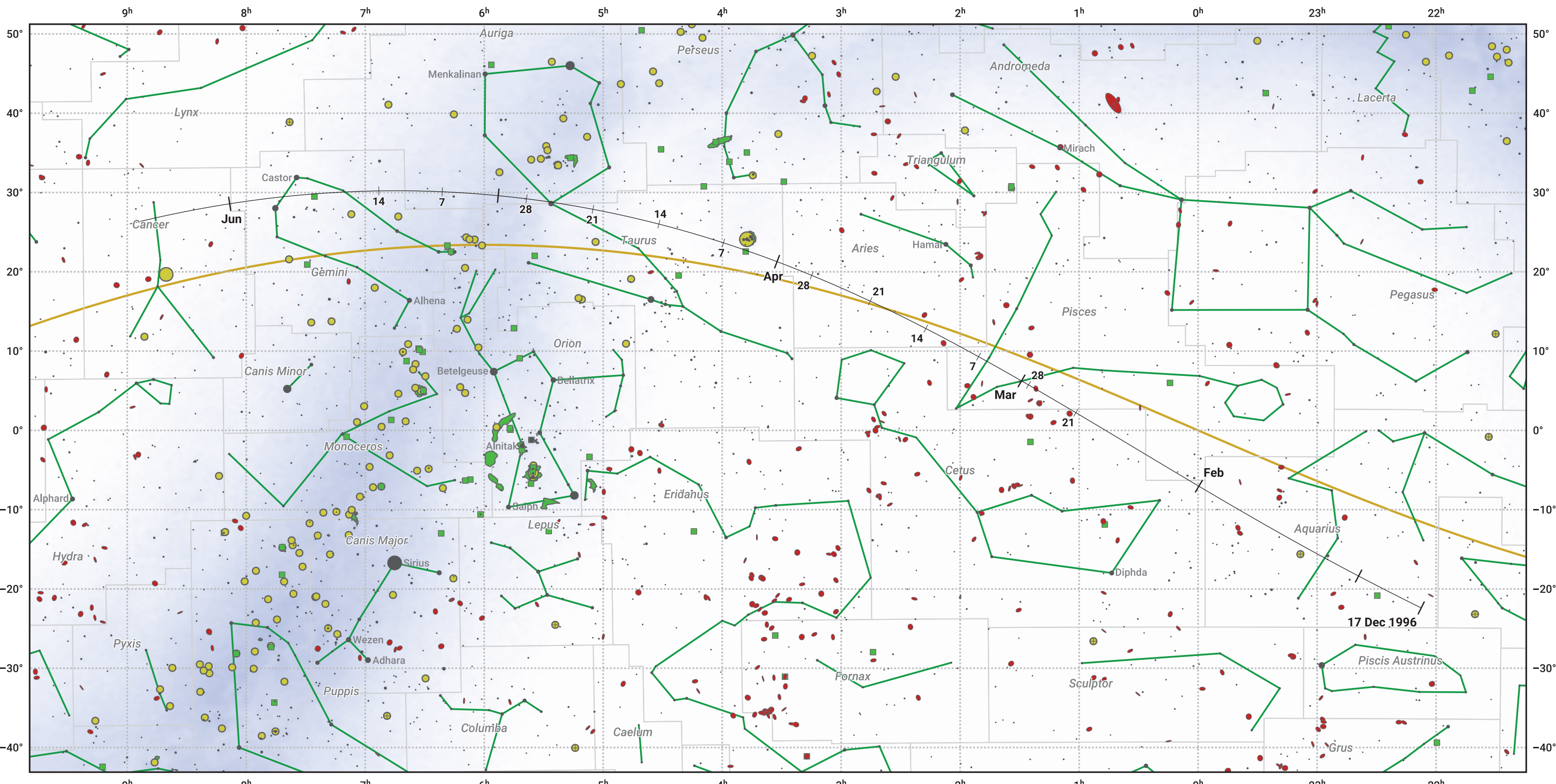


The path of 46P/Wirtanen starting on 17 Dec 1996



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Magnitude scale: 6.0 5.0 4.0 3.0 2.0 1.0 0.0 -1.0 -2.0

Ecliptic Plane

Galaxy Bright nebula Open cluster + Globular cluster

Date	Mag
1997 Jan 1	12.3
1997 Jan 12	11.8
1997 Feb 6	10.8
1997 Mar 1	10.1
1997 May 1	11.0
1997 May 17	11.8
1997 Jun 6	12.9