

# Chapter 6

## Constellations

### 6.1 Constellation names

The following 88 constellations are recognized by the International Astronomical Union and used on all modern star charts. The second form of each Latin name is the **genitive** (possessive), used after star designations, as in *Alpha Centauri* 'Alpha of Centaurus.'

These are "English Method" pronunciations (see p. 24). Other pronunciations are also widely used. See *Sky and Telescope*, May, 1997, pp.68–69, and any large dictionary.

<b>And</b>	<b>Andromeda</b> <b>Andromedae</b>	an-DROM-e-da an-DROM-e-dee	Princess Andromeda (ancient)
<b>Ant</b>	<b>Antlia</b> <b>Antliae</b>	ANT-lee-a ANT-lee-ee	The Air Pump (Lacaille, 1763)
<b>Aps</b>	<b>Apus</b> <b>Apodis</b>	A-pus A-po-diss	The Bird of Paradise (Bayer, 1603)
<b>Aqr</b>	<b>Aquarius</b> <b>Aquarii</b>	a-KWAY-ree-us a-KWAY-ree-eye	The Water-Bearer (ancient)
<b>Aql</b>	<b>Aquila</b> <b>Aquilae</b>	ACK-will-a ACK-will-lee	The Eagle (ancient)
<b>Ara</b>	<b>Ara</b> <b>Arae</b>	AR-ah AR-ee	The Altar (ancient)