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The study of star and constellation names touches on history, culture, politics, and humans' instinctual yearning for the heavens. Current constellation names are from Latin or Latinized Greek, although some constellations date back to the Sumerians. Star names, in contrast, are much more varied in origin. Many are from Arabic or are Arabic adaptations of names from Sumerian, Babylonian, Persian, and even Latin and Greek. A few are Latinized misunderstandings of Arabic. One, Albireo (β Cygni), is a Latinized misunderstanding of an Arabic misunderstanding of a Greek word meaning 'bird'!

In this handlist, constellations are given in three forms: citation (Cygnus), combining (Cygni), and abbreviated (CYG). Named stars in each appear in Greek-alphabet order. Phonetic spellings are supplied in square brackets, and stressed syllables are capitalized ([al-FEE-rats]). Meanings and language sources are given where possible. Pronunciations are based on those given by George A. Davis Jr. (1944) and Davis et al. (1942), with some changes: Davis has the first syllable of PISCES rhyme with HISS rather than DICE.



ANDROMEDA [an-DROM-uh-duh], Andromedae [an-DROM-uh-dee] (Latin from Greek myth), AND

- Stars: α : Alpheratz [al-FEE-rats] ‘shoulder’ or Sirrah [SEAR-uh] ‘navel’ (Arabic)
 β : Mirach [MY-rack] ‘girdle’ (Arabic)
 γ : Alnach [AL-nack] or Almak [AL-mack] ‘desert lynx or caracal’ (Arabic)

ANTLIA [ANT-lee-uh], Antliae [ANT-lee-ee] ‘pump’ (Latin), ANT

APUS [AY-pus], Apodis [AP-o-dis] ‘bird of paradise’ (Latin), APU

AQUARIUS [uh-KWAIR-ee-us], Aquarii [uh-KWAIR-ee-eye], AQR

- Stars: α : Sadalmelik [SOD-all-MEL-ik] ‘lucky one of the king’ (Arabic)
 β : Sadalsud [SOD-all-SOO-ud] ‘luckiest of the lucky’ (Arabic)
 γ : Sadachbia [sod-AK-bee-uh] ‘lucky star of hidden things’
 δ : Skat [SKATE] ‘shin’ (Arabic)
 ϵ : Albali [all-BAY-lee] ‘swallower’ (Arabic)
 θ : Ancha [ANG-kuh] ‘hip’ (Latin)
 κ : Situla [SIT-yoo-luh] ‘well bucket’ (Latin, from Arabic)

AQUILA [ACK-will-uh], Aquilae [ACK-will-ee] ‘eagle’
(Latin), AQL

Stars: α : Altair [al-TAIR] ‘flying eagle’ (Arabic)
 β : Alshain [al-SHANE] (Persian?)
 γ : Tarazed [TAR-uh-zed] ‘balance’ (Arabic from Persian)
 δ : Denebokab [den-EBB-o-kab] ‘tail of the eagle’ (Arabic)

ARA [AIR-uh], Arae [AIR-ee] ‘altar’ (Latin), ARA

ARIES [AIR-eez], Arietis [uh-RYE-uh-tis] ‘ram’ (Latin), ARI

Stars: α : Hamal [HAM-all] ‘lamb’ (Arabic)
 β : Sheratan [SHARE-uh-tan] ‘two of something’ (Arabic)
 γ : Mesarthim [MEZ-ar-tim] (misrendering from ancient Hebrew)

AURIGA [or-EYE-guh], Aurigae [or-EYE-jee] ‘charioteer’, AUR

Stars: α : Capella [kuh-PELL-uh] ‘little she-goat’ (Latin)
 β : Menkalinan [men-KAL-i-nun] ‘shoulder of the rein-holder’ (Arabic)
 η , ζ : Haedi [HEE-dee] ‘kids’ (Latin)



B

BOÖTES [boh-OH-teez], Boötis [boh-OH-tis] ‘herdsman, ox-driver’ (Greek), BOO

- Stars: α : Arcturus [ark-TOO-rus] ‘guardian of the bear’ (Greek)
 β : Nekkar [NECK-ar] ‘ox-driver’ (Arabic)
 γ : Seginus [suh-JYE-nus]
 ϵ : Izar [EYE-zar] ‘girdle, loincloth’ (Arabic)
 η : Mufrid [MUFF-rid] ‘solitary star of the lancer’ (Arabic)
 μ : Alkalurops [AL-kuh-LOOR-ops] ‘the herdsman’s staff, the club’ (Arabic)

