



Auriga is most notable for its three bright open clusters and for sporting one of the ten brightest stars in the night sky, **Capella**.

In ascending order of interest are Auriga's three Messier-designated open clusters: M36, M38 and M37. All are clearly visible to the naked eye from a dark site and, in binoculars, appear as bright fuzzy patches; naturally, a telescope brings out the most detail. **M36** will show around 50 stars in an 8" scope while **M38** shows twice as many stars, some in apparent chain-like arrangements. But the most notable of the trio is **M37**. In a 12" scope, roughly 150 stars are visible in this neatly arranged cluster, some tinged red.

NGC 1931 is a bright emission nebula surrounding a very small open cluster. With high magnification in an 8" telescope, the nebula is quite apparent.