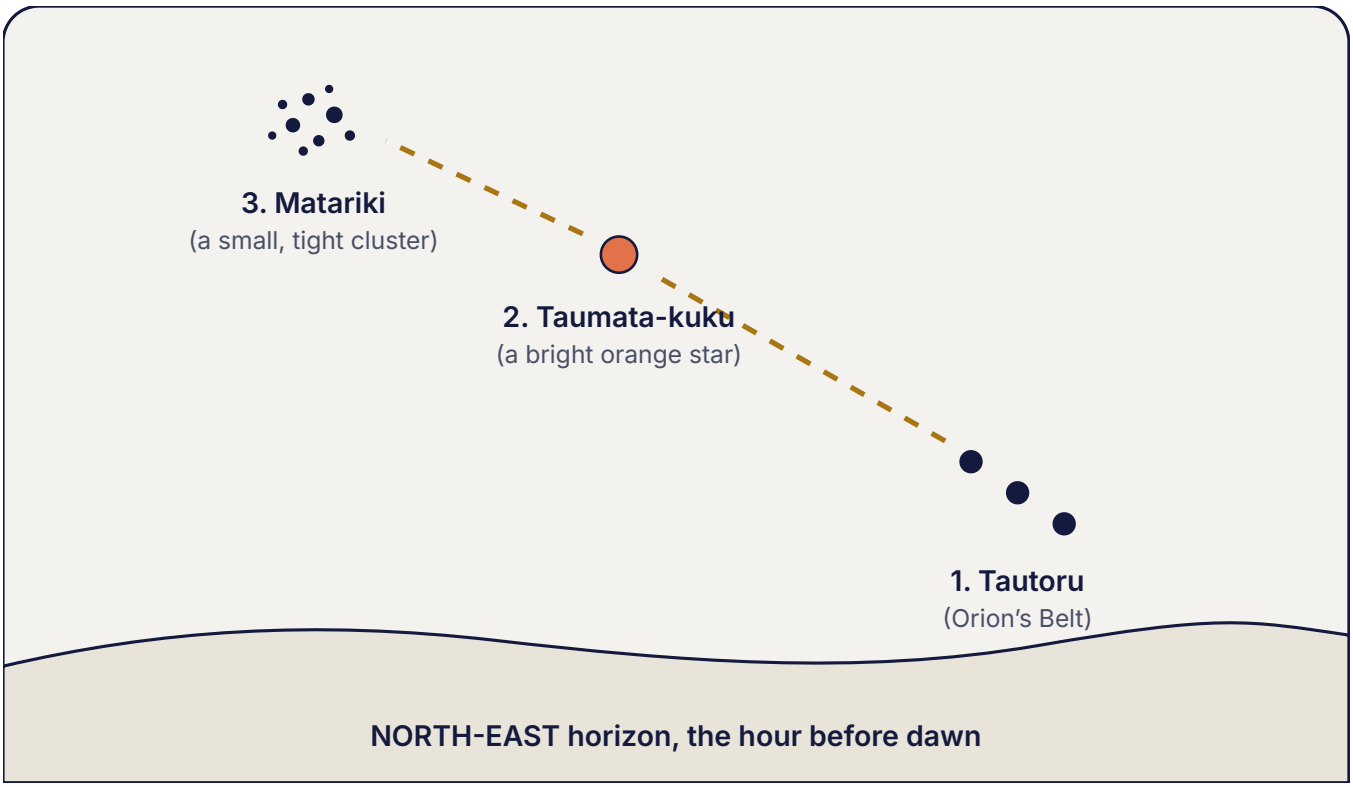
How to find Matariki in the sky

Matariki rises in the north-east just before dawn from late June. Pick a clear morning, find a dark spot away from street lights, and give your eyes ten minutes to adjust.



1. **Find Tautoru.** Look low in the north-east sky for three bright stars in a short, straight line. This is Tautoru (Orion's Belt).
2. **Follow the line to Taumata-kuku.** Trace the line of Tautoru up and to the left until you reach a bright orange star. This is Taumata-kuku (Aldebaran).
3. **Keep going to Matariki.** Follow the same line a little further and you will see a small, tight cluster of stars. That is Matariki. Most people can see six or seven stars without binoculars.

Tip: the best mornings are clear and cold, in the hour before sunrise. If you live where Matariki is hard to see, look for Puanga (Rigel), the bright star near Tautoru.

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