

The following is a list of names of features that were approved between the 2018 Report to the IAU GA and the 2021 IAU GA (features named between 1/24/2018 and 03/17/2021).

Mercury (49)

Craters (16)

Angelou	Maya, American author and poet (1928 – 2014).
Bellini	Giovanni; Italian painter (1430-1516).
Berry	Charles Edward Anderson "Chuck": American singer and songwriter (1926-2017).
Bunin	Ivan, Russian author of prose and poetry; first Russian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, in 1933. (1861 – 1941).
Canova	Antonio, marchese d'Ischia; Italian sculptor (1757-1822).
Carleton	William; Irish writer (1794-1869).
Gordimer	Nadine (1923-2014), South African writer; recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature (1991) and the Booker Prize (1974).
Jiménez	Juan Ramón, Spanish poet and author (1881 – 1958).
Josetsu	Taikō, Japanese ink painter (1405 – 1496).
Kirby	Jack, American illustrator (1917 – 1994).
Martins	Maria, Brazilian sculptor (1894-1973).
Rizal	José, Filipino writer (1861 – 1896).
Strauss	Strauss family of musicians.
Travers	Pamela Lyndon (born Helen Lyndon Goff); Australian-born British writer best known for Mary Poppins series of children's books (1899-1996).
Vazov	Ivan, Bulgarian poet (1850-1921).
Wen Tianxiang	Wen Tianxiang; Chinese writer and poet (1236-1283).

Faculae (25)

Abeeso Facula	Somali word for snake.
Agwo Facula	Igbo (Southeastern Nigeria) word for snake.
Amaru Facula	Quechua word for snake.
Bibilava Faculae	Malagasy (Madagascar) word for snake.
Bitin Facula	Cebuano (S. Philippines) word for snake.
Coatl Facula	Aztec (Nahuatl) word for snake.
Ejo Faculae	Yoruba (Nigeria) word for snake.
Gata Facula	Fijian and Samoan word for snake.
Havu Facula	Kannada (SW India) word for snake.
Ibab Facula	Amharic (Ethiopia) word for snake.
Inyoka Faculae	Zulu and Xhosa (South Africa) word for snake.
Maciji Facula	Hausa (Niger and Nigeria) word for snake.
Nākahi Facula	Māori word for snake.
Nathair Facula	Irish word for snake.
Neidr Facula	Welsh word for snake.
Nzoka Facula	Kamba (Kenya) word for snake.

Orm Faculae	Swedish word for snake.
Pampu Facula	Tamil (SE India and NE Sri Lanka) word for snake. Another spelling is 'pambu'.
Sarpa Facula	Sinhalese (Sri Lanka) word for snake.
Slang Faculae	Afrikaans word for snake.
Suge Facula	Basque word for snake.
Thueban Facula	Arabic word for snake.
Ular Facula	Malay word for snake.
Yinshe Facula	Chinese word for silver snake.
Zmija Facula	Serbian word for snake.

Fossae (1)

Borobudur Fossae	A 9th-century Mahayana Buddhist temple in Magelang Regency, in Central Java, Indonesia, consisting of nine stacked platforms and topped by a central dome.
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Rupēs (7)

Alpha Crucis Rupēs	Brazilian; an oceanographic research vessel investigating the role of the South Atlantic in global climate change, as well as studying marine biodiversity.
Chikyu Rupes	Japanese; a scientific drilling ship built for the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program to conduct deep-sea geological research.
Grifo Rupes	Portuguese; ship used by D. João de Castro to make a survey of magnetic declination in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans in 1538.
Investigator Rupes	Australian; research vessel used since 2014 for atmospheric, oceanographic, biological and geoscience research from the tropical north to the Antarctic ice-edge mainly in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
Kainan Rupēs	Japanese; Kainan Maru, ship of Nobu Shirase Antarctic exploration, 1910-1912.
Meteor Rupēs	German; expedition on Meteor ship explored the South Atlantic Ocean, 1925-1927.
Soya Rupes	Japanese; Japan's first dedicated Antarctic research vessel (polar voyages in 1956-1962).

Venus (2)

Tesserae (2)

Istustaya Tesserae	Hattian/Hittite goddess of destiny, who spins the threads of fate.
Jyestha Tesserae	Indian goddess of inauspicious things; sister of Lakshmi.

