

## Constellation Descriptions

**Ursa Major (great bear)** is a large sprawling constellation, the third largest in fact. It's mainly known as the home of the Big Dipper, certainly the best known. The name, "The Great Bear," seems to have been assigned to the constellation due to its northern latitudes. Only a prodigious bear could live in such a northerly climate.

**Draco (dragon)** wraps itself around the northern hemisphere. A very old and extensive constellation, Draco once held even more stars than it does today.

**Pegasus (the winged horse)** is a conspicuous constellation, which includes the so-called "Great Square of Pegasus." However, it must now share the northeast corner of the square with Andromeda.

**Hercules** While it's the fifth largest constellation, it isn't very obvious. It is a sprawling constellation just to the west of Lyra.

**Cassiopeia** The asterism clearly shows the chair upon which Cepheus's queen sits. The Bayer stars are generally third and fourth magnitude, with the exception of the first four stars, which make up the "chair."