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Alpha Persei Cluster

Quick Facts:

Distance: 600 Light-years.

Size: Approx 30 Light-years.

Constellation: Perseus.

Young cluster with many hot, bright stars. Such a grouping is known as an OB association. It is naked-eye and surrounds/includes the star Mirfak (Alpha Persei). With a dozen bright stars and many fainter ones spread across an area six times as wide as the moon, it looks great in binoculars.

Find it: Look for the brightest stars in Perseus. GOTO: NAMED STARS.

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