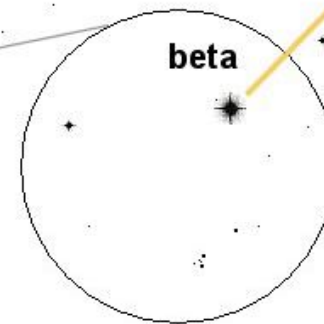
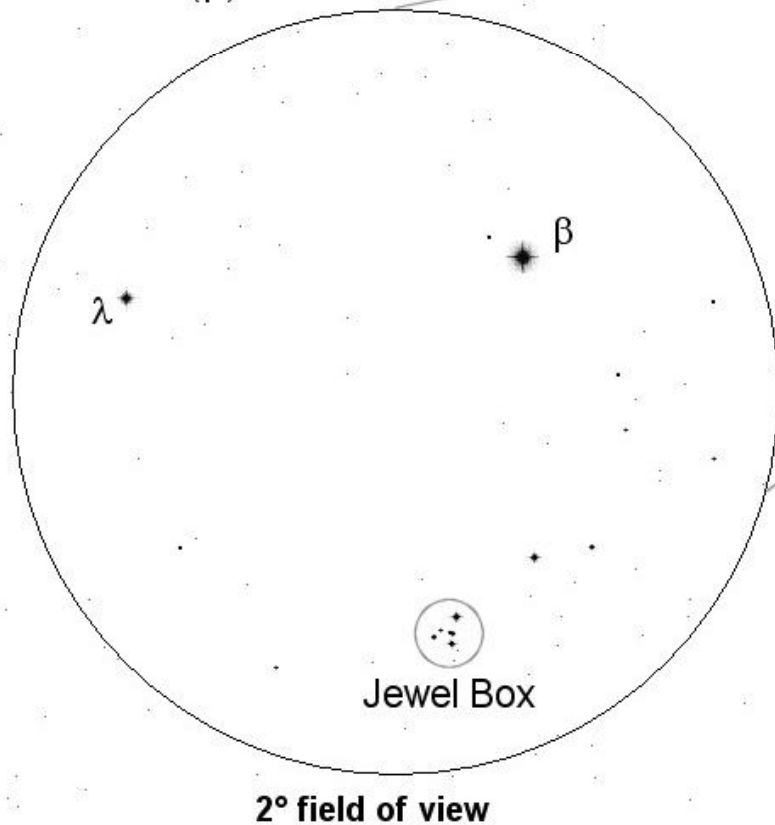


Finding the Jewel Box

The Jewel Box cluster lies near the eastern tip of the short arm of Crux, the Southern Cross, marked by beta (β) Crucis.

The close-up below shows a 2° field containing beta. For comparison, the long arm of Crux, α to γ , is 6° in length.

A closer look at the sky around beta (β) Crucis



Jewel Box data
Names: NGC 4755, Kappa Crucis cluster
RA: 12h 53.5m
Dec: $-60^\circ 21'$
Size: 10 arcmin
Magnitude: 4.2
Distance: 6440 light years
Age: 7 million years

