

AG Carinae is a [luminous blue variable star](#) in the constellation [Carina](#). It is one of the [most luminous stars](#) in the [Milky Way](#), although its great distance from Earth (20,000 [light-years](#)) and intervening [interstellar dust](#) mean that the star is not usually visible to the naked eye; its [apparent brightness](#) varies erratically between magnitude 5.7 and 9.0.