C

CAELUM [SEE-lum], Caeli [SEE-lye] (Latin), CAE

CAMELOPARDALIS, Camelopardalis [kum-ELL-o-PAR-duh-lis] ‘giraffe’ (Latin), CAM

CANCER [CAN-sir], Cancri [KANG-cry] ‘crab’ (Latin), CAN

- Stars: α : Acubens [ACK-yoo-benz] ‘claws’ (Arabic)
 β : Al Tarf [al-TARF] ‘the end’ (Arabic)
 γ : Asellus Borealis [uh-SELL-us bor-ee-AY-lis] ‘northern donkey’ (Latin)
 δ : Asellus Australis [uh-SELL-us os-TRAY-lis] ‘southern donkey’ (Latin)
 ϵ : Praesepe [pre-SEEP-ee] ‘manger, Beehive’ (Latin)

CANES VENATICI [KAY-neeZ ven-AT-iss-eye], Canum Venaticorum [KAY-num ven-at-ick-OR-um] 'hunting dogs' (Latin), CAN

Stars: α : Cor Caroli [core CARE-o-lye] 'heart of Charles'
 β : Chara [CARE-uh] 'beloved'

CANIS MAJOR [KAY-niss MAY-jeer], Canis Majoris [KAY-nis muh-JOR-is] 'great dog' (Latin), CMA

Stars: α : Sirius [SEAR-ee-us] 'searing' or 'scorching' (Greek)
 β : Mirzam [MERE-zam] '?herald' (Arabic)
 γ : Muliphen [MOO-lih-fen] 'a star' (Arabic)
 δ : Wezen [WAY-zen] 'weight' (Arabic)
 ϵ : Adhara [uh-DAR-uh] 'the virgins' (Arabic) {OH Adara}
 ζ : Furud 'solitary' [FOO-rood] (Arabic) {OH Phurud}
 η : Aludra 'virginity' [al-UD-ruh] (Arabic)

CANIS MINOR [KAY-nis MY-ner], Canis Minoris [KAY-nis min-OR-is] 'little dog' [lesser dog] (Latin), CMi

Stars: α : Procyon [PRO-see-on] 'before the dog' (Greek): rises heliacally before Sirius
 β : Gomeisa [go-MY-zuh] 'bleary-eyed' (Arabic)

CAPRICORNUS [cap-rih-COR-nus], Capricorni [cap-rih-COR-nye] 'goat' (Latin), CAP

Stars: α : Giedi, Algedi [al-JEE-dee] 'kid, the kid' (Arabic)
 β : Dabih [DAY-bee] '?lucky star of the slaughterer' (Arabic)
 γ : Nashira [NAY-shir-uh] '?fortunate one', or meaning unknown (Arabic)
 δ : Deneb Algedi [DEN-eb al-JEE-dee] 'tail of the kid' (Arabic)

CARINA [kuh-RYE-nuh], Carinae [kuh-RYE-nee] ‘keel’ (of old Argo Navis) (Latin), CAR

- Stars: α : Canopus [ka-NOH-pus] ‘pilot of the Argo for Menelaus’ (Greek)
 β : Miaplacidus: [MYE-uh-PLASS-id-us] mia ‘?’ (?) + placid- ‘placid’ (Latin)
 ι : Tureis [too-RAY-is] ‘ornament on ship’s stern’ (Arabic) or Aspidiske [AS-pid-IS-key] ‘little shield (hung at gunwale)’ (Greek)

CASSIOPEIA [CASS-ee-ope-EE-uh], Cassiopeiae [CASS-ee-ope-EE-ee] (Greek), CAS

- Stars: α : Schedar [SHED-ar] ‘beast’ (Arabic)
 β : Caph [KAFF] ‘hand’ (Arabic)
 δ : Ruchbah [RUCK-buh] ‘knee’ (Arabic)
 ϵ : Segin [SEE-gin]
 η : sometimes Achird [AY-kerd]

