

EXPERIENCE
MATARIKI
CELEBRATING THE MĀORI NEW YEAR

Matariki

Puanga

Te Kokota

Taumata-kuku

Tautoru

HOW TO FIND MATARIKI

Matariki can be found low on the northeastern horizon in the sky. For the best views of the cluster, try searching between 5:30am and 6:30am. If it's a clear morning, the cluster can be seen from elevated locations like the summit of Mauao or Pāpāmoa Hills.

1. First, locate Tautoru, which is well known as the bottom three stars of 'the pot' or Orion's Belt.
2. To the left of Tautoru, find the bright orange star known as Taumata-kuku (Aldebaran) or locate the cluster in which this star resides, also known as Te Kokota, which appears like an upside-down V.
3. Follow an imaginary line from Tautoru across to Taumata-kuku or Te Kokota, and continue in that direction until you come across a cluster of stars.
4. That cluster represents Matariki. If you have good eyesight, you should be able to distinguish individual stars. If the cluster appears blurry, try looking just above or just below, where the stars will be clearer.



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