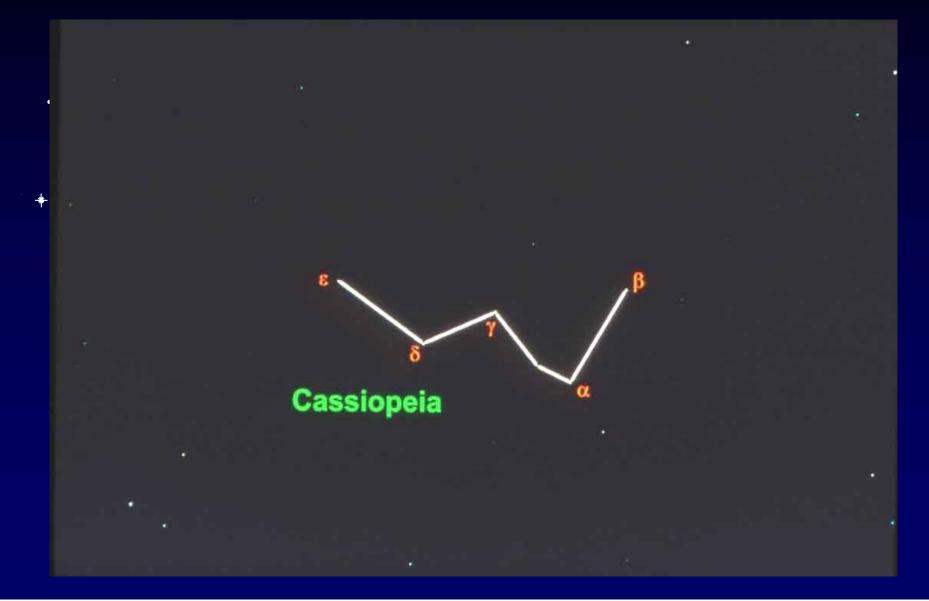
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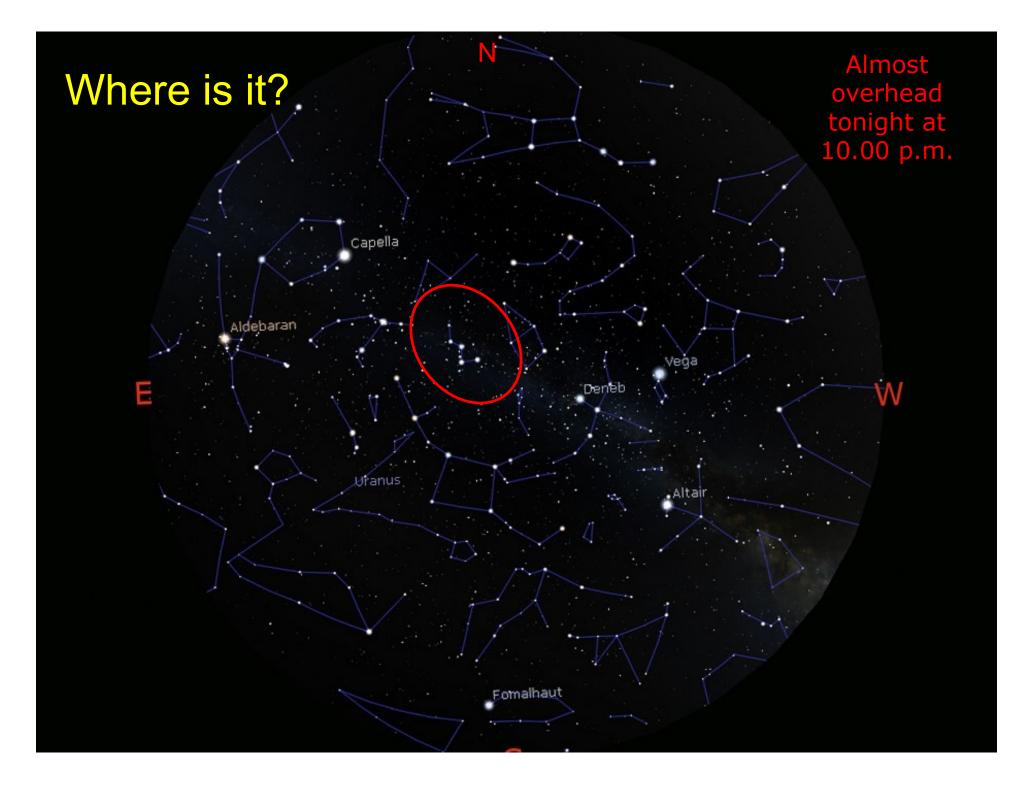
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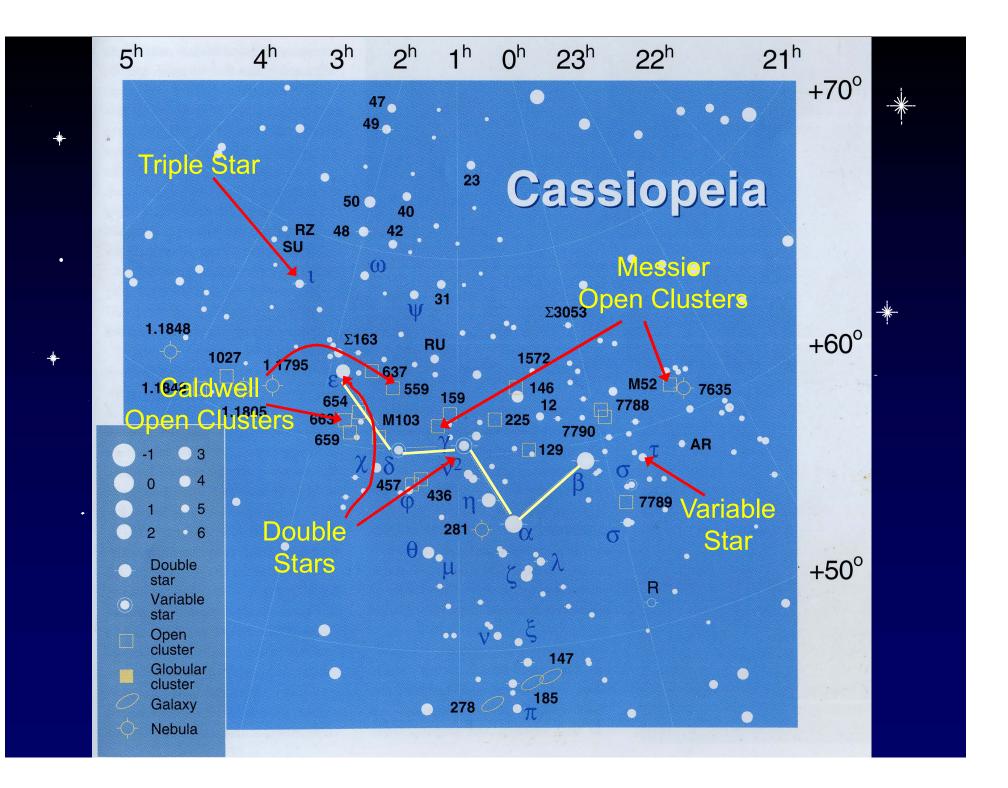
Cassiopeia is on the opposite side of the Pole Star from The Plough. It consists notably of a group of five very bright stars forming a W. Two of these, Ruchbah and Caph, are navigation stars. This constellation contains about 60 stars visible without the aid of a telescope. It is named after Cassiopeia, wife of Cepheus, King of Ethiopia, and mother of Andromeda who was saved from a sea monster by Perseus (Greek Mythology).