CENTAURUS [sen-TOR-us], Centauri [sen-TOR-eye] ‘centaur’ (Latin), CEN

- Stars: α : (1) Rigel, Rigil Kentaurus [RYE-jel ken-TOR-us] ‘foot (Arabic) of the centaur (Latin)’
(2) Toliman [TOL-im-un] ‘ostriches’ (Arabic)
(3) Bungula [BUN-gyu-luh] ‘hoof’ (Latin)
(4) Alpha Centauri [AL-fuh sen-TOR-eye]
 α Centauri is a triple star; α Centauri C is Proxima [PROX-im-uh], closest star to the earth
 β : Agena ‘knee’ [uh-JEE-nuh] (Latin, Greek) or Hadar [HAY-dar] ‘one of a pair’ (Arabic)
 γ : Muliphain [MOO-lih-fayn] (Arabic): originally a star in Canis Major
 θ : Merkent [MER-kent] ‘in the shoulder of the centaur’ (Arabic)

CEPHEUS [SEE-fyus], Cephei [SEE-fee-eye] (Greek), CEP

- Stars: α : Alderamin [al-DARE-uh-min] 'forearm, shoulder' (Arabic)
 β : Alfirk [AL-firk] '?flock of sheep' (Arabic)
 γ : Errai [uh-RAY-ee] 'shepherd' (Arabic)
 ξ : Kurhah [CUR-uh] 'blaze or small star' (Arabic)

CETUS [SEE-tus], Ceti [SEE-tye] 'sea monster, whale' (Latin from Greek), CET

- Stars: α : Menkar [MEN-car] 'nose, nostrils' (Arabic)
 β : Deneb Kaitos [DEN-eb KAY-tus] 'tail (Arabic) of the monster' (Greek)', or Diphda [DIFF-duh] 'frog' (Arabic)
 γ : Kaffaljhdma [KAFF-all-JID-muh] 'head of the sea monster' (Arabic)
 ζ : Baten Kaitos [BAY-ten KAY-tus] 'belly (Arabic) of the monster' (Greek)
o: Mira [MYE-ruh] 'wonderful' (Latin)

CHAMAELEON [cum-EE-lee-un], Chamaeleontis [cum-EE-lee-ON-tis] 'chameleon' (Latin from Greek), CHA

CIRCINUS [SIR-si-nus], Circini [SIR-si-nye] 'drawing compass' (Latin), CIR

COLUMBA [cul-UM-buh], Columbae [cul-UM-bee] 'dove' (Latin), COL

- Stars: α : Phakt, Phacd [FACT] 'dove' or meaning unknown (Arabic)
 β : Wezen, Wezn, Wazn [WAY-zen] 'weight' or unknown (Arabic)

COMA BERENICES [KO-muh bear-uh-NYE-seez], Comae Berenices [KO-mee bear-uh-NYE-seez] 'Berenice's hair' (Greek), COM

- Stars: α : sometimes Diadem [DYE-uh-dem] 'jewel in the crown' (Latin)

CORONA AUSTRALIS [cor-O-nuh oss-TRAY-lis], Coronae Australis [cor-O-nee oss-TRAY-lis] ‘southern crown’ (Latin), CrA

CORONA BOREALIS [cor-O-nuh bor-ee-AY-lis], Coronae Borealis [cor-O-nee bor-ee-AY-liss] ‘northern crown’ (Latin), CrB

Stars: α : Gemma ‘gem’, or Alphecca [al-FECK-uh] ‘the brightest’ (Arabic), ‘the broken (circle of stars)’
 β : sometimes Nusakan [NOO-suh-can] ‘two lines (of stars)’ (Arabic)

CORVUS [COR-vus, Corvi [COR-vye] ‘crow’ (Latin), CRV

Stars: α : Alchiba [al-KEE-buh] tent (Arabic)
 β : Kraz {OH, not DP}
 γ : Gienah [JEE-nuh] ‘raven’s wing’ (Arabic)
 δ : Algorab [al-GOR-ab] ‘raven’s wing’ (Arabic)

CRATER [CRAY-ter], Crateris [kruh-TEE-ris] ‘wine cup’ (Greek), CRT

Stars: α : Alkes [AL-kuss] ‘wine cup’ (Arabic)

CRUX [CRUKS], Crucis [KROO-sis] ‘southern cross’ (Latin), CRU

Stars: α : Acrux [AY-cruks] < alpha + crux
 β : Mimosa [mye-MO-suh] (Latin) or Becrux [BEE-kruks] < beta crux
 γ : Gacrux [GAY-kruks] < gamma crux

