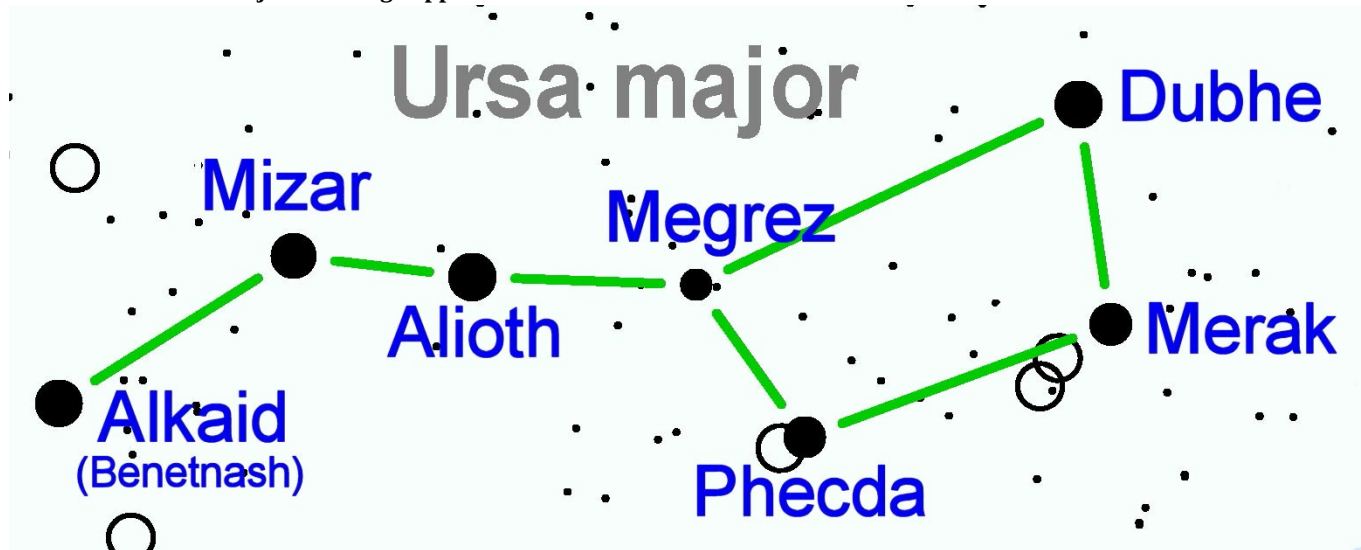


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An **Asterism** is a star pattern within a Constellation, but not an official Constellation. These are even more like connecting the dots or stars than the constellations. Some examples of Asterisms within the constellations of Ursa Major and Ursa Minor include the commonly named Big and Little Dippers. In other parts of the world, they have been called the Cart, Plow, and the Drinking Gourd.

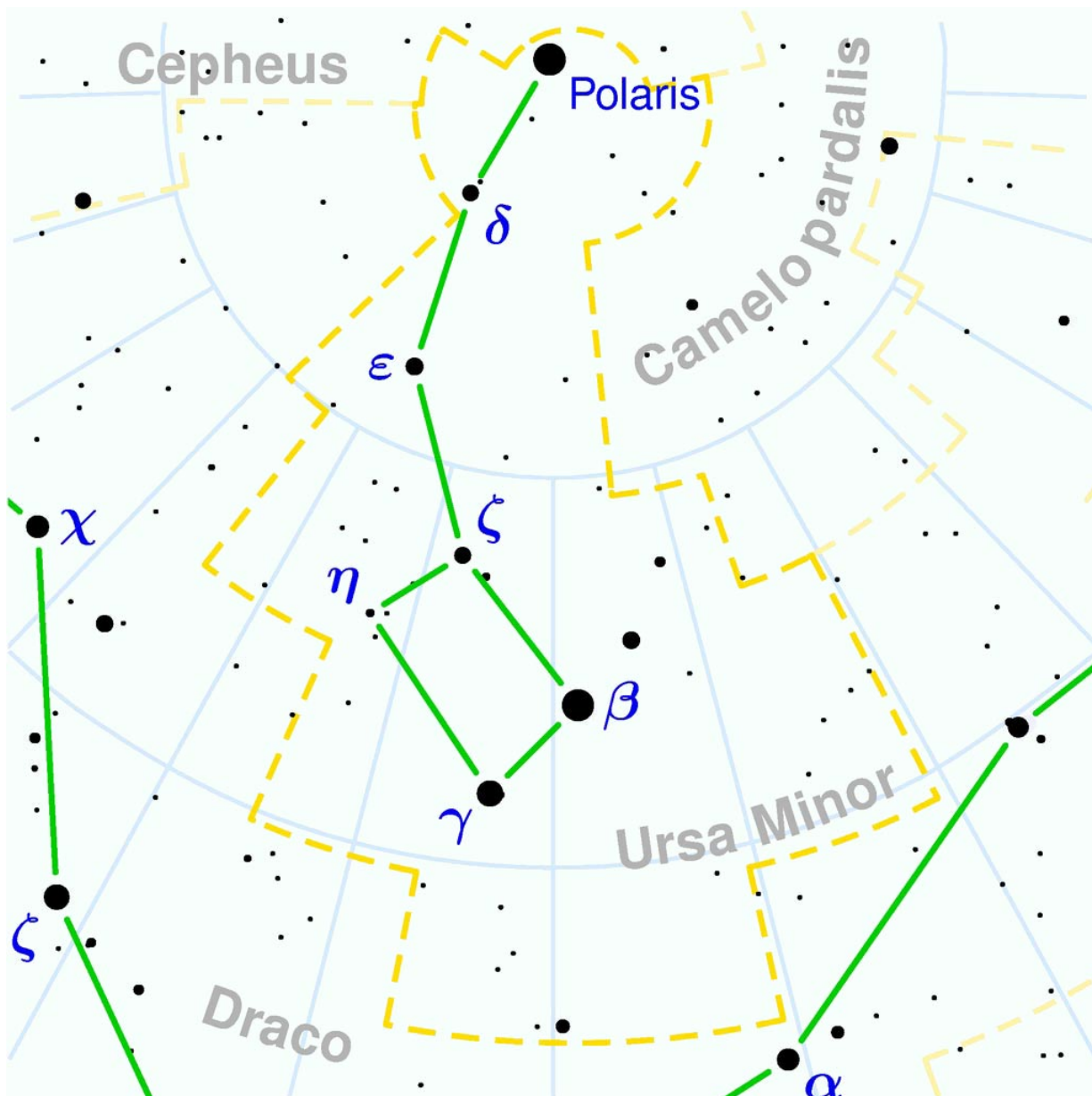
Another example of an Asterism is the Pleiades, within the Constellation Taurus. It is often called the Seven Sisters. In Japan the Pleiades is called Subaru. The Navajo referred to it as Dilyehe, and Hawaiians call the star grouping Makahiki or *many little eyes*.

Constellation Ursa Major—the Big Dipper



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Ursa Minor—the Small Dipper



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Consider this...

“Ralph Waldo Emerson once asked what we would do if the stars only came out once every thousand years. No one would sleep that night, of course. We would be ecstatic, delirious, made rapturous by the glory of God. Instead the stars come out every night and we watch television.”

Pawl Hawken (1946 –) Environmentalist, Entrepreneur, and Author

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