

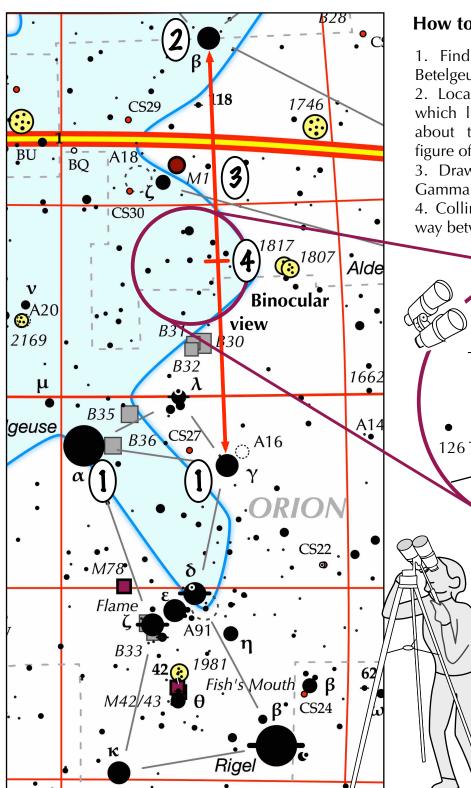
Collinder 65

An obscure star cluster perfect for binoculars

Many have seen it,

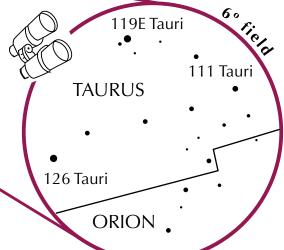
few have heard of it.





How to find Collinder 65

- 1. Find Orion and its bright stars Betelgeuse and Gamma Orionis.
- 2. Locate 1.6 magnitude Beta Tauri which lies directly north of Gamma about the same distance that the figure of Orion is tall.
- 3. Draw a line from Beta Tauri to Gamma Orionis.
- 4. Collinder 65 sits on the line, mid way between Beta and Gamma.



- The cluster spans about 4° and straddles the Taurus/Orion border.
- Collinder 65 is thought to lie 600-750 light-years distant.
- About half the stars visible in the binocular field belong to the cluster.

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