CYGNUS [SIG-nus], Cygni [SIG-nye] ‘swan’ (Latin), CYG

Stars: α : Deneb [DEN-eb] ‘tail’ (Arabic)
 β : Albireo [al-BEER-ee-oh], corruption via Latin and Arabic of Greek *ornis* ‘bird’
 γ : Sadr [SAD-er], Sadir ‘breast’ (Arabic)
 ϵ : Gienah [JEE-nah] ‘wing’ (Arabic)

D

DELPHINUS [del-FYE-nus], Delphini [del-FYE-nye] ‘dolphin’
(Latin from Greek), DEL

- Stars: α : Sualocin [su-AL-o-sin] Nicolaus spelled backward
 β : Rotanev [RO-ta-nev] *Venator* spelled backward,
from Italian *Cacciatore*

DORADO [dor-AY-doh, Doradus [dor-AY-dus] ‘goldfish,
dolphinsfish’ (Latin), DOR

DRACO [DRAY-koh], Draconis [dray-KOH-nis] ‘dragon’
(Latin), DRA

- Stars: α : Thuban [THOO-ban] ‘dragon’ (Arabic),
misreading of *al-tinnin* ‘the serpent’
 β : Rastaban [ROSS-tuh-ban] ‘head of the
dragon’ (Arabic)
 γ : Eltanin [el-TAY-nin] (Arabic) ‘the serpent’
 δ : Nodus II ‘second knot’, or Altair [al-TAY-is]
‘serpent’ (Arabic)
 ζ : Nodus I ‘first knot’ or Aldhibah
 ι : sometimes Edasich [ED-uh-sick] ‘male hyena’
(Arabic)
 λ : Giansar [JEE-un-sar] ‘node, or point at which a
planet crosses the ecliptic (Persian), or
Giausar [JOE-zar] ‘the dragon’s head and
tail’ (Persian)
 μ : Arrakis or Alrakis [al-RAY-kis] ‘dancer’ (Arabic)
 ξ : Grumium [GROO-mee-um] mistranscription of
Greek *geneion* ‘the under jaw [of the dragon]’

E

EQUULEUS [ay-kwu-LEE-us], Equulei [ay-kwu-LEE-eye] ‘little horse’ (Latin), EQU

Stars: α : Kitalpha [kit-AL-fa] ‘part of a horse, little horse’ (Arabic)

ERIDANUS [eh-RID-un-us], Eridani [eh-RID-un-eye] ‘celestial river’ (Latin?), ERI

Stars: α : Achernar [AY-kur-nar] ‘river’s end’ (Arabic)
 β : Cursa [KUR-sa] ‘footstool of the giant’ (Arabic)
 γ : Zurak or Zaurak [ZOR-ack] ‘boat’ (Arabic)
 δ : sometimes Rana [RAY-na] ‘frog’ (Latin)
 ζ : Zibal [ZEYE-bal] ‘ostriches’ (Arabic)
 η : Azha [OZ-a] ‘ostrich nest’ (Arabic)
 θ : Acamar [AY-kum-ar] ‘river’s end’ (Arabic)
 $\omicron 1$: Beid [BIDE] ‘the eggs’ (Arabic)
 $\omicron 2$: Keid [KIDE] ‘the fragment of an eggshell’ (Arabic)

F

FORNAX [FOR-nacks], Fornacis [for-NAY-sis] ‘furnace’ (Latin), FOR

G

GEMINI [JEM-in-eye], Geminorum [jem-in-OR-um] ‘twins’ (Latin), GEM

- Stars: α : Castor [CASS-tur] ‘a twin’
 β : Pollux [PAUL-uks] ‘a twin’
 γ : Alhena [al-HEN-uh] ‘mark on the neck of a camel’ (Arabic)
 δ : Wasat [WAY-sat] ‘the middle (of the sky)’ (Arabic)
 ϵ : Mebsuta [meb-SOO-tuh] ‘outstretched (lion’s paw)’ (Arabic)
 ζ : Mekbuta or Mekbuda [meck-BOO-duh] ‘folded (lion’s paw)’ (Arabic)
 η : Propus [PRO-pus] ‘forward foot (of Castor)’ (Greek)

GRUS [GRUSS], Gruis [GROO-iss] ‘crane’ (Latin), GRU

- Stars: α : Al Nair [al NAIR] ‘the bright one’ (Arabic)



