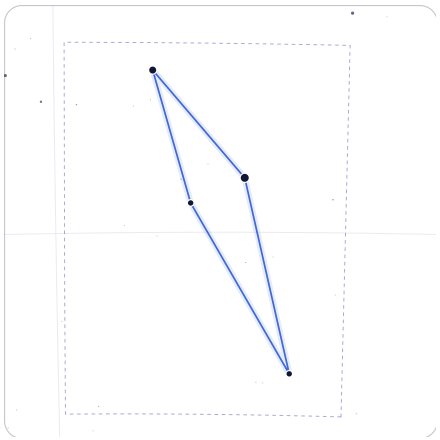
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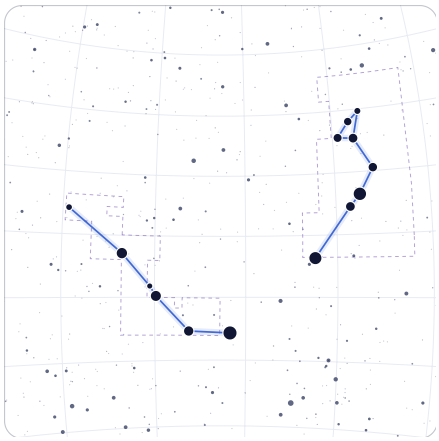
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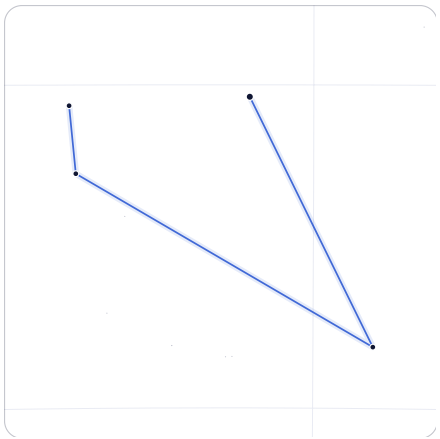
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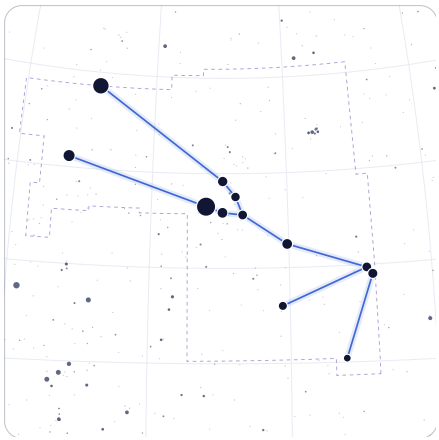
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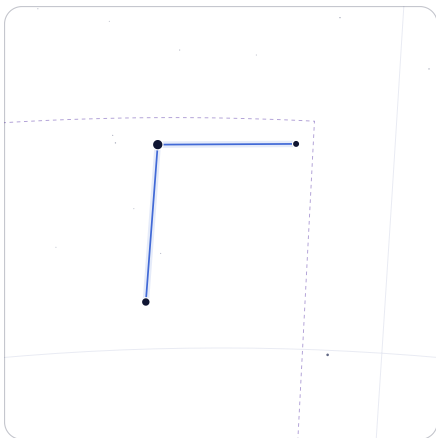
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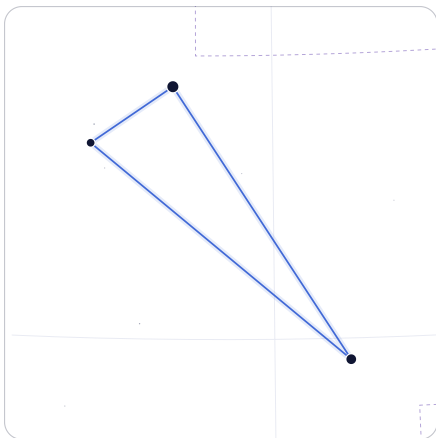
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Sculptor

SKULP-tor

The Sculptor

Brightest star: **Alpha Sculptoris**
Best month: **November** · Southern sky

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Scorpius

SKOR-pee-us

The Scorpion

Brightest star: **Antares**
Best month: **July** · Southern sky

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Serpens

SUR-penz

The Serpent

Brightest star: **Unukalhai**
Best month: **July** · Equatorial sky

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Scutum

SKOO-tum

The Shield

Brightest star: **Alpha Scuti**
Best month: **August** · Equatorial sky

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Taurus

TOR-us

The Bull

Brightest star: **Aldebaran**
Best month: **January** · Equatorial sky

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Sextans

SEKS-tunz

The Sextant

Brightest star: **Alpha Sextantis**
Best month: **April** · Equatorial sky

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Triangulum

try-ANG-gyoo-lum

The Triangle

Brightest star: **Beta Trianguli**
Best month: **December** · Northern sky

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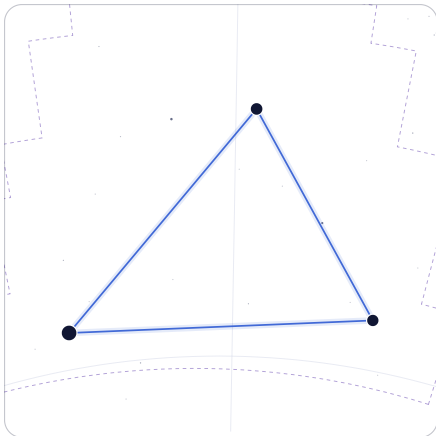
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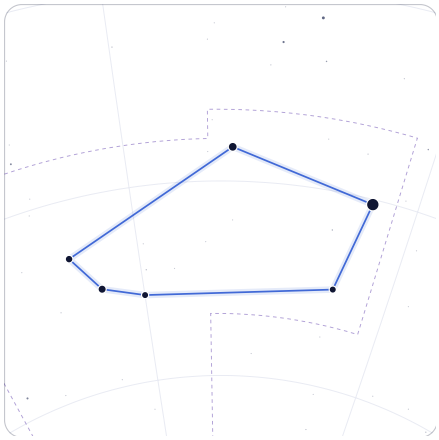
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Brightest star: **Alpha Telescopii**
Best month: **August** · Southern sky

