M3 | GLOBULAR CLUSTER IN CANES VENATICI
NGC 5272

$13^h42.2^m +28^\circ22'$
Magnitude 5.9
Diameter 19'

Prominent object. “Although M3 lies in a relatively star-poor field, it is contained in an acute triangle of 9th-magnitude stars, and an obvious topaz star borders the cluster to its northwest” (O’Meara). The orange 6th-magnitude star SAO 82944 is just outside the field.

In a 9-cm telescope, M3 is a fuzzball with a hint of granularity; in an 8-inch (20-cm) at 140×, it is extensively resolved.