

# Sirius

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## English

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### Etymology

From Latin *Sīrius*, from Ancient Greek Σείριος (*Seírios*), usually taken from σείριος (*seírios*, “scorching; scorcher”).

### Pronunciation

- (*General American*) IPA<sup>(key)</sup>: /'sɪri.əs/
- Rhymes: síri-əs
- Homophone: serious

### Proper noun

Sirius

1. (astronomy) A binary star system in the constellation Canis Major long understood as a single extremely luminous white star, associated in ancient Egypt with the Nile flood and in Greek and Roman culture with the "dog days" of summer.

## Synonyms

- the Dog Star (*informal*); Alpha Canis Majoris, α Canis Majoris, α CMa (*Bayer designation*); Canicula (*Roman contexts*); Sopdet, Sothis (*Egyptian contexts*); Al Shira (*Arab contexts*); Blazing Star (*uncommon*)

## Hypernyms

- stars
- Canis Major; Winter Triangle

## Hyponyms

- (white main sequence star): Sirius A
- (white dwarf): Sirius B

## Translations

### Translations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Afrikaans: <u>Sirius</u></li> <li>Arabic: <u>الشَّعْرَى</u> f (aš-ši‘rā)</li> <li>Armenian: <u>Սիրիոս</u> (hy) (Sirius)</li> <li>Avestan: <u>𐬂𐬃𐬃𐬃𐬃</u> (Tištriia)</li> <li>Bengali: <u>লুব্ধক</u> (lubdhôk)</li> <li>Catalan: <u>Sírius</u> m, <u>estel del Ca</u> m</li> <li>Chinese:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cantonese: 天狼星 (tin<sup>1</sup> long<sup>4</sup> sing<sup>1</sup>)</li> <li>Mandarin: <u>天狼星</u> (zh) (Tiānlángxīng)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Czech: <u>Sirius</u></li> <li>Danish: <u>Hundestjernen</u></li> <li>Dutch: <u>Sirius</u> (nl)</li> <li>Egyptian:  (spdt f)</li> <li>Estonian: <u>Sírius</u></li> <li>Finnish: <u>Sírius</u></li> <li>French: <u>Sírius</u> (fr) m</li> <li>Georgian: <u>სირიუსი</u> (siriusi)</li> <li>German: <u>Sírius</u> (de) m</li> <li>Greek: <u>Σείριος</u> (el) (Seírios)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ancient Greek: <u>Σείριος</u> m (Seírios)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Hebrew: <u>אַבְרָהָם</u> (avréq)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kurdish:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central Kurdish: <u>گەلەوەز</u> (gelawêj)</li> <li>Northern Kurdish: <u>Gelavêj</u> (ku)</li> <li>Southern Kurdish: <u>گەلەوەز</u> (gelawêj)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Latin: <u>Canicula</u> f, <u>Sírius</u> (la) m</li> <li>Latvian: <u>Síriuss</u></li> <li>Lithuanian: <u>Sírijus</u></li> <li>Malay: <u>Bintang Anjing</u>, <u>Sírius</u></li> <li>Maori: <u>Takurua</u></li> <li>Middle Persian: <u>تیشتر</u> (Tištar), <u>تیر</u> (Tir)</li> <li>Navajo: <u>só'tsoh</u></li> <li>Norman: <u>Cannitchule</u> f (<i>Norman</i>)</li> <li>Norwegian: <u>Hundestjernen</u></li> <li>Persian: <u>تیشتر</u> (fa) (Tištar), <u>تیر</u> (fa) (Tir), <u>شباهنگ</u> (fa) (Šabâhang)</li> <li>Polish: <u>Syriusz</u> (pl) m</li> <li>Portuguese: <u>Sírio</u> f</li> <li>Romanian: <u>Sírius</u></li> <li>Russian: <u>Сíриус</u> (ru) m (Sírius)</li> <li>Serbo-Croatian:</li> </ul> |
|   | Cyrillic: <u>Сиријус</u><br>Roman: <u>Sírius</u>  |
|   | Spanish: <u>Sírio</u> (es) m  |

- Hindi: व्याध तारा (vyādh tārā)
- Indonesian: Sirius
- Irish: Réalta an Mhadra *f*
- Italian: Sirio
- Japanese: 天狼星 (てんろうせい, Tenrōsei), シリウス (*ja*) (Shiriusu)
- Kazakh: Сүмбіле (Sümbile)
- Khmer: ផ្លូវការពីរិក (*km*) (pkaay prik)
- Korean: 천랑성 (*ko*) (Cheonnangseong) (天狼星 (*ko*)), 시리우스 (siriuseu)
- Swedish: Sirius ([sv](#)) *c*, Hundstjärnan
- Thai: ດາວໂຫຼວງສີຣີ
- Turkish: Sirius, Akyıldız ([tr](#))
- Ukrainian: Cipiyc (Sirius)
- Vietnamese: Thiên Lang, Sirius
- Welsh: Seren y Ci *f*, Siriws *m*

## See also

- Sothic; canicular; cynic
- dog days, dogdays, dog day

## Faroese

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### Proper noun

**Sirius** *m*

1. A male given name.

### Usage notes

*Patronymics*

- son of Sirius: **Siriusarson** or **Siriusson**
- daughter of Sirius: **Siriusardóttir** or **Siriusdóttir**

### Declension

	Singular
	Indefinite
Nominative	Sirius
Accusative	Sirius
Dative	Siriusi
Genitive	Siriusar

## German

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### Proper noun

Sirius *m* (*genitive* Sirius)

1. (*astronomy*) Sirius
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## Latin

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### Etymology

From Ancient Greek Σείριος (*Seírios*, “Seirios”), from σείριος (*seírios*, “scorching, destructive”)

### Proper noun

Sirius *m sg* (*genitive* Siriī or Siriī); *second declension*

1. (*astronomy*) Sirius

### Declension

Second-declension noun, singular only.

Case	Singular
Nominative	Sirius
Genitive	Siriī Siriī <sup>1</sup>
Dative	Siriō
Accusative	Siriūm
Ablative	Siriō
Vocative	Siriī

<sup>1</sup> Found in older Latin (until the Augustan Age).

### Synonyms

- Canicula
- Sothis

### Hypernyms

- stella; Canis Major, Canicula

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