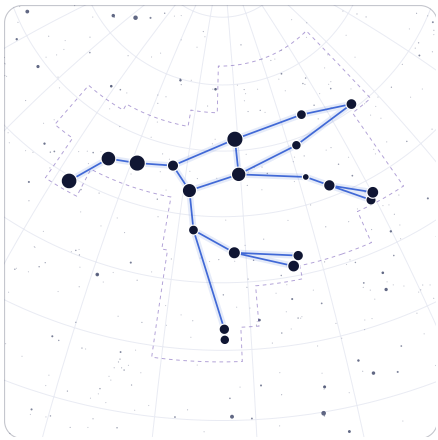
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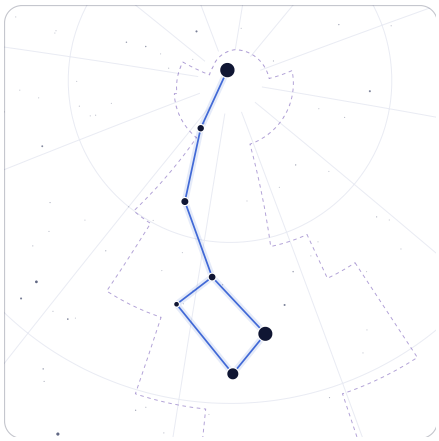
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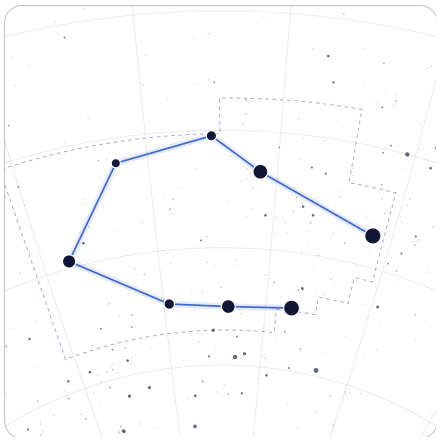
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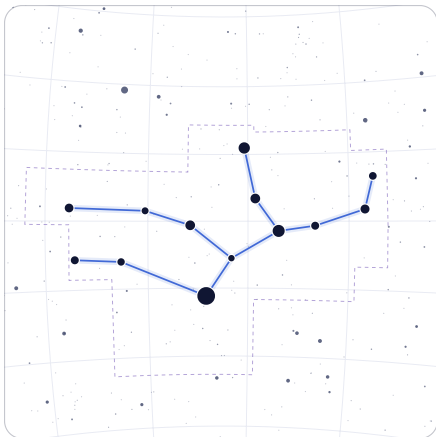
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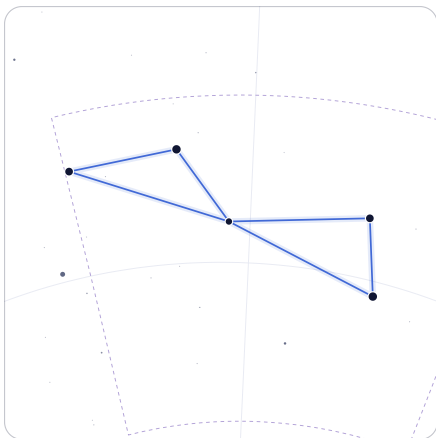
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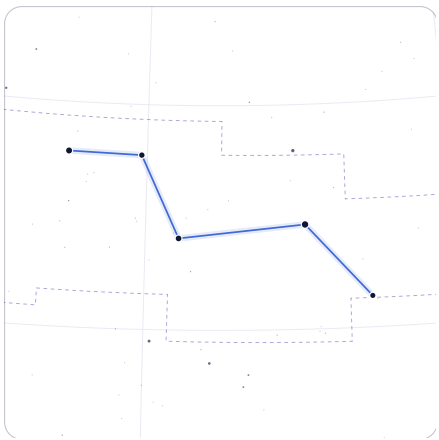
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Tucana

too-KAY-nuh

The Toucan

Brightest star: **Alpha Tucanae**
Best month: **October** · Southern sky

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Triangulum Australe

try-ANG-gyoo-lum aw-STRAY-lee

The Southern Triangle

Brightest star: **Atria**
Best month: **July** · Southern sky

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Ursa Minor

UR-suh MY-nur

The Little Bear

Brightest star: **Polaris**
Best month: **June** · Northern sky

83

Ursa Major

UR-suh MAY-jur

The Great Bear

Brightest star: **Alioth**
Best month: **April** · Northern sky

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Virgo

VUR-go

The Maiden

Brightest star: **Spica**
Best month: **May** · Equatorial sky

85

Vela

VEE-luh

The Sails

Brightest star: **Regor**
Best month: **March** · Southern sky

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Vulpecula

vul-PEK-yoo-luh

The Little Fox

Brightest star: **Anser**
Best month: **August** · Northern sky

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Volans

VOH-lunz

The Flying Fish

Brightest star: **Gamma Volantis**
Best month: **March** · Southern sky