**Crux**

Despite being the smallest of the 88 modern constellations, the Southern Cross is one of the most recognisable of the Southern Hemisphere, appearing on the flags of Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Samoa and Papua New Guinea.   
  
Crux was visible to the Ancient Greeks, who considered it to be part of the Centaurus constellation   
  
The Southern Cross has a stunning number of cultural interpretations, including: a cross, a possum sitting in a tree, thse head of the emu in the sky, the sky deity mirrabooka, a stingray, an eagle, a trident, an eagle's talon, a raking hut, a granary, an incomplete house, an anchor, a duck, a triggerfish, a knee protector, a net, a fish, stairs, angry bees, four trees, and two giraffes. These interpretations are from African, Australian Aboriginal, South-East Asian, Pacific Islander and South American cultures.   
  
Crux is located in the third quadrant of the southern hemisphere (SQ3) and can be seen at latitudes between +20° and -90°.

## Centaurus

Centaurus was first depicted by Babylonians as Bison-man, associated with the Sun God Utu-Samash, then by the Greeks as a Centaur. According to Roman poet Ovid, the constellation honours Chiron, a tutor to many Greek heroes, including Heracles, Theseus and Jason.   
  
One of the largest constellations in the sky, centaurus is home to Alpha Centuari and Beta Centuari, which make a triple star system with Proxima Centuari. Alpha Centuari is the third brightest star in the sky, and the closest star system to our sun.   
  
Centaurus is the 9th largest constellation in the sky. It lies in the third quadrant of the southern hemisphere (SQ3) and can be seen at latitudes between +25° and -90°.

## Lupus

In ancient times, Lupus (Latin for 'wolf') was considered to be the an animal being hunted or killed by centaurus. Although ancient, it has no mythological assosication.   
  
In 1006 AD, within Lupus, the supernova SN 1006 occurred. This is brightest stellar event in recorded history, and would have been clearly visible during daytime.   
  
Lupus is the 46th constellation in size. It is located in the third quadrant of the southern hemisphere (SQ3) and can be seen at latitudes between +35° and -90°.

## Sagittarius

Sagittarius, Latin for 'archer' and one of the 12 Zodiac, was first identified by the Babylonians, and adopted by the Greeks. It is conflicted whether it is Chiron, tutor of Jason, or Crotus, the inventor of archery. The bow of the constellation stands poised towards the star Antares, the heart of Scorpius, if Scorpius should ever attack Hercules.   
  
On August 15, 1977, the Big Ear radio telescope observed a strong narrowband radio signal. Known as the 'Wow!' signal, it was used to support the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, and remains the strongest candidate for an alien radio transmissed ever detected.   
  
Sagittarius is near the densest spot of the Milky Way, the galactic center. Because of this, Sagittarius is home to many star clusters and nebulae.   
  
Sagittarius is the 15th largest constellation in the sky. It is located in the fourth quadrant of the southern hemisphere (SQ4) and can be seen at latitudes between +55° and -90°.

## Scorpius

In Greek myth, Scorpius is the scorpion sent to kill Orion the hunter, and is a reminder for mortals to be mindful of their hubris.   
  
The scorpion is also recognised in Oceanic cultures: The Javanese of Indonesia recognise it as 'Banyakangrem' - 'the brooded sawn' or 'Kalapa Doyong' - 'leaning coconut tree'; In Hawaii it is the demigod Maui's fishhook - 'Ka Makau Nui o Māui' - 'the Big Fishhook of Māui'.   
  
Scorpius is the 33rd constellation in size. It lies in the third quadrant of the southern hemisphere (SQ3) and can be seen at latitudes between +40° and -90°.

## Canis Major

In Greek mythology, Canis Major is known to be associated with Laelaps the fastest dog in the world that will catch anything. It represents the larger of Orion's two hunting dogs who follows the hunter as he hunts the hare Lepus.   
  
The constellation can be found by taking Orion's belt and stretching an imaginary line through it, down and to the left. This will locate Sirius, the brightest star in the sky and home to Canis Major. Canis Major is the 43rd biggest constellation in the sky. It is located in the second quadrant of the southern hemisphere (SQ1) and can be seen at latitudes between +60° and -90°.

## Lepus

Although Lepus does not represent any particular figure in Greek mythology, it is associated with a hare being hunted by Orion or by his dogs.   
  
The constellation is located under Orion’s feet and is the 51st constellation in size. It is located in the second quadrant of the northern hemisphere (NQ2) and can be seen at latitudes between +63° and -90°.

## Orion

In Greek Mythology, Orion was a hunter and the most handsome of men. He was the son of the sea god Poseidon and Euryale, the daughter of King Minos of Crete.   
  
Orion had proclaimed himself to be the greatest hunter in the world. This resulted in Hera, the wife of Zeus, to send a scorpion to kill him. As consolation for his wife’s actions, Zeus made Orion as a constellation.   
  
The story of Orion have influenced many cultures and he is known to have been associated with an Egyptian pharaoh of the Fifth Dynasty named Unas.   
  
Orion can be easily identified by his Belt which consists of three medium-bright stars in a short, straight row at the mid-section of the hunter. Orion is the 26th constellation in size. It is located in the first quadrant of the northern hemisphere (NQ1) and can be seen at latitudes between +85° and -75°.

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## Taurus

Taurus in Greek mythology, is portrayed by Zeus disguising as a bull to seduce and abduct Europa, the beautiful daughter of the Phoenician King Agenor.   
  
This constellation has had many associations with the bull in various different cultures and mythologies, such as in Greek, Egyptian and even in Ancient Babylonian myths.   
  
Taurus is a V-shaped star cluster with a bright star in the middle. As it is located next to Orion, finding Orion’s Belt will allow you to find the constellation. Taurus is the 17th largest constellation in the sky. It is located in the first quadrant of the northern hemisphere (NQ1) and can be seen at latitudes between +90° and -65°.