H

HERCULES [HURK-you-leez], Herculis [HURK-you-liss] ‘the strongman’ (Latin from Greek), HER

Stars: α : Ras Algethi [ross al-JAYTH-ee] ‘the kneeler’s head’ (Arabic)

β : Kornephoros [kor-NEFF-or-us] ‘club-bearer’ (Greek)

δ : Sarin [SAIR-in]

κ : Marsic [MAR-sick] ‘elbow’ (Arabic)

λ : Maasym [MAW-sim] ‘wrist’ (Arabic)

ω : Cujam [KOO-jum] corruption of ‘club’ (Latin)

HOROLOGIUM [hor-uh-LOW-jee-um], Horologii [hor-uh-LOW-jee-eye] ‘clock’ (Latin), HOR

HYDRA [HYE-druh], Hydrae [HYE-dree] ‘serpent, water snake (feminine)’ (Greek), HYA

Stars: α : Alphard, Alfard [AL-fard] ‘solitary one’ (Arabic)

HYDRUS [HYE-drus], Hydri [HYE-dry] ‘water snake (masculine)’ (Greek), HYI

I

INDUS [IN-duss], Indi [IN-dye] ‘the Indian’ (Latin), IND

L

LACERTA [luh-SIR-tuh], Lacertae [luh-SIR-tee] 'lizard' (Latin), LAC

LEO [LEE-oh], Leonis [lee-OH-niss] 'lion' (Latin), LEO

- Stars: α : Regulus [REGG-you-luss] 'little king' (Latin)
 β : Denebola [den-EBB-oh-luh] 'lion's tail' (Arabic)
 γ : Algieba [al-JEE-buh] 'the brow, the forehead'
 δ : Zosma [ZOHZ-muh] 'girdle' (wrongly) < 'hip' (Greek)
 ζ : Adhafera [ah-DAY-fur-uh] 'lock of hair' (Arabic)
 θ : Chertan [CHUR-tun] or Chort [CHORT] 'two small ribs' (Arabic)
 λ : Alterf [al-TAIRF] 'the glance (of the lion)'
 μ : Rasalas [ROSS-uh-lass] '(northern part of) the lion's head' (Arabic)
 \omicron : Subra [SOO-bruh] 'the mane' (Arabic)

LEO MINOR [LEE-oh MYE-nur, Leonis Minoris [lay-OH-niss min-OR-iss] 'little lion' (Latin), LMi

LEPUS [LEE-pus], Leporis [luh-POR-is] 'hare' (Latin), LEP

- Stars: α : Arneb [AR-nebb] 'hare' (Arabic)
 β : Nihal [NYE-al] '(camels quenching their) thirst'

LIBRA [LYE-bruh or LEE-bruh], Librae [LYE-bree or LEE-bree] 'scales' (originally Chelae 'claws', from Scorpio) (Latin), LIB

- Stars: α : Zubenelgenubi [zu-BEN-el-jen-OO-bee] 'southern claw' (Arabic)
 β : Zubeneshamali [zu-BEN-ess-sha-MAH-lee] 'northern claw' (Arabic)
 γ : Zubenelakrab [ZOO-ben-el-AY-crab] 'scorpion's claw' (Arabic)
 σ : Brachium [BRAY-kee-um] 'arm' (Latin)

LUPUS [LOO-pus], Lupi [LOO-pye] ‘wolf’ (once Therion ‘wild animal’) (Latin), LUP

LYNX [LINKS], Lyncis [LIN-sis] ‘lynx’ (Latin), LYN

LYRA [LYE-ruh], Lyrae [LYE-ree] ‘lyre, kithara’ (Greek), LYR

Stars: α : Vega [VEE-guh] ‘eagle, vulture’ (Arabic)
 β : Sheliak [SHELL-yack] ‘tortoise’ (Arabic from Persian from Greek)
 γ : Sulaphat, Sulafat [SOO-luh-fat] ‘tortoise’ (Arabic)

M

MENSA [MEN-suh], Mensae [MEN-see] ‘table’ (Latin), MEN

MICROSCOPIUM [my-kro-SCOPE-ee-um], Microscopii [my-kro-SCOPE-ee-eye] ‘microscope’ (Latin from Greek), MIC

