



### Evening sky in January 2011

The summer hunting scene can be seen above the north-eastern horizon. Look for three bright stars, the Belt of Orion, the Hunter, who appears upside down from our viewpoint in the southern hemisphere. The two bright stars above the Belt represent his legs and the two below, his shoulders. Accompanying Orion are his two hunting dogs. Canis Major, the Big Dog is home to the brightest star in the night sky, Sirius. Lower down is Canis Minor, the Little Dog, with its bright star, Procyon. Follow the belt stars towards the West to find Orion's adversary, Taurus, the Bull, and the eye of the Bull, a red giant star, Aldebaran. The cluster of stars on the back of the Bull is the Pleiades or Seven Sisters. In isiXhosa they are called isiLimela, the Digging Stars.

Do not confuse the Southern Cross (Crux) with the False Cross. Crux and the Pointers are low in the south-east while the False Cross is higher up.

Planet Jupiter is in the constellation of Pisces.

The Moon will be in the evening sky from 7 January until 22 January.