

Orion

The Hunter

Description

Orion is generally shown as a hunter attacking a bull (Taurus) with an upraised club, and is easily recognizable by his bright belt of three stars. In addition, his shoulder is marked by the red supergiant Betelgeuse (literally "armpit of the central one" in Arabic), and his left leg is marked by the blue-white supergiant Rigel. According to the versions of the myth which have him killed by Scorpius, the two were placed on the opposite sides of the sky from each other so that they are never visible at the same time.

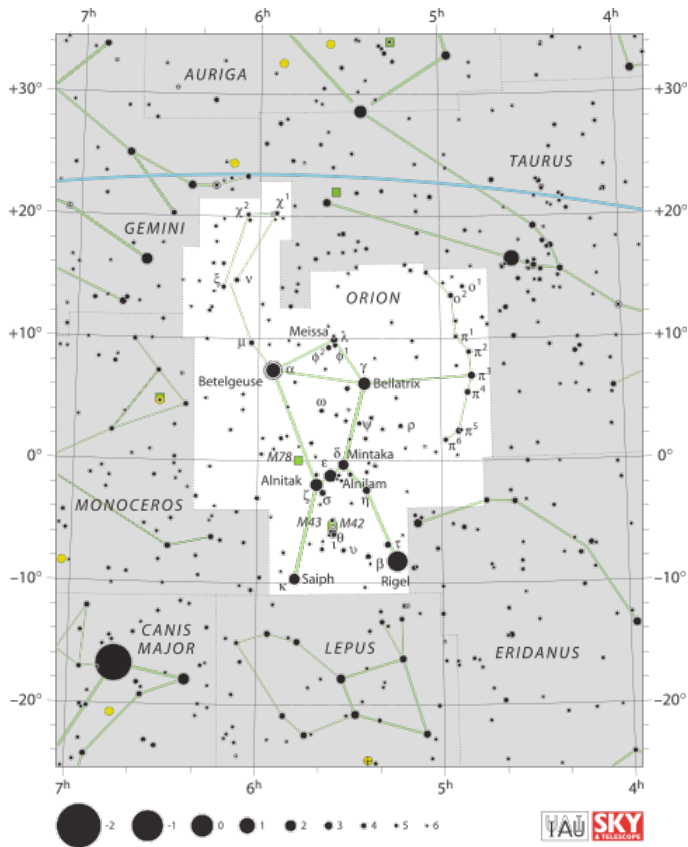
Objects of Interest

Betelgeuse: A red giant star in the top left corner of the constellation may become a supernova at any moment!

The Orionid meteor shower takes place around October 20th of each year. The debris that causes the shower comes from Halley's Comet.



The Horsehead Nebula (IC434) is located in the constellation Orion near the star Alnitak



Mythology

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