Messier 5 Globular

Quick Facts:

Distance: 24,500 Light-years.

Size: Approx 165 Light-years.

Constellation: Serpens.

A big bright globular cluster that can be seen with the naked eye under very good conditions. Among its hundreds of thousands of members, it contains over 100 pulsating variable stars. Find it: Look for this globular in the constellation of Serpens by sweeping just over 10 degrees due north of Zubeneschamali in Libra. GOTO: M (Messier).

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