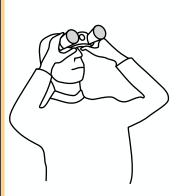


Zubenelgenubi and Omega Scorpii, two easy binocular double stars.



Enhance the scene – use binoculars!

Throughout June ninety minutes after sunset, look low in the south for the bright stars Spica and Antares.

• Almost mid-way between them shines the moderately bright star Alpha Librae, also called Zubenelgenubi.

• Aim binoculars at it and two stars will be seen.

• To Antares' right are the three "claw" stars of Scorpius. Directly below the uppermost claw, Graffias – or Beta Scorpii – is Omega Scorpii.

• Binoculars will easily show two 4th magnitude stars, Omega 1 and 2, separated by nearly a full moon width. The two Omega's are a chance line of sight pair. They are not gravitationally bound to each other.

The keen-eyed skywatcher will discern two stars when gazing at both Zuben and Omega.