

## Image: Siding Spring Observatory reveals stellar nursery

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Credit: NASA/MSFC/MEO/Bill Cooke

Illuminated by the light of nearby stars, the nebula M-78 exhibits a ghostly appearance in this 10-minute exposure taken with a 6" refractor at the Siding Spring Observatory in Australia.

Located in the constellation of Orion—some 1,600 light years from

Earth—this reflection nebula is known to contain more than 40 very young stars still in the process of formation.

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