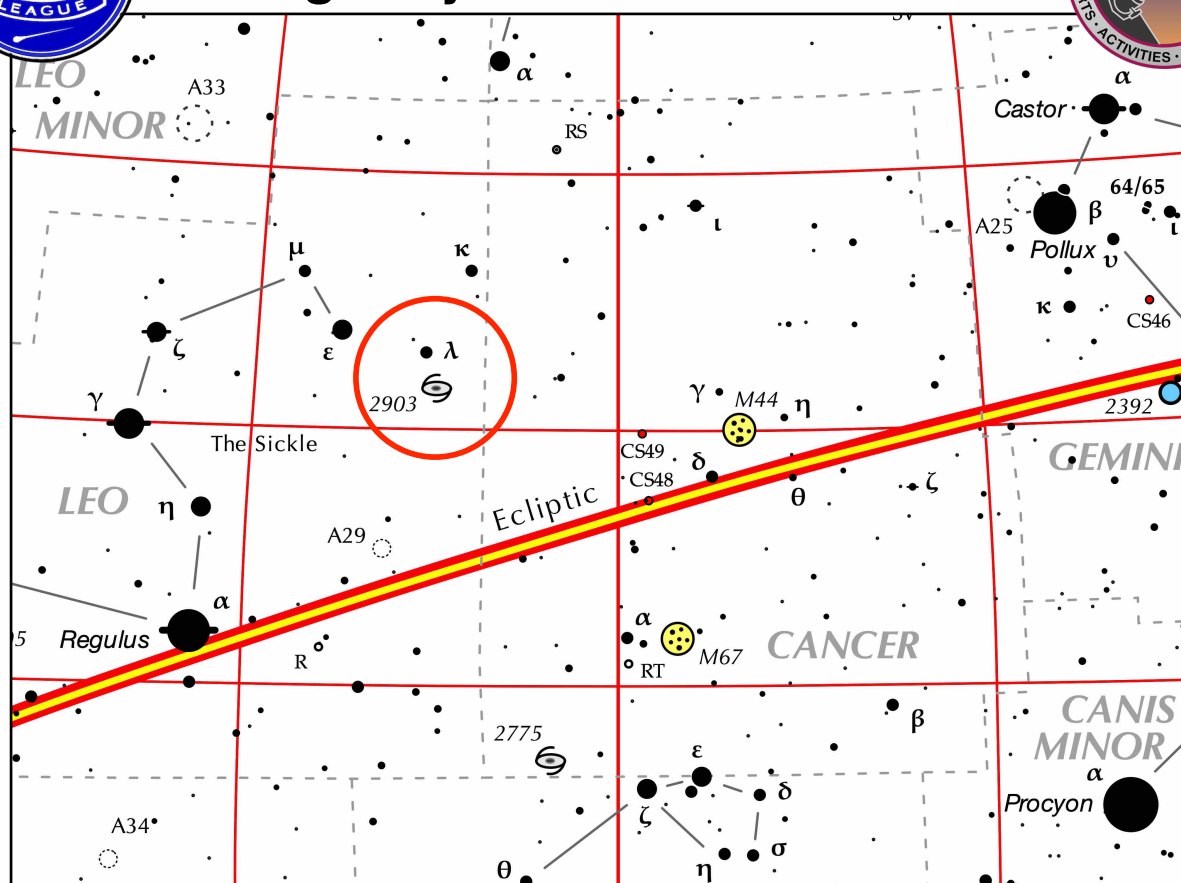




NGC 2903: a galaxy that Messier missed



3 Routes to Find NGC 2903

How to find NGC 2903: Triangulation

1. Complete the "Sickle" of Leo.
2. Find the 4th magnitude star, Lambda, just west of the end star of the Sickle, Epsilon.
3. Make a rough right triangle with Epsilon and Lambda. NGC 2903 will be at the end of its short, southern leg which is half the length of its long leg.
3. NGC 2903 will be located just south of two 7th magnitude stars.

How to find NGC 2903: RA Sweep

1. Polar align the scope.
2. Place Gamma Cancrī, a 4.5 magnitude star immediately northeast of M44, the Beehive cluster in Cancer.
3. Slough in RA about 10 degrees to the east. If the eyepiece has a true field of 1° , the galaxy will be 12 eyepiece fields east.

How to find NGC 2903: Declination Scan

1. Polar align the scope.
2. Locate Lambda Leonis, just west of Epsilon.
3. Using an eyepiece giving a 1° true field, scan south in declination about 2 fields of view.