Moon (15)

Craters (11)

8 Homeward	Crater visible in the iconic "Earthrise" colour photograph, taken aboard Apollo 8 by W. A. Anders on December 24, 1968, symbolizes the safe return to Earth of Apollo 8. The crater was previously designated Ganskiy (Hansky) M.
Anders' Earthrise	Crater visible in the foreground of the iconic "Earthrise" colour photograph, taken aboard Apollo 8 by W. A. Anders on December 24, 1968, showing the

	Earth and part of the Moon's surface. The crater was previously designated Pasteur T.
Ballet	Astronaut-named feature, Apollo 17 site.
Easley	Annie Jean; American computer scientist, mathematician, and rocket scientist (1933-2011).
Hawke	Bernard Ray; American lunar scientist (1946-2015).
Hegu	Constellation name in the ancient Chinese star map, which contains the star Altair, also known as Niulang, the cowherd who marries Zhinyu in the Chinese folk tale "The Cowherd and the Weaver Girl."
Shioli	Japanese female first name.
Tianjin	Constellation name in the ancient Chinese star map; means "celestial ford" or "Galaxy's ferry."
Tooley	Craig; NASA Engineer, LRO Project Manager (1960-2017).
Vaughan	Dorothy; American mathematician (1910-2008).
Zhinyu	Constellation name in the ancient Chinese star map, and the name of the fairy in the Chinese folk tale "The Cowherd and the Weaver Girl."

Landing Site Names (1)

Statio Tianhe	Ancient Chinese name for the Milky Way, a sky river that separates Niulang and Zhinyu in the Chinese folk tale "The Cowherd and the Weaver Girl."
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Montes (1)

Mons Tai	Named from terrestrial Mount Tai, in Shandong, China.
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Satellite Features (2)

Donner M	Anders Severin; Finnish astronomer (1854-1938).
Yerkes V	Charles Tyson; American benefactor (1837-1905).

Mars (68)

Cavi (1)

Oenotria Cavi	Classical albedo feature name, Oenotria.
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Chaoses (1)

Aeolis Chaos	Classical albedo feature name.
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Craters (43)

Qaqortoq	Town in Greenland.
Alofi	Town in Niue.
Angelica	Town in New York, USA.
Banes	Town in Cuba.
Barth	Charles A.; American atmospheric physicist (1930-2014).
Batson	Raymond Milner; American geologist and photogrammetrist (1931-2013).
Belva	Town in West Virginia, USA.
Cagli	Town in Italy.

Chamba	Town in India.
Chukhung	Village in Nepal.
Dacono	Town in Colorado, USA.
Dechu	Village in India.
Garu	Town in Ghana.
Hartwell	Town in Georgia, USA.
Izamal	Town in Mexico.
Izola	Town in Slovenia.
Jaisalmer	Town in India.
Jiji	Town in Taiwan.
Jori	Town in Republic of Korea.
Kalpin	Town in China.
Kaporo	Town in Malawi.
Kemurdzhian	Alexander; Soviet engineer of Armenian descent, founder of the Soviet scientific school of space transport engineering, designer of the first planetary rovers, including lunar Lunokhod 1 and 2, and martian PrOP-M mini-rover onboard Mars 2 and 3 landers (1921-2003).
Kenge	Town in Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Kilkhampton	Town in England.
Kilmia	Village in Yemen.
Kufstein	Town in Austria.
Malino	Town in Indonesia.
Marysville	Town in California, USA.
McCauley	John "Jack"; American geologist (1932-2012).
Nako	Town in Burkina Faso.
Oituz	Town in (Bacău) Romania.
Owen	Tobias, American planetary scientist (1936-2017).
Qara	Village in Egypt.
Salkhad	Town in Syria.
Sedona	Town in Arizona, USA.
Sera	Town in Japan.
Tehachapi	Town in California, USA.
Topola	Town in Serbia.
Ulricehamn	Town in Sweden.
Wulai	Town in Taiwan.
Yelapa	Town in Mexico.
Yelwa	Town in Nigeria
Zaim	Town in Moldova.

Mensae (2)

Izola Mensa	Named for nearby crater Izola.
Peneus Mensa	From albedo feature at 48S, 290W.

Montes (7)

Atlantis Mons	Classical albedo feature, Atlantis.
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Capri Montes	Classical albedo feature, Capri Cornu.
Draconis Mons	From albedo feature at 25S, 205W.
Dryas Mons	Classical albedo feature name.
Gorgonum Mons	Classical albedo feature name of Greek origin, Gorgonum Sinus.
Pityusa Mons	Classical albedo feature, Pityusa Insula.
Simois Mons	Classical albedo feature name of Greek origin, Simois.

Paterae (1)

Phison Patera	Classical albedo feature name.
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Plana (2)

Nili Planum	Classical albedo feature name.
Oxia Planum	Classical albedo feature name.

Serpentes (2)

Meridiani Serpentes	Classical albedo feature name.
Thymiamata Serpens	Classical albedo feature name.

