



CIRCUMPOLAR CONSTELLATIONS

- **Ursa Major, the Big Bear (includes the Big Dipper)**
- **Ursa Minor, the Little Bear (includes the Little Dipper)**
- **Cepheus, the King**
- **Cassiopeia, the Queen**
- **Draco, the Dragon**

WHAT DOES CIRCUMPOLAR MEAN?

Circumpolar means to circle around the pole. Circumpolar stars or constellations daily trace circles around the north celestial pole, identified by the North Star Polaris, without setting or dipping below the horizon. They move in a counterclockwise direction. On any given night, the constellation is visible during a portion of the circle, the rest is traced out when the constellation is hidden by daylight.