

The spiral galaxy Messier 63 (M63) otherwise known as the Sunflower Galaxy. It was given that name because of the yellowish appearance of its center region. It lies about 37 million light years distant in the Constellation Canes Venatici. It's about 98,000 light years in diameter; roughly the same size as our Milky Way galaxy (slightly smaller). This is the result of 100 3-minute exposures over 4 nights of average seeing conditions.