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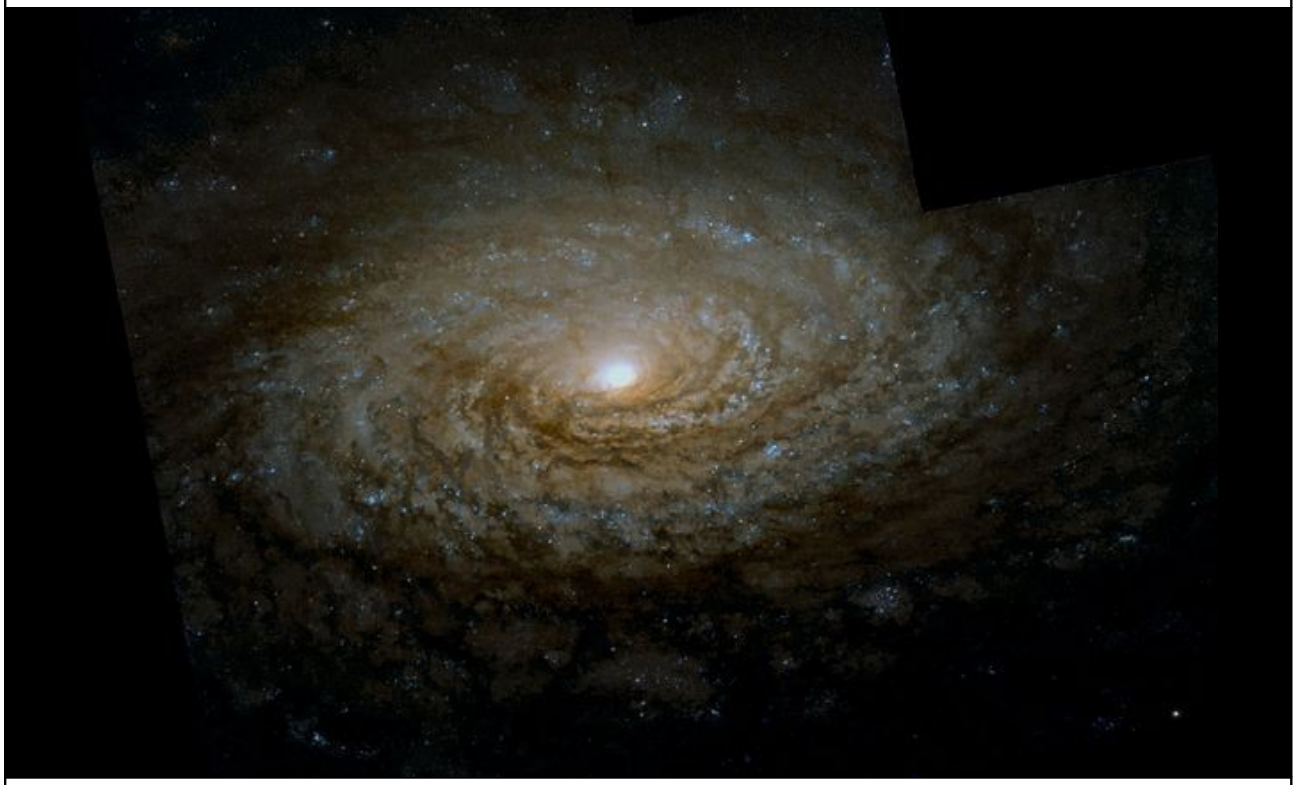
Sunflower Galaxy



Quick Facts:

Distance: 27 Million Light-years.

Size: 100,000 Light-years.

Constellation: Canes Venatici.

A bright oval-shaped spiral galaxy that forms a line along with galaxies M101, end of the Big Dipper handle star Alkaid, M51 and Canes Venatici's brightest star Cor Caroli. Also called Messier 63.

Find it: Find it by locating Alkaid, then look south for the next star of any brightness, which will be Cor Caroli. Use this line as your basis and locate M63 three-quarters of the way from Alkaid to Cor. Messier 63.

GOTO: M (Messier).

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