

Date: 4/28/00

Time Started: 9:20 PM CDT

Time Finished: 10:00 PM CDT

Transparency: 3.5

Seeing: 3.5

Telescope: 12.5" Dob

Eyepiece: 12.5mm plössl

Filter: —

Magnification: 120x

OBJECT

Common Name: _____

M#: 96

NGC #: 3368

Type: Gal

Magnitude: 9.2

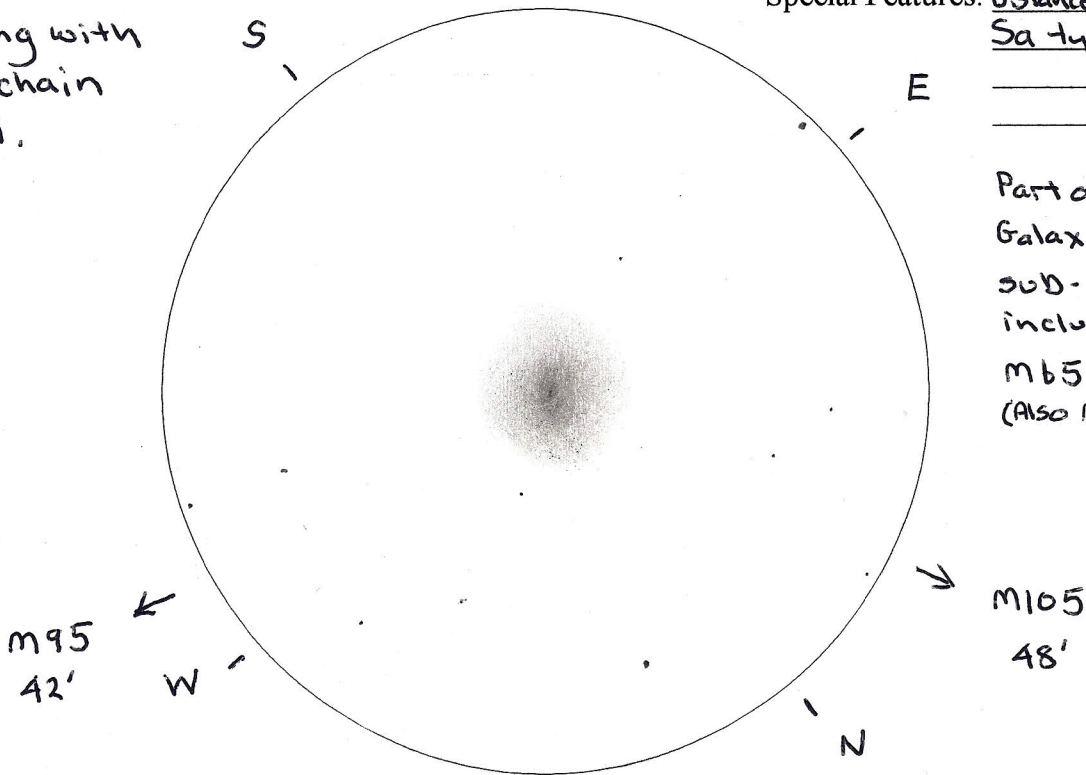
Size: 7' x 5'

Coordinates: 10h 46.8m 11° 49'

Special Features: Distance: ~29 million lt. yrs

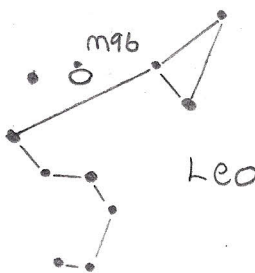
Sa type spiral

Discovered along with
M95 by P. Mechain
in March 1781.



Part of "Leo
Galaxy Group"
sub-cluster
including M95,
M65 and M66.
(Also M105)

Locating
Sketch:



Description and Field Notes: Large, fairly bright spiral galaxy. Roundish in shape with broad central condensation and nearly star-like nucleus. The central condensation seems elongated in the north-south direction. A nice pair with M95 which is a bit smaller and dimmer.