Tholi (4)

Cimmeria Tholi	Classical albedo feature name.
Hesperus Tholus	Classical albedo feature, Hesperus.
Newton Tholus	Named for nearby crater, Newton.
Sinai Tholus	Classical albedo feature, Sinai.

Valles (5)

Neretva Vallis	River in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.
Pliva Vallis	River in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Sakarya Vallis	River in Turkey.
Sava Vallis	River in Slovenia.
Una Vallis	River in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.

Small Bodies (49)

Bennu (36)

Craters (12)

Alicanto	Chilean mythological nocturnal bird whose wings shine at night with metallic colors so bright that cast no shadow. It lives in small caves and eats metal ores, weight of which gives no possibility to fly.
Bralgah	In myths of Aboriginal Australian people of the Murray River basin, a crane, who tossed an egg from the nest of emu Dinewan into the sky where it became the sun.

Dinewan	Emu whose egg created the sun in the myths of Aboriginal Australian people of the Murray River basin.
Hokioi	Maori (New Zealand) mythical bird with enormously long divided tail, which lives in heavens and never visits earth.
Huhuk	Pawnee (Central USA) Thunderbird, a huge long-necked bird with a forked, jagged tail. The beating of his wings causes thunder.
Lilitu	Mesopotamian /Sumerian nocturnal wind demon depicted as woman with wings and birds' feet with talons.
Minokawa	Massive bird that resides beyond the eastern horizon since before time began and causes lunar eclipses in myths of Bagobo (Lumad group at Mindanao Island, S. Philippines).
Ohnivak	In Czech and Slovak folklore, glowing or burning bird (firebird) with colorful red, gold and orange feathers.
Pegasus	Winged horse in Greek mythology.
Sampati	In Hindu mythology, a giant bird, vulture, whose wings had been burnt by the blaze of the Sun when he had flown too close to it in racing with his brother.
Wuchowsen	Abenaki (Algonquians of NE USA) giant bird, named Windblower, who sits upon a rock at the edge of the sky far in the north and produces winds by his wings.
Wututu	Fon (Benin/Dahomey) mythical bird which reconciled the two gods in their dispute and thus ended a great drought.

Regiones (1)

Tlanuwa Regio	Cherokee (Southeast USA), giant birds who scattered the Earth with pieces of serpent which turned into standing pillars of rocks.
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Saxa (23)

Aellopus Saxum	Aello; Greek, one of the harpies (together with Celaeno and Ocypete), half-maiden and half-bird personification of storm winds, that would snatch and carry things away from Earth.
Aetos Saxum	Greek, childhood playmate of the supreme god Zeus who was turned into an eagle by Hera.
Amihan Saxum	Tagalog (Philippines) deity that is depicted as a bird, the first creature to inhabit the universe.
Benben Saxum	Ancient Egyptian primordial mound that arose from the primordial waters Nu. The god Atum settled upon it to create the world after his flight over the waters in the form of the Bennu bird, who is a piece of his soul.
Boobrie Saxum	Mythological shapeshifting entity inhabiting the lochs (lakes) of the west coast of Scotland. It commonly adopts the appearance of a gigantic water bird.
Camulatz Saxum	One of four birds which destructed the first race of people carved out of wood in K'iche' Maya (Guatemala) creation myth.
Celaeno Saxum	Greek, one of the harpies (together with Aellopus and Ocypete), half-maiden and half-bird personification of darkness and storm winds, that would snatch and carry things away from Earth.

Ciinkwia Saxum	Thunder-beings of Algonquian mythology (in particular Oklahoma Miami Nation) that live in the sky and cause thunder and lightning. They look like giant eagles, or as birds with a human head.
Dodo Saxum	Non-flying bird, rounded and gray, a fictional character in the book Alice's Adventure in Wonderland (1865) by English writer Lewis Carroll.
Gamayun Saxum	Slavic prophetic bird, symbol of wisdom and knowledge; she is depicted as a large bird with a woman's head.
Gargoyle Saxum	French, dragon-like monster with wings, bird-like neck, and the ability to breathe fire.
Gullinkambi Saxum	Norse, gold-combed rooster who lives in the heavenly majestic hall Valhalla and wakes gods and heroes.
Huginn Saxum	Norse, one of the two ravens (together with Muninn) accompanying the supreme god Odin.
Kongamato Saxum	Giant flying creature looking like bird or bat in myths of Kaonde, a Bantu-speaking people of NW Zambia and the adjacent areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire).
Muninn Saxum	Norse, one of the two ravens (together with Huginn) accompanying the supreme god Odin.
Ocypete Saxum	Greek, one of the three named harpies, half-maiden and half-bird personification of storm winds, that would snatch and carry things away from Earth.
Odette Saxum	Princess turned into White Swan in the ballet Swan Lake (1877) by Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky. This character, which name derives from French, is opposite to Odile, the Black Swan maiden.
Odile Saxum	Black Swan maiden in the ballet Swan Lake (1877) by Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky. This character, which name derives from Old German, is opposite to Odette, the Swan Princess.
Pouakai Saxum	Māori (Polynesia) monstrous bird who kills and eat humans.
Roc Saxum	Enormous bird of prey in Arabic mythology of the Middle East.
Simurgh Saxum	Iranian benevolent bird who possesses all knowledge.
Strix Saxum	Roman vampiric bird of ill omen.
Thorondor Saxum	King of the Eagles in the Middle-earth, the fictional setting in fantasy novels by English author J.R.R. Tolkien, the greatest of all eagles, with a wingspan of 55 m (approximately as this boulder).

