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## ASTRO NOTES

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#### The Bright Navigation Stars

Acamar	θ Eri	AY-kuh-mar	Fomalhaut	α PsA	FO-mal-ought
Achernar	α Eri	AY-ker-nar	Gacrux	γ Cru	GAY-kruh
Acrux	α Cru	AY-kruhks	Gienah	γ Crv	JEE-nah
Adhara	ε CMa	ah-DAY-rah	Hadar	β Cen	HAY-dar
Aldebaran	α Tau	al-DEB-ah-ran	Hamal	α Ari	HAM-al
Alioth	ε UMa	AL-ee-oth	Kaus Australis	ε Sgr	KOSS aus-TRAY-lis
Alkaid	η UMa	al-KADE	Kochab	β UMi	KOE-kahb
Al Nair	α Gru	al-NAYR	Markab	α Peg	MAR-kahb
Alnilam	ε Ori	al-NIGH-lam	Menkar	α Cet	MEN-kahr
Alphard	α Hya	AL-fard	Menkent	θ Cen	MEN-kent
Alphecca	α CrB	al-FECK-ah	Miaplusidus	β Car	MY-a-PLAS-i-dus
Alpheratz	α And	al-FEE-rahts	Mirfak	α Per	MEER-fak
Altair	α Aql	al-TAYR	Nunki	σ Sgr	NUN-kee
Ankaa	α Phe	AN-kuh	Peacock	α Pav	PEE-kok
Antares	α Sco	an-TAIR-eez	Polaris	α UMi	poe-LAHR-is
Arcturus	α Boo	ark-TOO-rus	Pollux	β Gem	POL-lucks
Atria	α TrA	AT-ri-ah	Procyon	α CMi	PRO-see-on
Avoir	ε Car	AY-vee-or	Rasalhague	α Oph	RAS-al-haig
Bellatrix	γ Ori	BEL-a-trix	Regulus	α Leo	REG-you-lus
Betelgeuse	α Ori	BET-el-jooz	Rigel	β Ori	RYE-jel
Canopus	α Car	kah-NO-pus	Rigel Kent	α Cen	RYE-jel KENT
Capella	α Aur	kah-PEL-ah	Sabik	η Oph	SAY-bik
Deneb	α Cyg	DEN-eb	Schedar	α Cas	SHED-ahr
Denebola	β Leo	de-NEB-oh-la	Shaula	λ Sco	SHAW-la
Diphda	β Cet	DIF-dah	Sirius	α CMa	SEER-ee-us
Dubhe	α UMa	DUB-ee	Spica	α Vir	SPY-kah
Elnath	β Tau	EL-nath	Suhail	λ Vel	soo-HALE
Eltanin	γ Dra	el-TAY-nin	Vega	α Lyr	VAY-gah
Enif	ε Peg	EEN-if	Zubenelgenube	α Lib	zoo-BEN-al-je- NEW-bee

## Constellations

Andromeda	And	an-DROM-eh-duh	Hydra	Hya	HIGH-druh
Antlia	Ant	ANT-lih-uh	Hydrus	Hys	HIGH-drus
Apus	Aps	AY-pus	Indus	Ind	IN-duss
Aquarius	Aqr	ack-KWAIR-ee-us	Lacerta	Lac	la-SIR-tah
Aquila	Aql	ACK-will-ah	Leo	Leo	LEE-oh
Ara	Ara	AY-ruh	Leo Minor	LMi	LEE-oh MY-ner
Aries	Ari	AIR-eez	Lepus	Lep	LEE-puss
Auriga	Aur	or-EYE-gah	Libra	Lib	LEE-brah
Bootes	Boo	boe-OH-teez	Lupus	Lup	LEW-puss
Caelum	Cae	SEE-lum	Lynx	Lyn	LINKS
Camelopardalis	Cam	ka-MEL-oh-PAR-da-lis	Lyra	Lyr	LYE-ruh
Cancer	Can	KAN-surr	Microscopium	Mic	my-kro-SKO-pee-um
Canes Venatici	CVn	KAY-neeZ ven-AT-iss-see	Monoceros	Mon	mon-OSS-er-us
Canis Major	CMa	KAY-nis MAY-jeer	Musca	Mus	MUS-kah
Canis Minor	CMi	KAY-nis MY-ner	Norma	Nor	NOR-mah
Capricornus	Cap	kap-rih-KORN-nus	Ophiuchus	Oph	off-ih-YOU-kuss
Carina	Car	ka-REEN-uh	Orion	Ori	oh-RYE-un
Cassiopeia	Cas	kass-ee-oh-PEE-yah	Pegasus	Peg	PEG-uh-uss
Centaurus	Cen	sen-TAW-rus	Perseus	Per	PURR-see-us
Cepheus	Cep	SEE-fee-us	Phoenix	Phe	FEE-nix
Cetus	Cet	SEE-tuss	Pictor	Pic	PICK-torr
Chamaeleon	Cha	ka-MEEL-eon	Pisces	Psc	PIE-sees
Circinus	Cir	SUR-sin-us	Piscis		PIE-siss
Columba	Col	ko-LUM-bah	Austrinus	PsA	oss-TRY-nus
Coma	Com	KO-mah	Puppis	Pup	PUPP-iss
Berenices		bear-en-EYE-sees	Pyxis	Pyx	PICK-siss
Corona		kor-OH-nah	Sagitta	Sag	sah-JIT-tah
Australis	CrA	oss-TRAY-liss	Sagittarius	Sgr	saj-ih-TAY-rih-us
Borealis	CrB	bo-ree-ALICE	Scorpius	Sco	SKOR-pih-uss
Corvus	Cor	CORE-vuss	Sculptor	Scl	SKULPT-tor
Crater	Crt	KRAY-turr	Scutum	Sct	SKYOU-tum
Crux	Cru	KRUX	Serpens	Ser	SIR-pens
Cygnus	Cyg	SIG-nuss	Sextans	Sex	SEX-tans
Delphinus	Del	del-FINE-uss	Taurus	Tau	TOR-russ
Dorado	Dor	dough-RAH-dough	Telescopium	Tel	tell-ih-SKO-pee-um
Draco	Dra	DRAY-ko	Triangulum	Tri	try-ANGH-gu-lum
Equuleus	Equ	ek-KWOO-lee-us	Triangulum		
Eridanus	Eri	eh-RID-ah-nuss	Australe	TrA	oss-TRAY-lee
Fornax	For	for-NAX	Tucana	Tuc	too-KAH-nah
Gemini	Gem	JEM-in eye	Ursa Major	UMa	URR-sah MAY-jeer
Grus	Gru	GRUSS	Ursa Minor	UMi	URR-sah MY-ner
Hercules	Her	HER-kyou-leez	Vela	Vel	VEE-lah
Horologium	Hor	hor-o-LO-jee-um	Virgo	Vir	VER-go
			Volans	Vol	VO-lanz
			Vulpecula	Vul	vul-PECK-you-lah