

## **Uranometria 2000.0's Star Cloud Database**

We have chosen to plot 14 star clouds. These objects are composed of countless stars and often span vast stretches of the night sky. When viewed at low power the nebulosity is often overlaid with sparkling stars which often do not show up in photographs. Usually star clouds are so vast that they cannot be plotted on a large-scale atlas however Chart 164 plots 7: NGC 6360, 6415, 6421, 6437, 6455, 6476 and 6480. Another, M24 on Chart 145 is a visually striking star cloud that contains a number of other observable objects. Because there are so few of these plotted objects we have not included them in the legend but have assigned a special symbol and annotated the name with “(star cloud)” to aid in their identification. The symbol sizing is the same as that used for open clusters.