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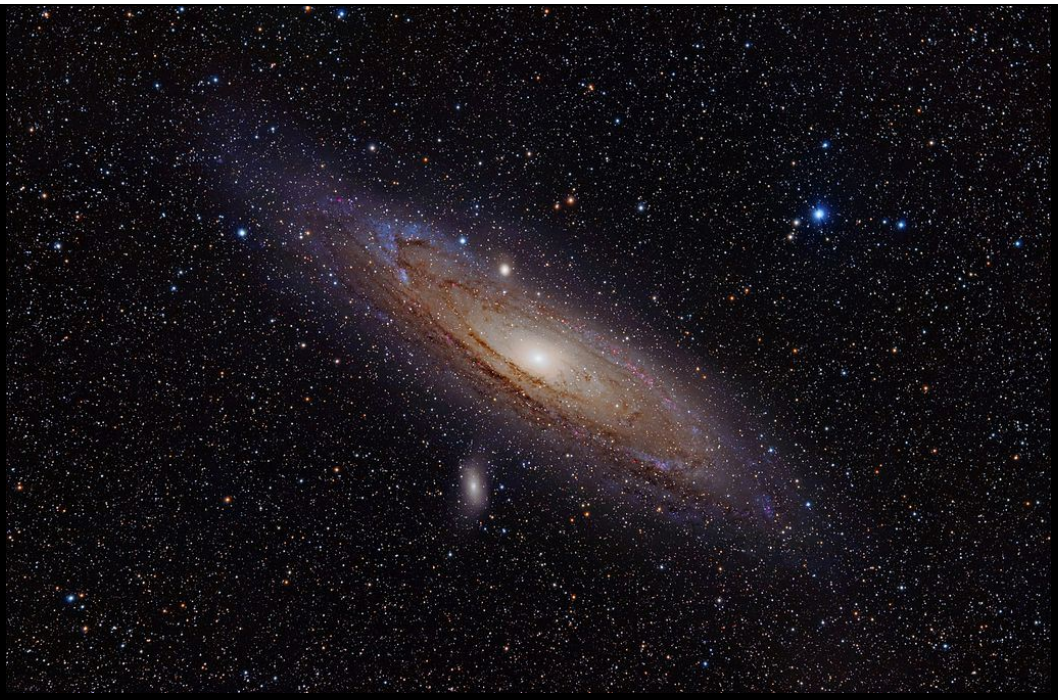
Andromeda Galaxy



Quick Facts:

Distance: 2.5 Million Light-years.

Size: 220,000 Light-years.

Constellation: Andromeda.

Bright naked-eye galaxy. Look close by for 2 satellite galaxies of Andromeda. M32 is close in in the same medium power eyepiece field to the SE of Andromeda's nucleus, while fainter M110 is farther away (wide field eyepiece) to the NW.

Find it: Use the bright westernmost (upper) 3 stars of Cassiopeia's W – the trio forming a nearly equilateral triangular V. Imagine the line slicing the V in half and going through its point. Follow the line about 4 times its length down to the south. GOTO: M (Messier).

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