Messier 34 Cluster

Quick Facts:
Distance: 1,500 Light-years
Size: Approx 15 Light-years.
Constellation: Perseus.
Visible to the naked eye under the excellent conditions of a DINO moonless night. With 400 stars it has a high proportion of white dwarf stars as members. Find it: Use the stars of the Great Square in Pegasus SW-NE diagonal Markab and Alpheratz. Hop to the next similarly bright star Mirach in Andromeda 15 degrees NE. Continue in the same direction stopping at the similarly bright star Almach in Andromeda. (These two jumps are easier than they sound.) Get this star in your scope's wide-field eyepiece and now sweep 7 degrees east to find the cluster. GOTO: M (Messier).

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