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Messier 56 Globular

Quick Facts:

Distance: 32,900 Light-years.

Size: Approx 84 Light-years.

Constellation: Lyra.

The only globular in the constellation of Lyra, which also contains the Ring Nebula and the Double Double.

Find it: Star hop to it by first finding the brightest star at the bottom of Lyra, Sulafat or Gamma Lyrae. Form a line with this star and Albireo in Cygnus. Sweep just a bit over halfway between the two towards Albireo to see the fuzzy circular patch. GOTO: M (Messier).

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