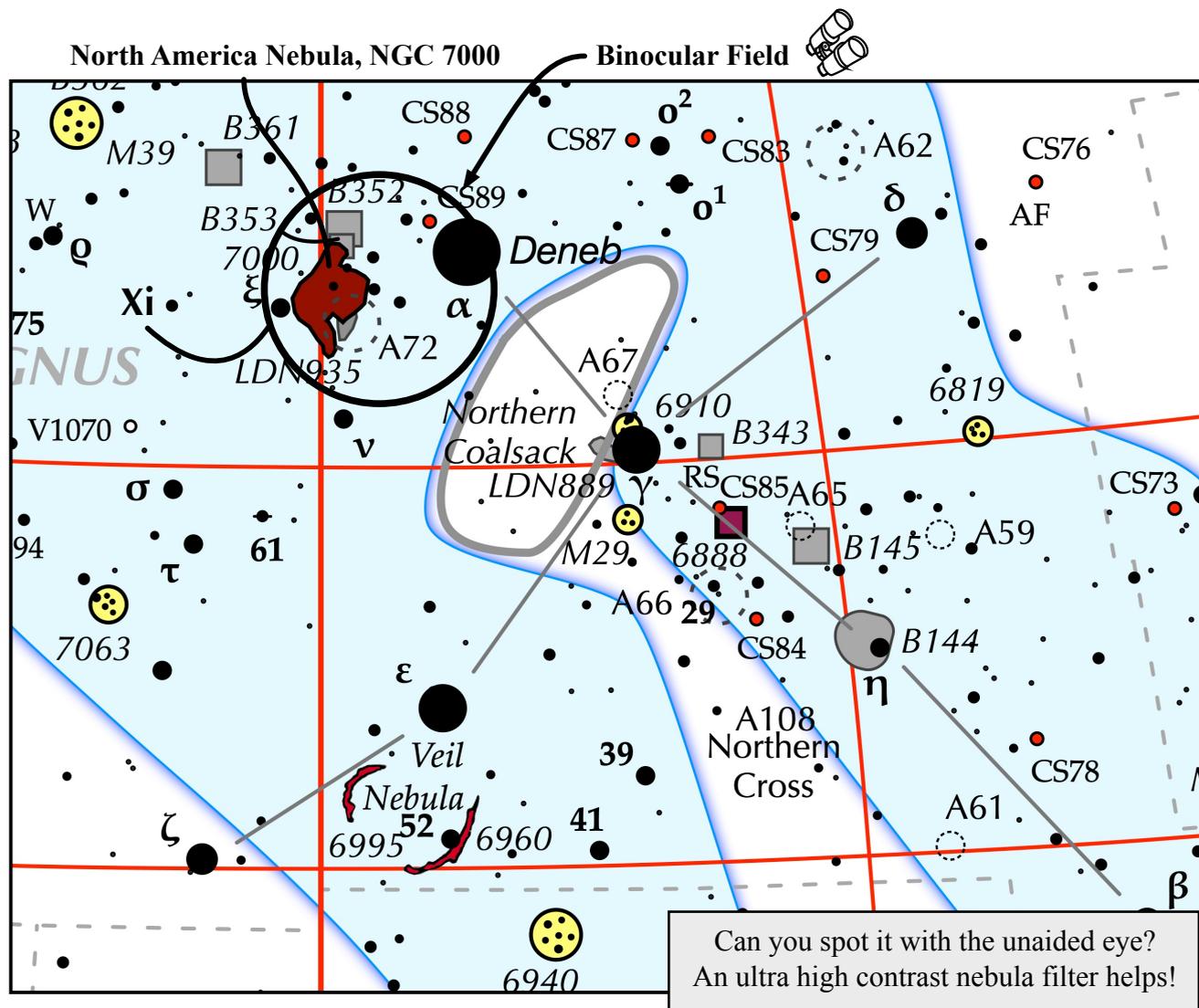




# North America Nebula



*This large emission nebula has a reputation, not entirely justified, of being tough to spot.*



## How to find the North America Nebula:

1. Face south and look directly overhead 90 minutes after sunset on any clear, moonless night in late August through October.
2. The bright star Deneb, a member of the Summer Triangle and brightest luminary of Cygnus, is found near the zenith.
3. Aim binoculars at Deneb. Then place it at the extreme western edge of the field.
4. On the extreme east side lies a dimmer star, 3.7 magnitude Xi Cygni, with many fainter stars in the field.
5. The faint glow of the North America Nebula lies one-fourth the distance between Xi and Deneb.
6. Position the nebula in the center of the binocular field, blocking the glare from Deneb.
7. The nebula spans one-fifth the binocular field.
8. **To see it properly, you must be viewing from a dark location.**

