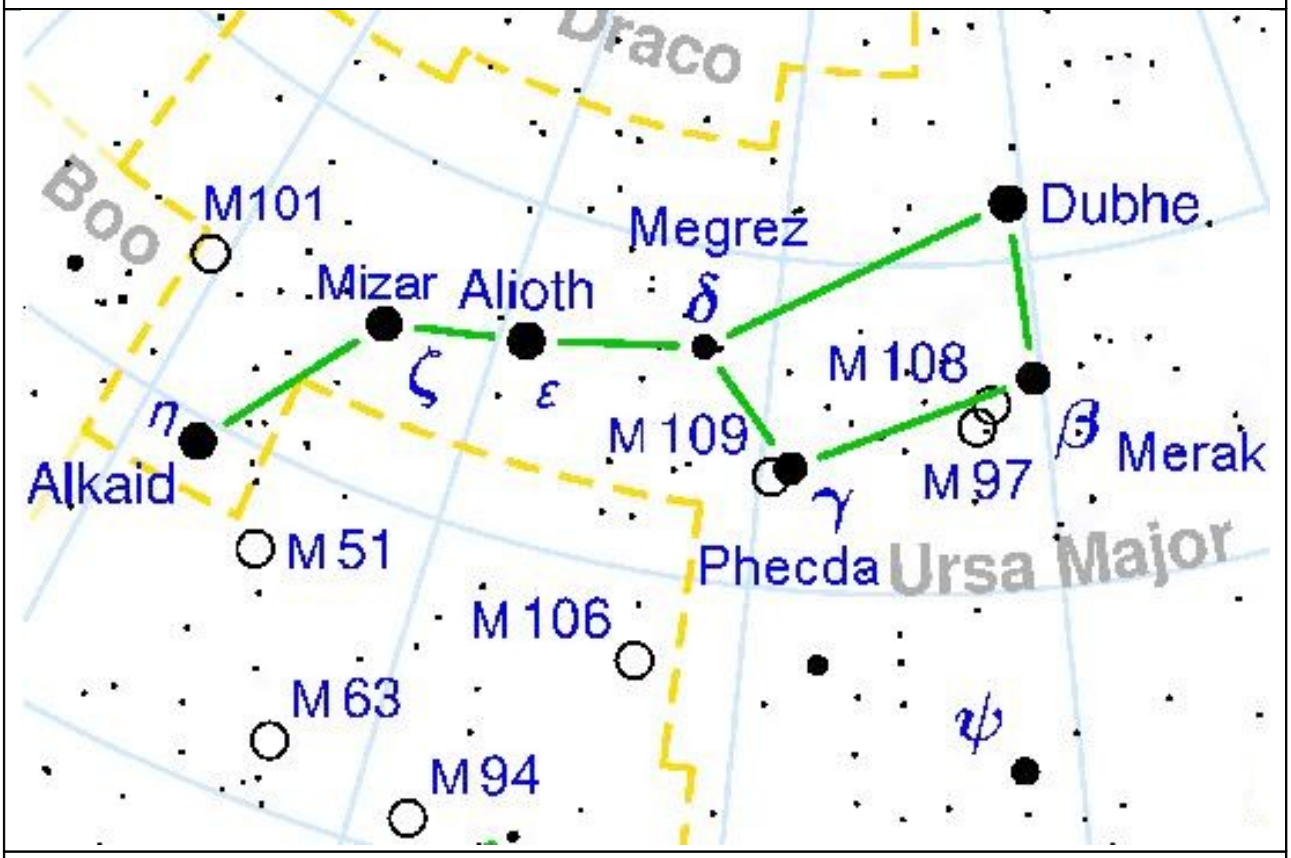
Mizar-Alcor



Quick Facts:

Distance: 83 Light-years.

Constellation: Ursa Major.

Ancients used it as a test for visual acuity. Mizar itself is a quadruple star, a close visual binary, each star of which is also a spectroscopic binary. Alcor itself is a binary, making six stars in the system.

Find it: This is the next-to-the-last star in the handle of the Big Dipper.

GOTO: NAMED STARS and DOUBLE STARS.

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