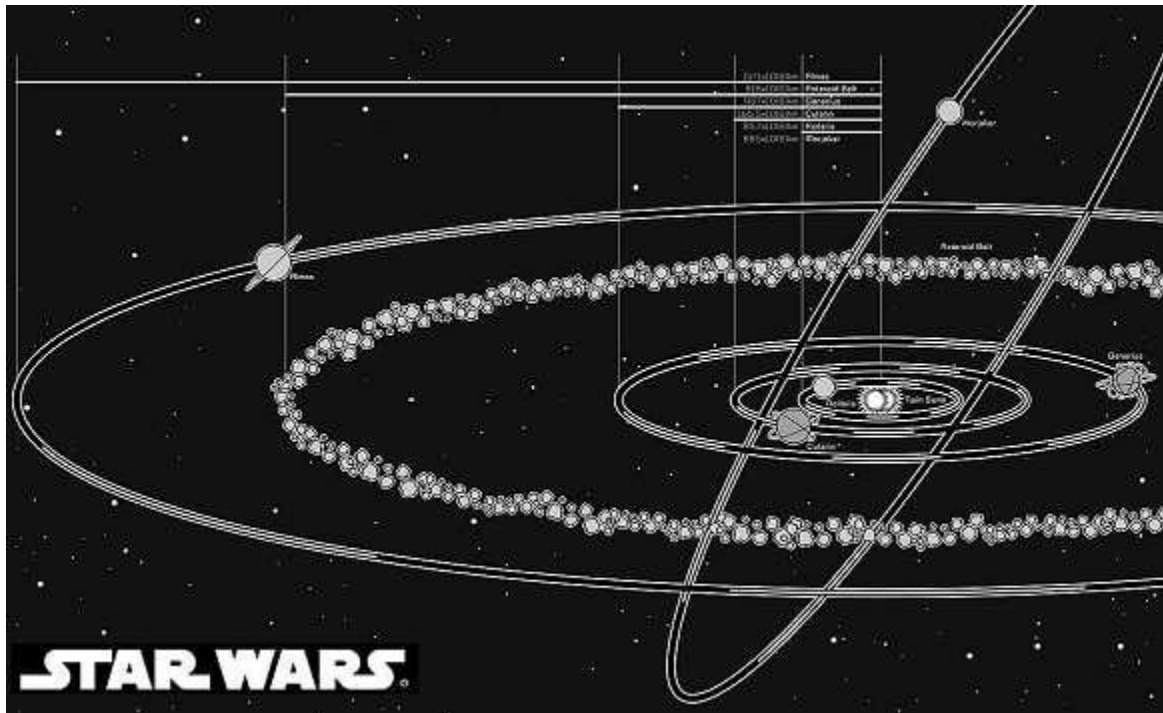


# Cularin System



Upon arriving in-system, a visitor is first drawn to the two suns in mutual orbit. Morasil was the first star to form. The ancient yellow sun is perhaps as old as the galaxy itself, and it has shrunk in its long lifetime. Alone, it produces a cold, dim light that cannot reach the asteroid belt. Its partner, Termadus, is a white dwarf star. Much younger than Morasil, it has nonetheless sped through its solar lifetime. Now it draws gases from the corona of Morasil, creating a gaseous haze between the two stars. Together, they give the luminous equivalent of a single bright star, creating a gravitational hyperspace shadow much larger than the realspace area taken by their orbits.

Though the Cularian system has easy access to the Corellian Spine Trade Route, it has only recently attracted attention from the galaxy at large. The reason for this apparent isolation lies in the strange gravitic anomalies found there. First, the cores of three of the planets are extremely dense, resulting in larger hyperspace gravity reflections than the bodies would normally generate. The larger gravity wells overlap periodically in hyperspace, making the disturbance even worse. Making jumps into the Cularin system under these conditions is extremely difficult for normal nav computer programs, but it can be done.

Gravity reflections within the system are not the only problem. The whole system is surrounded by a dense cloud of comets, remnants from the system's formation. Most have dense cores similar to the heavier planets in the system, and as they pursue their erratic courses, they interact with each other. Occasionally they collide, showering frozen debris and creating smaller comets that take their place in the strange cosmic dance.

Because of these two dangers, the safest way to travel to the system is to arrive at a point just outside the comet cloud, read the current behavior of the comets, and then make the calculations for a second jump into the system itself. Larger ships arrive at the outside edge of the asteroid belt and proceed with sublight engines to their final destinations.