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Messier 48

Quick Facts:

Distance: 2500 Light-years.

Size: Approx 120 Light-years.

Constellation: Hydra.

The “missing Messier” discovered in 1771 by Charles Messier but he wrote down the wrong coordinates. Now all authorities agree this is the object he found.

Find it: Sweep 10 degrees due southwest of the head of Hydra. A tiny blob of fuzzy light half the size of the moon. GOTO: M (Messier).

Image by Ole Nielsen. Quick reference card by Derek Wallentinsen.