MONOCEROS [mon-OSS-ur-us], Monocerotis [mon-oss-ur-OH-tis] ‘unicorn’ (Latin from Greek), MON

MUSCA [MUSS-kuh], Muscae [MUSS-eye] ‘fly’ (Latin), MUS

N

NORMA [NOR-muh], Normae [NOR-mee] ‘level’ (Latin), NOR



OCTANS [OCK-tans] , Octantis [ock-TAN-tis] ‘octant’
(Latin), OCT

OPHIUCHUS [off-YOU-kuss], Ophiuchi [off-YOU-kye]
‘serpent-bearer’ (Greek), OPH

- Stars: α : Ras Alhague, Rasalhague [ROSS al-HAY-gwee]
‘head of the serpent collector’ (Arabic)
 β : Cebelrai [seb-al-RAY-ee] ‘shepherd’s dog’
(Arabic)
 δ : Yed Prior [yed PRY-ur] ‘hand (Arabic), front
(Latin)’
 ε : Yed Posterior [yed poss-TEAR-ee-ur] ‘hand
(Arabic), rear (Latin)’
 η : Sabik [SAY-bick] ‘(the second) winner’
 λ : Marfik [MAR-fick] ‘elbow’ (Arabic)

ORION [or-EYE-un], Orionis [or-ee-O-nis], ORI

- Stars: α : Betelgeuse [BET-el-jooz] corruption of Arabic
yad al-jauza ‘hand of the middle female one’
 β : Rigel [RYE-jel] ‘foot’ (Arabic)
 γ : Bellatrix [bell-AY-tricks] ‘female warrior’ (Latin)
 δ : Mintaka [MIN-tuck-uh] ‘belt’ (Arabic)
 ε : Alnilam [al-NYE-lum] ‘string of pearls’ (Arabic,
from name for Orion’s Belt)
 ζ : Alnitak [al-NYE-tack] ‘belt’ (Arabic, derived)
 κ : Saiph [SAFE] ‘sword’ (Arabic)
 λ : Meissa [MICE-uh] ‘?sparkling one’

P

PAVO [PAY-voh], Pavonis [PAY-voh] ‘peacock’ (Latin), PAV

PEGASUS [PEG-uh-suss], Pegasi [PEG-uh-sye] ‘winged horse’ (Greek), PEG

Stars: α : Markab [MAR-kab] ‘horse’s shoulder’ (Arabic)
 β : Scheat [SHEE-at] corruption of ‘leg’ (Arabic)
 γ : Algenib [al-JEE-nib] ‘the side’ (Arabic)
 ϵ : Enif [EN-if] ‘(the horse’s) nose’ (Arabic)
 ζ : Homam [HO-mam] ‘hero’ (Arabic)
 η : Matar [MAY-tar] ‘rain’ (Arabic)
 θ : Biham [BYE-um] ‘young beasts’ (Arabic)
 μ : Sadalbari [sod-al-BAY-ree] ‘excelling one’ (Arabic)

PERSEUS [PURR-see-us], Persei [PURR-see-eye] ‘Perseus’ (Greek), PER

Stars: α : Algenib [al-JEE-nib] ‘the side’ (Arabic) or Mirfak [MER-fack] ‘elbow’ (Arabic)
 β : Algol [AL-goll] ‘(head of) the demon or ghou’ (Arabic, adapted)
 ξ : Menkib [MEN-kib] ‘shoulder’ (Arabic)
 ζ : Atik [AY-tick] ‘shoulder blade’ (Arabic)

PHOENIX [FEE-nicks], Phoenicis [fuh-NYE-sis] ‘phoenix’ (Greek), PHE

Stars: α : Ankaa [AHN-kah] (Arabic, from name of legendary bird)

PICTOR [PICK-tur], Pictoris [pick-TOR-is] ‘painter’ (Latin), PIC

PISCES [PYE-seez], Piscium [PISH-ee-um] ‘the fish(es)’ (Latin from Greek), PSC

Stars: α : Alrisha [al-RISH-uh] ‘the knot or cord’ (Arabic)

PISCIS AUSTRINUS [PYE-sis oss-TRY-nus], Piscis Austrini [PYE-sis oss-TRY-nye] ‘southern fish’ (Latin), PsA

Stars: α : Fomalhaut [FOH-mel-oat] ‘(southern) fish’s mouth’ (Arabic, derived)

