

The Evening Sky, December

This map shows the sky at around 9 pm in mid-December.

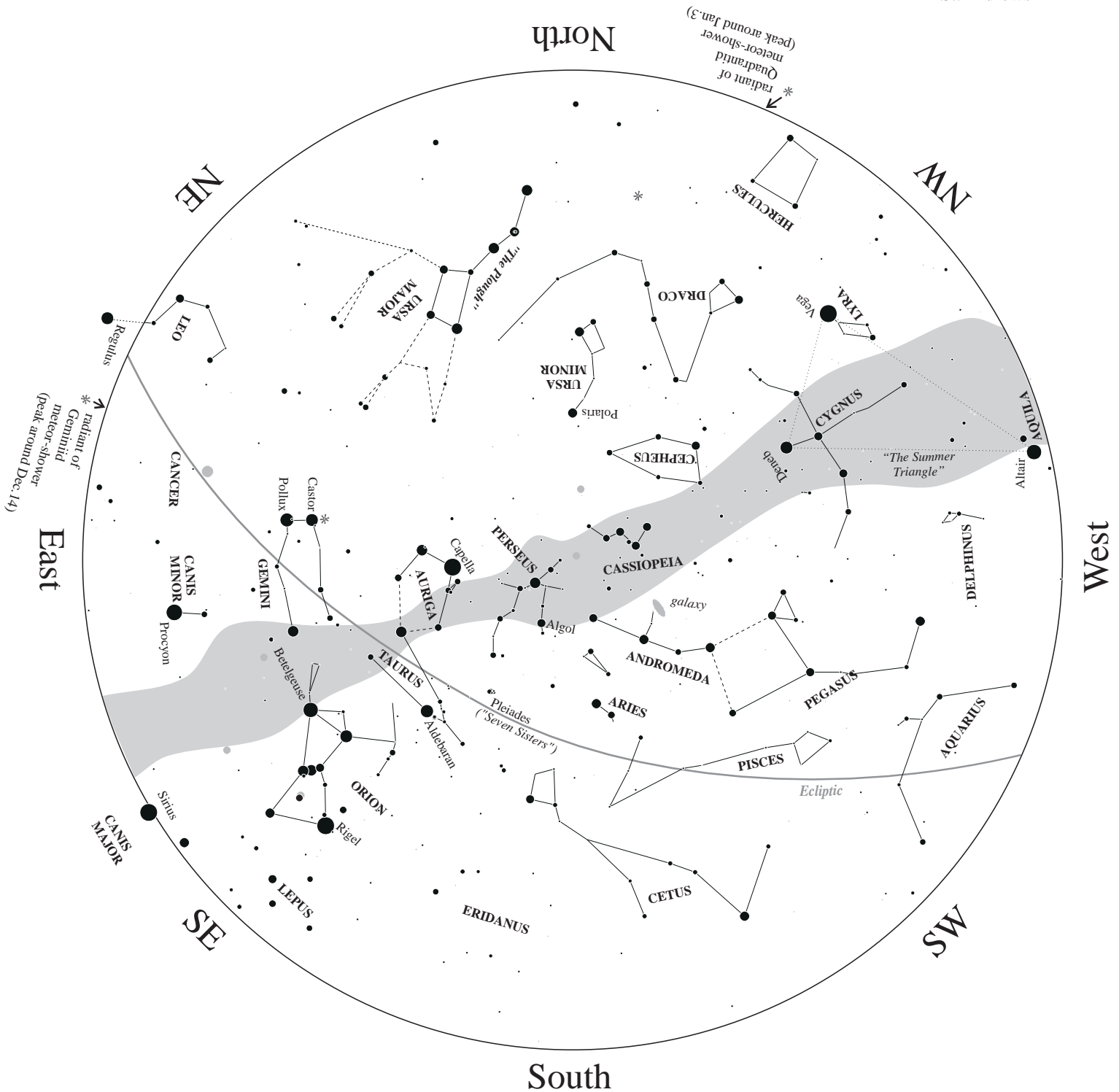
To view the southern sky, hold the map this way up.

To view the sky in any other direction,
hold the map with that direction at the bottom.

The centre of the map is the zenith — the point directly overhead.

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The **stars** shown on this map will appear the same every December.

There may also be **planets** visible, but they cannot be shown here because they move. Any unidentified "star" seen near the line of the *Ecliptic* is likely to be a planet.

The **Moon** also keeps close to the Ecliptic: in December, the First-Quarter Moon is usually in Aquarius or Pisces, and the Full Moon is usually in Aries, Taurus or Gemini.