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Wild Duck Cluster

Quick Facts:

Distance: 6,000 Light-years.
Size: Approx 20 Light-years.
Constellation: Scutum.
Very rich cluster in Scutum in the form of a V or imaginatively a flight of wild ducks. It has approx 3,000 stars and is 250 million years old. It's also called Messier 11.
Find it: 20 degrees due north of Nunki, the brightest star in the Teapot's handle. Or one-third of the way on the shield arc of Scutum going west to east GOTO: M (Messier).

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