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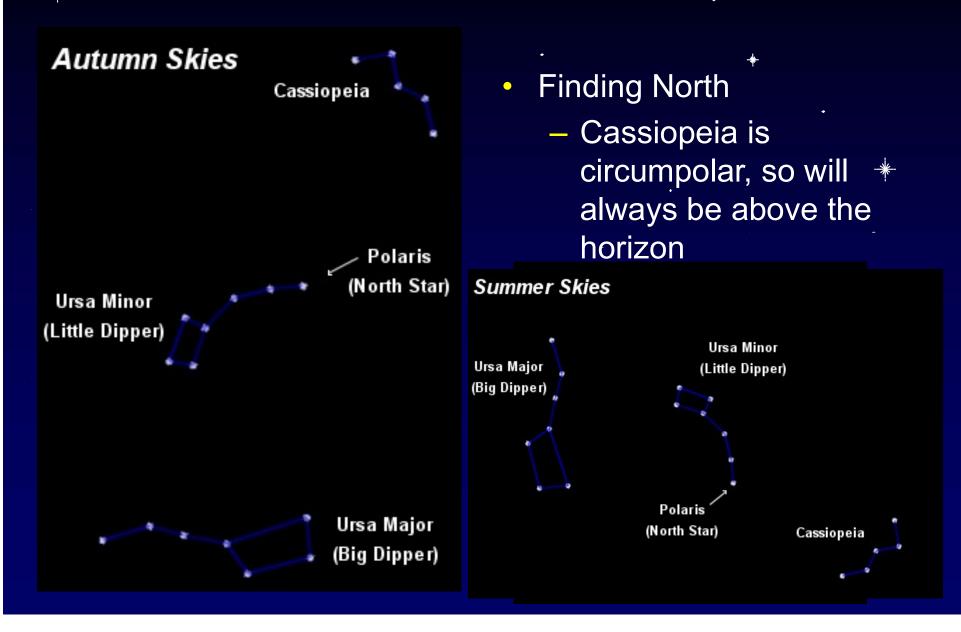


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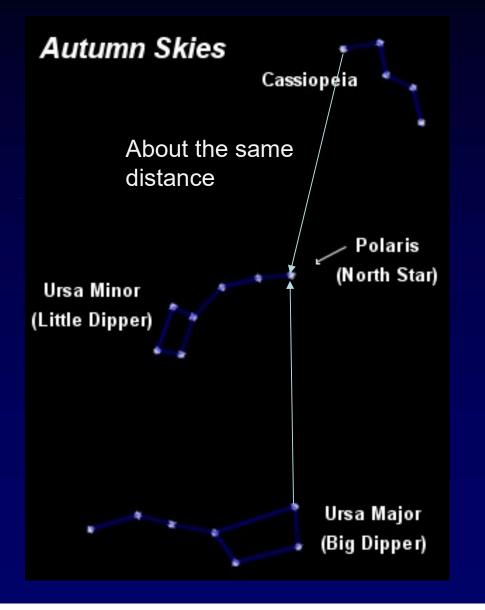
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Distance 8500 light years Visual Brightness Magnitude 7.4 Apparent Dimension 6.0 arc minutes Discovered 1781 by Pierre Méchain



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Finding North
Cassiopeia is circumpolar, so will * always be above the horizon

 If Ursa Major & Minor are obscured by clouds then you can make a rough judgement using Cassiopeia



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