



M43 or de Mairan's Nebula. M43 is actually a part of the Great Orion Nebula, M42, which is separated from the main nebula by an impressive, turbulent dark lane. First discovered in 1731 by Jean-Jacques Dortous de Mairan, M43 is occasionally known as de Mairan's Nebula. It lies at a distance of about 1500 light years. Shown here is an image obtained using the Wide Field Camera on the Isaac Newton Telescope, Roque de los Muchachos Observatory (La Palma, Spain). Image credit: Nik Szymanek and Simon Tulloch.

