



Star Count 2021

Name: _____

Date & Time: _____

Count Location: _____

Betelgeuse

Bellatrix

1

2

3

Count only the stars you see within this area

Saiph

Rigel

The survey runs from 6th to 14th February. Wait until at least 7pm on a clear night, wander outside and find a spot well away from street lights / other lights and with a good view to the South. Familiarise yourself with the sky for 10 to 15 minutes to allow your eyes to become accustomed to the darkness. After this, look South to find Orion with its characteristic Belt of 3 stars. The area to count is within the bright stars Betelgeuse, Bellatrix, Rigel and Saiph and the first 3 stars in your count are shown. Count all the stars you can see in the area excluding these 4 bright corner stars.

From 14th February, you can use <https://bathastronomers.org.uk/starcount2021> to find the CPRE form and send in your results. The more stars you count, the less the light pollution in your local area, the less disturbance to local wildlife and the better the stargazing.