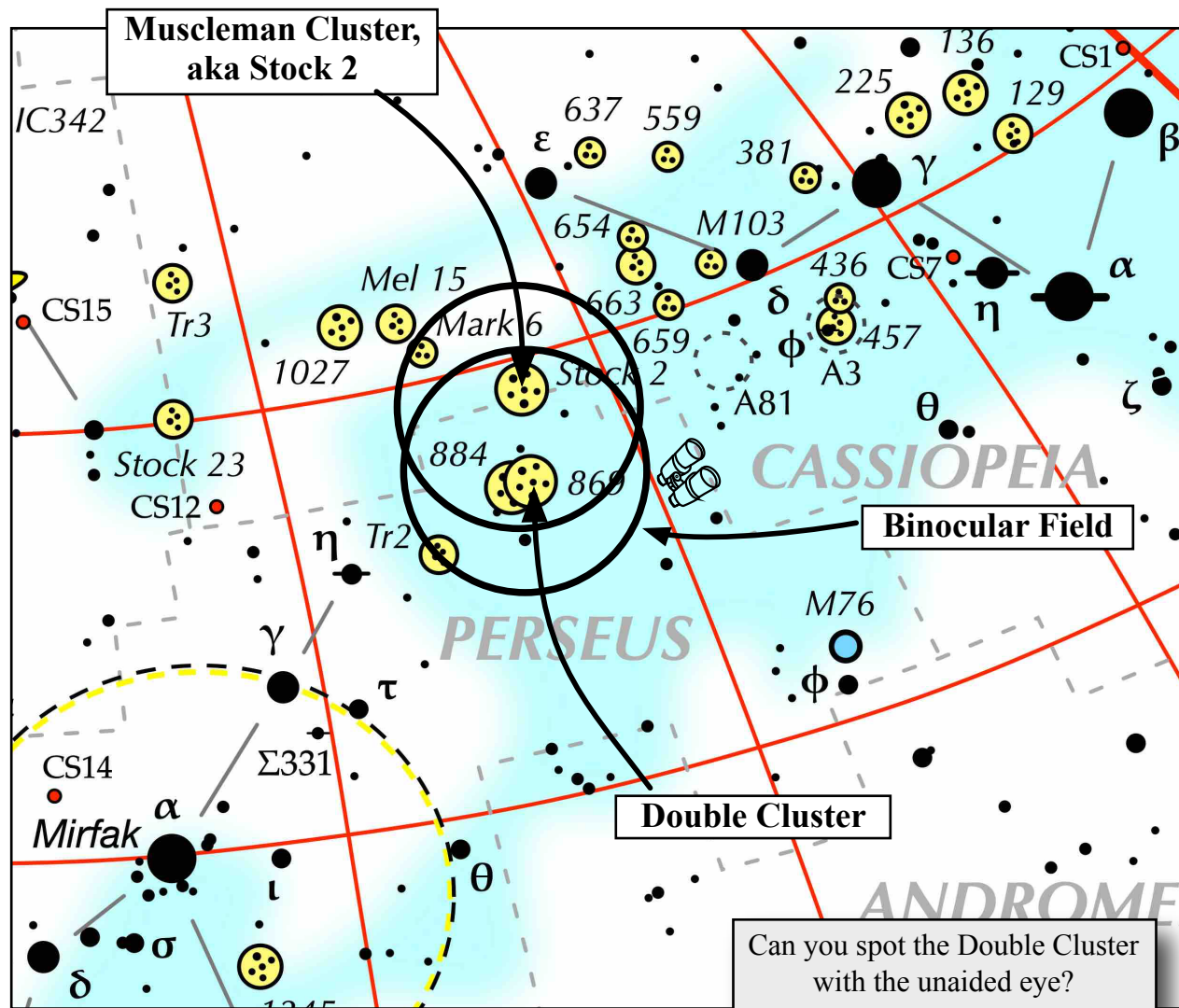




Muscleman Cluster

This large open cluster is often overlooked in favor of its two more splashy neighbors – the famous Double Cluster.



How to find the Muscleman Cluster, aka Stock 2:

1. Find the "w" shaped constellation Cassiopeia and its neighboring constellation to the southeast, Perseus. Identify its brightest star, 1.8 magnitude Mirfak.
2. Mid way between the center star of the "w" (Gamma Cas) and Mirfak lies a soft glow.
3. Binoculars aimed at the glow reveal the famous Double Cluster, also called NGC 869 and 884, and h Persei and Chi Persei.
4. Place the Double Cluster near the southern edge of the field. Near its center is Stock 2, the Muscleman Cluster.
5. **The Muscleman is about 1° in diameter and contains 50 or more stars of 8th magnitude or dimmer. Through binoculars, it appears as a large grainy glow north of the Double Cluster.**
6. While the Double Cluster lies in Perseus, the Muscleman sits just across the border in Cassiopeia.

