

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.

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