

Star Power | Following these signs, you'll be to find familiar constellations in night skies

Have you ever wondered how to find some of the many constellations in the night sky? Do you want to know the best times to view those constellations? This guide will help you locate 15 of the many beautiful groups of stars in the sky.



Aquarius is faint and often hard to see, but can be best viewed in October. Although this constellation is one of the larger and well known ones, it can be hard to spot. It doesn't have any bright stars or defining features. One thing is for sure, you wouldn't find this constellation in a city, you would need to find a place with little to no light to catch a glimpse of it.



Aquila is best viewed in September or late summer, in the lines of the milky way band. To view this you should look towards the southern sky in late summer.



Aries can be best viewed in December. This constellation is formed by four, sometimes five stars.



Canis Major can be seen the best in February. One way to find the start of it is to find the brightest star in the night sky. One thing to note is that this constellation looks somewhat like a stick figure without a head and tends to show up near dawn.



Cassiopeia is best viewed in November. Note that this constellation looks like a slightly disheveled "W" and is formed by five bright stars.



Cygnus can be seen the best in September. This constellation looks like a cross, the brightest star in the sky being the very top of said cross.



Gemini is best viewed in February. The constellation can look like a rough "U" shape, or can look like two people holding hands.



Leo can be seen the best in April. Some suggest that it looks like a backward question mark, but it can also have the appearance of a computer mouse.



Pisces can be seen the best in November. Like Aquarius, you'll need to be in a dark enough place to find this constellation. It looks like a large "V" with an "O" on the end of one of the points.



Lyra is best seen in August. This constellation looks like a lopsided square or a parallelogram with a tail to a bright star. Note that this constellation is small, and is almost directly overhead.



Taurus can be seen the best in January. This constellation looks like a "K" or a "V" with two extra tails.



Orion is best viewed in January. This constellation is visible around the world, making it the most famous. The three bright and close together stars making up the "belt" are the easiest part to find.



Scorpius is viewed the best in July. This constellation is made up of many bright stars and can be easily spotted in the night sky. Although it is supposed to be seen as a scorpion, it can also be seen as a shrimp.



Ursa Major is seen the best in April. This constellation can be found if you first find the Big Dipper and from there find the few other stars making up the constellation making it look like an animal.



Ursa Minor can be viewed the best in June. This constellation contains the North Star and is famous for doing so. Ursa Minor looks like an upside down Big Dipper, or better known as the Little Dipper.