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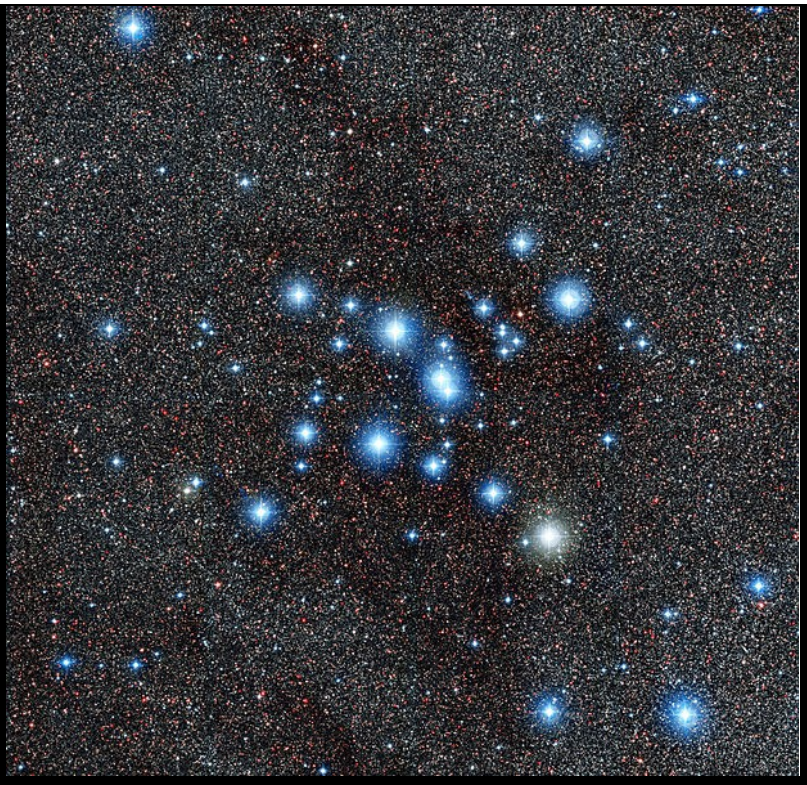
# Ptolemy's Cluster



**Quick Facts:**

**Distance: 1,000 Light-years.**

**Size: Approx 20 Light-years.**

**Constellation: Scorpius.**

**Rich cluster seen as a naked-eye bright spot northeast of the stinger stars (Shaula and Lesath) of Scorpius. Known at least since Ptolemy in the 2nd century AD. Age about 200 million years. Messier 7.**

**Find it: Just follow the line of Shaula and Lesath east about 5 times their spacing to find M7. GOTO: M (Messier).**

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