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Quick Facts:

Distance: 800,000 Light-years **Size: 2,000 Light-years**

Constellation: Leo

A dwarf spheroidal galaxy that is a part of the Local Group of Galaxies. It's a satellite galaxy of the Milky Way, much fainter than the better known and brighter satellites, the Magellanic Clouds. It's also the farthest of the known galaxy satellites of the Milky Way. Just north of dazzling Regulus, clean optics and a dark sky are needed to detect its very faint glow. Find it: Look half a degree N of Regulus using a high enough power so its brilliance can be hidden outside the field of view. GOTO: NAMED STARS.

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