

make Dreyer's catalogue: NGC 6572 (Right Ascension: 18:12.1 - Declination: +06:51). This 9th magnitude planetary nebula is very small - but intense. Like the "Cat's Eye" in Draco and NGC 6210 in Hercules, this planetary nebula can withstand high magnification. Those with large scopes should look for a small, round blue inner core encased in a faint shell. A challenge to find? You bet. Worth the work? You tell me.

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With plenty of Moon to explore tonight, why don't we try locating an area where many lunar exploration missions made their mark? Binoculars will easily reveal the fully disclosed areas of Mare Serenitatis and Mare Tranquillitatis, and it is where these two vast lava plains converge that we will set our sights. Telescopically, you will see a bright "peninsula" westward of where the two conjoin, and extending toward the east. Just off that, look for bright and small crater Pliny. It is near this rather inconspicuous feature that the remains of Ranger 6 lie forever preserved where it crashed on February 2, 1964.