

**Is a blue whale the
biggest thing there is?**





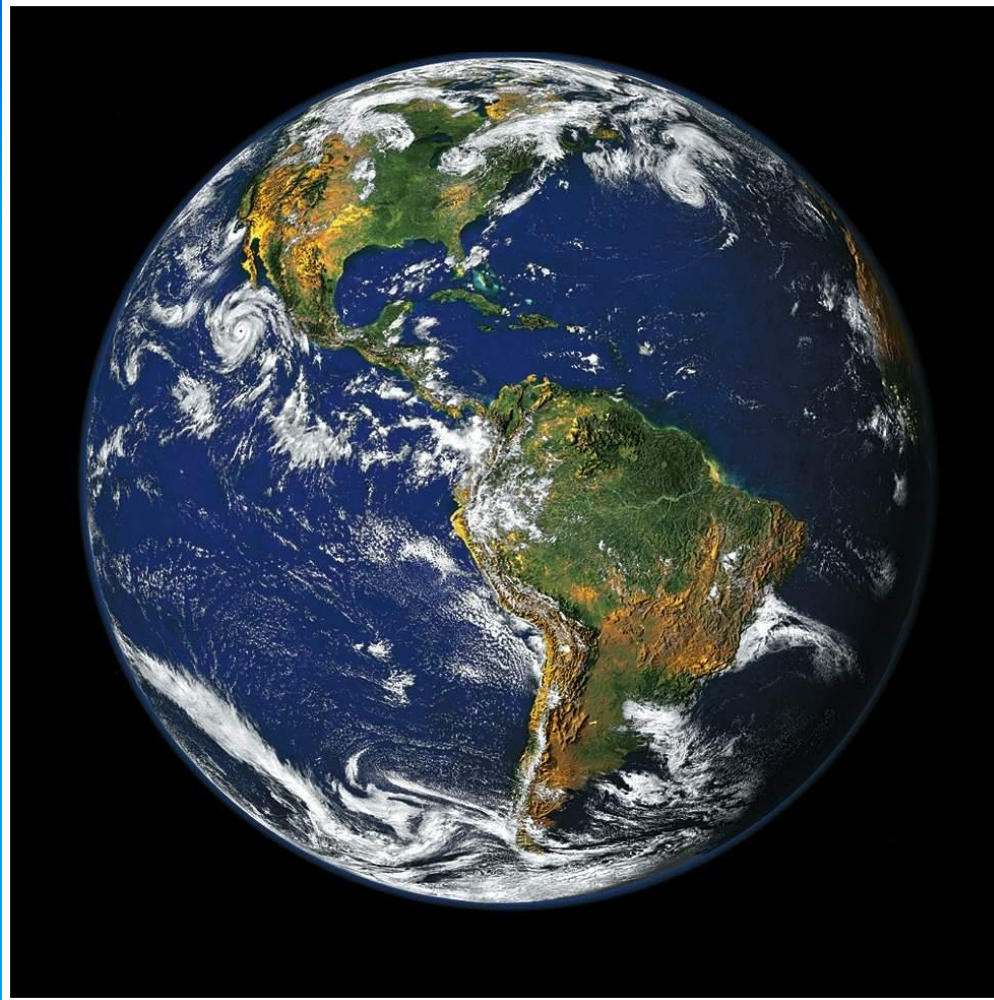
A blue whale can grow to be 30 metres long & weigh as much as 20 elephants, but it's tiny in comparison with....



