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Trifid Nebula

Quick Facts: Distance: 5,200 Light-years.
Size: 40 Light-years.
Constellation: Sagittarius
Gas and dust split by dark lanes, it has three lobes which glow in emission and reflection. It includes a cluster born out of the nebula.
Messier 20.
Find it: Easy to find just north of the Lagoon Nebula and can be seen in the same low-power field of view. GOTO: M (MESSIER).

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