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Messier 80 Globular

Quick Facts:

Distance: 32,600 Light-years.

Size: Approx 95 Light-years.

Constellation: Scorpius.

Not too far from brilliant Antares. It contains an excess of blue stars compared to other globular clusters, probably due to stellar collisions and close encounters in the high-density inner regions of the cluster.

Find it: Easy to find midway between Antares and the upper star of the trio of stars forming the front of the Scorpion's body.

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