Mount Everest

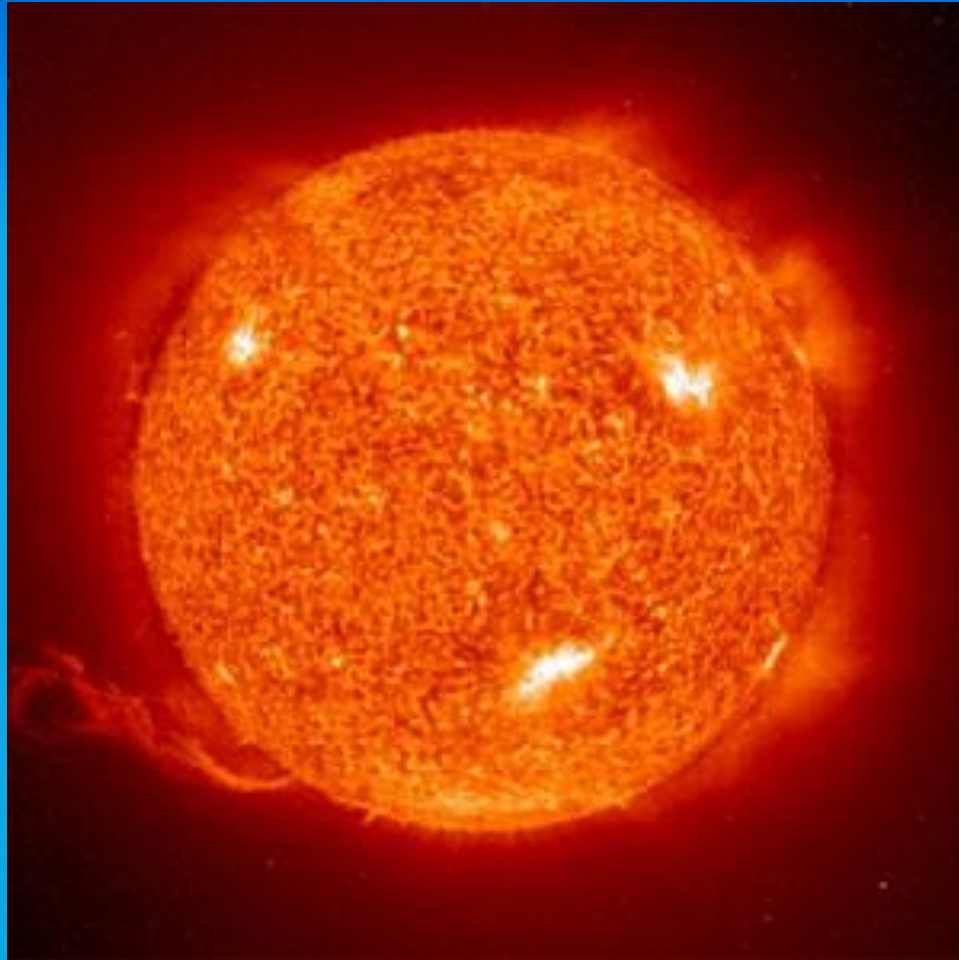


**Mount Everest is huge
but is tiny in comparison
with the size of.....**



The Earth

But more than one million of our
Earths would fit inside...



Our Sun

But our Sun is only a medium sized star and over 50 million of our suns would fit inside...



The superstar Antares



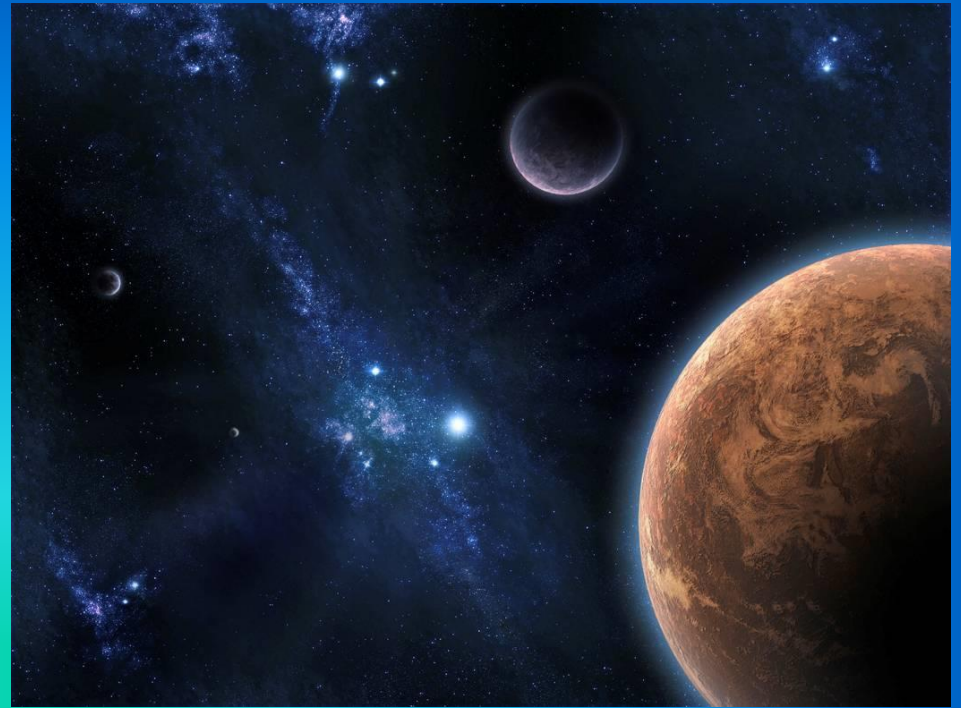
Billions of stars, including Antares and our Sun, make up our galaxy, the Milky Way.



**The Milky Way is only one galaxy.
The Universe is all the galaxies.
Could anything be bigger?**



O LORD, our Lord, how
majestic is your name
in all the earth!
You have set your glory
above the heavens.



When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

What is man that you are
mindful of him,
the son of man
that you care for him?

Psalm 8

Theodore Roosevelt and I used to play a little game together.

After an evening of talk, we would go out on the lawn and search the skies until we found the faint spot of light-mist beyond the lower left-hand corner of the Great Square of Pegasus.

Then one or the other of us would recite:

‘That is the spiral galaxy in Andromeda.

It is as large as our Milky Way.

It is one of a hundred million galaxies.

It consists of one hundred million stars, each larger than our sun.’

**Then Roosevelt would grin at me
and say**

**‘Now I think we are small enough!
Let’s go to bed.’**

William Beebe

This slideshow is based on the book

“Is a Blue Whale
The Biggest Thing There Is?”

by Robert E. Wells.

We highly recommend it