PUPPIS [PUP-is], Puppis [PUP-is] ‘poop deck, stern’ (of older Argo) (L?), PUP

Stars: ζ : Naos [NOWSE] ‘ship’ (Greek)
 ρ : Tureis [tu-RAY-is] ‘little shield’ (Arabic)

PYXIS [PICK-sis], Pyxidis [PICK-sid-is] ‘the compass’ (Greek), PYX

R

RETICULUM [ret-ICK-you-lum], Reticuli [ret-ICK-you-lye] ‘net’ (Latin), RET



S

SAGITTA [suh-JIT-uh], Sagittae [suh-JIT-ee] ‘arrow’ (Latin), SGE

Stars: α : Sham [sham] ‘arrow’ (Arabic)

SAGITTARIUS [sadge-it-AIR-ee-us], Sagittarii [sadge-it-AIR-ee-eye] ‘archer’ (Latin), SGR

Stars: α : Rukbat [RUCK-bat] ‘knee (of the archer)’ (Arabic)

β : Arkab [AR-kab] ‘Achilles tendon’ (Arabic)

γ : Alnasl [al-NAY-zul] ‘the point’ (Arabic) or Nash

δ : Kaus Media [KOSS MEE-dee-uh] ‘bow (Arabic), middle’ (Latin)

ϵ : Kaus Australis [KOSS oss-TRAY-lis] ‘bow (Arabic), southern’ (Latin)

ζ : Ascella [uh-SELL-uh] ‘armpit’ (Latin)

λ : Kaus Borealis [KOSS bor-ee-AY-lis] ‘bow (Arabic), northern’ (Latin)

σ : Nunki [NUN-kee] ‘city of Eridu on the Euphrates River’ (Babylonian)

SCORPIUS [SCORP-ee-us], Scorpii [SCORP-ee-eye] ‘scorpion’ (Latin), SCO

Stars: α : Antares [ann-TAY-reez] ‘opposite or rival of Mars’ (Greek)

β : Acrab [AY-krab] ‘name for this constellation’ (Arabic), or Graffias [GRAFF-ee-us] ‘claws’ (Greek)

δ : Dschubba [JUBB-uh] ‘forehead’ (Arabic)

θ : Girtab [GIR-tab] ‘scorpion’ (Sumerian), or Sargas [SAR-gus] ‘a star god’ (Sumerian)

λ : Shaula [SHAWL-uh] ‘stinger’ (Arabic)

ν : Lesath [LESS-uth] ‘sting’ (Arabic)

SCULPTOR [SKULP-tur] , Sculptoris [skulp-TOR-is] ‘sculptor’ (Latin), SCU

SCUTUM [SCOOT-um], Scuti [SKOOT-eye] ‘shield’ (Latin), SCM

SERPENS [SIR-pens], Serpentis [sir-PENT-is] ‘snake’ Caput [CAP-ut] ‘head’, Cauda [COD-uh] ‘tail’ (Latin), SER

Stars: α : Unukalhai [YOU-nuck-ull-HAY-ee] ‘the serpent’s neck’

θ : Alya [AL-yuh] ‘tail’ or ‘serpent’ (Arabic)

SEXTANS [SECKS-tuns], Sextantis [secks-TAN-tis] ‘sextant’ (Latin), SEX

T

TAURUS [TOR-us], Tauri [TOR-eye] ‘bull’ (Greek, Latin), TAU

Asterisms: Hyades [HIGH-uh-deez] ‘sisters of Hyas’ (Greek) Pleiades [PLEE-uh-deez] ‘daughters of Pleione and Atlas’ (Greek)

Stars in Pleiades: Atlas [AT-luss], Pleione [PLEE-uh-nee], Alcyone [al-SIGH-un-ee], Sterope [STAIR-up-ee], Celaeno [sell-EE-noh], Electra [el-ECK-truh], Maia [MEE-uh], Merope [MARE-up-ee], Taygete [tay-IDGE-ut-ee] (parents and daughters)

Stars: α : Aldebaran [al-DEB-uh-run] ‘follower (of the Pleiades)’

β : El Nath [ell NATH] ‘the butting one’

η : Alcyone [al-SIGH-un-ee] ‘daughter of Pleione’

