



**Crater** is a dim constellation that glides across the southern horizon at this time of year. It lies to the west of Corvus, above Hydra, and below the boundary between Virgo and Leo.

Three faint galaxies are worth bagging and comparing...

- **NGC 3511** is a magnitude 11.5 spiral galaxy, seen somewhat edge-on;
- **NGC 3887** is a magnitude 11.3 barred spiral, seen face on. Try a high magnification of 160x or 200x;
- **NGC 3981** is a magnitude 12 spiral galaxy.

Lastly, **? Crateris** is a pretty 4th magnitude fixed binary star that should be fairly easy to "split" in your telescope.