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Triangulum Galaxy

Quick Facts:

Distance: 2.8 Million Light-years.

Size: 60,000 Light-years.

Constellation: Triangulum.

This is a face-on spiral that is just a bit farther away than the Andromeda Galaxy. It is a naked-eye object under excellent conditions. Like its neighbor, M33 is a member of the Local Group of galaxies including the Milky Way. It is much smaller than our galaxy.

Find it: If you've found the Andromeda Galaxy, go 7 degrees southeast to the bright star Mirach. Continue the same distance and direction to spot the Triangulum Galaxy. GOTO: M (Messier).

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