TELESCOPIUM [tell-uh-SCOPE-ee-um], Telescopii [tell-uh-SCOPE-ee-eye] ‘telescope’ (Latin from Greek), TEL

TRIANGULUM [try-ANG-gyu-lum], Trianguli [try-ANG-gyu-lie] ‘triangle’ (Latin), TRI

Stars: α : Caput Trianguli [CAP-ut try-ANG-gyu-lie] ‘head of the triangle’ (Latin), or Mothallah [moh-TALL-uh] ‘triangle’ (Arabic)

TRIANGULUM AUSTRALE [try-ANG-gyu-lum oss-TRAY-lee], Trianguli Australis [try-ANG-gyu-lum oss-TRAY-liss] ‘southern triangle’ (Latin), TrA

Stars: α : Atria [AY-tree-uh] < alpha Triangle

TUCANA [too-CANE-uh], Tucanae [too-CANE-ee] ‘toucan’, TUC





URSA MAJOR [URS-uh MAY-jur], Ursae Majoris [URS-ee muh-JOR-iss] ‘great(er) bear’ (Latin), UMa

- Stars: α : Dubhe [DUBB-ee] ‘bear (Arabic)
 β : Merak [MEE-rack] ‘flank’ (Arabic)
 γ : Phecda [FECK-duh] ‘thigh’ (Arabic)
 δ : Megrez [MEE-grez] ‘root of the tail’ (Arabic)
 ϵ : Alioth [AL-ee-oth] ‘bull’ (Arabic, from earlier name of constellation)
 ζ 1: Mizar [MY-zar] ‘waistcloth’ (Arabic)
80 Ursae Majoris: Alcor [AL-core] ‘abandoned or friendless’ (Persian)
 η : Alkaid [al-KADE] (Arabic) ‘the leader’ or Benetnasch [ben-ET-nash] ‘chief of the mourners’ (Arabic)
 ι : Talitha [tay-LITH-uh] ‘third (leap)’ (Arabic)
 λ : Tania Borealis [TAY-nee-uh bore-ee-AY-liss] ‘second (leap, Arabic), northern’ (Latin)
 μ : Tania Australis [TAY-nee-uh oss-TRAY-liss] ‘second (leap, Arabic), southern’ (Latin)
 ν : Alula Borealis [al-OO-luh bore-ee-AY-liss] ‘first (leap, Arabic), northern’ (Latin)
 ξ : Alula Australis [al-OO-luh oss-TRAY-liss] ‘first (leap, Arabic), southern’ (Latin)
 \omicron : Muscida [MEW-sid-uh] ‘muzzle’ (Latin)

URSA MINOR [URS-uh MINE-er], Ursae Minoris [URS-ee min-OR-iss] ‘little[r] bear’ (Latin), UMi

- Stars: α : Polaris [pole-AIR-is] ‘of the Pole’ (Latin) or Cynosure [SIN-oh-sure] ‘dog’s tail’ (Greek)
 β : Kochab [KOH-kab] ‘star’ (Babylonian)
 γ : Pherkad [FAIR-kad] ‘two calves’ (Arabic)
 δ : Yildun [YILL-dun] ‘star’ (Turkish)



VELA [VEE-luh], Velorum [vee-LOR-um] ‘sails’ (Latin), VEL

Stars: γ : Regor [REE-gor] ‘?’

λ : Suhail [soo-HAIL] of the Oath (Arabic)

VIRGO [VURR-go], Virginis [VURR-jin-iss] ‘virgin’
(Latin), VIR

Stars: α : Spica [SPY-kuh] ‘ear of wheat’ (Latin)

β : Zavijava [ZAV-ih-JAV-uh] ‘angle’ (Arabic)

δ : Auva [AH-vuh] ‘bend’ (Arabic)

γ : Porrima [POR-im-uh] ‘Roman goddess of
prophecy’ (Latin)

ε : Vindemiatrix [vin-DEE-mee-AY-tricks] ‘grape
gatherer, female’ (Latin)

η : Zaniah [ZAY-nee-uh] ‘corner’

ι : Syrma [SIR-muh] ‘train of a dress’ (Greek)

VOLANS [VOH-luns], Volantis [vo-LAN-tis] ‘flying (fish)’
(Latin), VOL

VULPECULA [vul-PECK-you-luh], Vulpeculae [vul-PECK-you-
lee] ‘little she-fox’ (Latin), VUL



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