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NGC 2264, the open cluster called the Christmas Tree by the American writer Leland S. Copeland, lies in the constellation of Monoceros amid a vast area of nebulosity, well captured in this image by Gordon Rogers of Long Crendon, Bucks. Takahashi FSQ106 on 16-inch RCOS on Paramount mounting, guided by SBIG ST-8 CCD camera with AO-7 adaptive optics. Image acquired through SBIG ST-10 CCD camera. The exposures were 100 minutes H-alpha and 15 minutes RGB on the night of 2005 December 27. See the article by Stewart Moore on p.339.