Ryugu (13)

Craters (7)

Brabo	A brave young fellow, who defeated a giant, from Dutch fairy tale.
Cendrillon	Protagonist of a fairy tale Cendrillon by French writer Charles Perrault (1697), also known as Cinderella.
Kibidango	Japanese ball-like dumplings made from the flour of the kibi (proso millet) grain that the fairy tale hero Momotaro brought on his distant journey because this sweet keeps its softness for a long time.
Kintaro	'Golden Boy' in Japanese fairy tale, who grew up in the wild forests of Mount Ashigara and had a superhuman strength.

Kolobok	Small ball-like bun, which ran away from home and rolled on the road, singing his tricky song; protagonist of a Russian fairy tale.
Momotaro	'Peach Boy' in Japanese fairy tale, who came to Earth inside a giant peach and once undertook a journey to fight horned ogres in a distant island.
Urashima	Urashima Taro; fisherman in Japanese fairy tale who rescued a turtle and traveled on its back to the dragon Ryujin's undersea Ryugu Palace, where he was welcomed by princess Otohime.

Dorsa (1)

Ryujin Dorsum	'Dragon god', sea ruler in Japanese fairy tale, father of princess Otohime, master of the undersea Ryugu Palace where fisherman Urashima Taro was a guest.
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Fossae (2)

Horai Fossa	Mythical Mount Horai (Penglai in Chinese), paradise of the immortals; in some versions of the Japanese fairy tale about fisherman Urashima is located in the sea on the shell of tortoise that princess Otohime has turned into.
Tokoyo Fossa	Immortal world of Japanese mythology, eternal, timeless land across the sea or undersea kingdom, where the princess Otohime lives in the fairy tale about the fisherman Urashima.

Saxa (3)

Catafo Saxum	Smart boy, who marked a trail in the woods with corn meal to know the way back, from Cajun (Southern USA) fairy tale.
Ejima Saxum	Seacoast in Japanese fairy tale where fisherman Urashima Taro rescued a turtle and started his journey to the undersea Ryugu Palace.
Otohime Saxum	Otohime Sama; princess in Japanese fairy tale, sea mistress, who welcomed fisherman Urashima Taro in undersea Ryugu Palace and gave him a parting gift, a jewel box whose lid he was told never to open.

Jupiter System (12)

Callisto (1)

Craters (1)

Vili	In Norse mythology, brother of the god Odin.
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Europa (10)

Cavi (1)

Moyle Cavus	In Celtic mythology, a cold sea where the children of Lir (Llyr), transformed into swans, were forced to spend three hundred years.
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Fossae (6)

Beenalaght Fossa	Stone row in County Cork, Ireland.
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Eightercua Fossa	Stone row in County Kerry, Ireland.
Kerlescan Fossae	Stone rows in France (Carnac, Brittany).
Kermario Fossae	Stone rows in France (Carnac, Brittany).
Maughanasilly Fossa	Stone row in County Cork, Ireland.
Ménec Fossae	Stone rows in France (Carnac, Brittany).

Mensae (3)

Belenos Mensa	Celtic sun god, equated with Apollo in that character; found mainly in Aquileia (now at NE Italy).
Borvo Mensa	Romano-Celtic (Gallic) god of healing identified with several therapeutic springs and mineral baths.
Grannus Mensa	Romano-Celtic (Continental Europe) god of healing associated with medicinal hot springs and hot mineral waters.

Ganymede (1)

Craters (1)

Laomedon	In Greek mythology, legendary king of Troy, nephew (or possibly father) of Ganymede.
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Titan (17)

Flumina (4)

Apanohuaya Flumen	Mythological river in the Aztec Underworld.
Gihon Flumen	Biblical second River of Paradise, one of four rivers flowing from Eden.
Kokytos Flumina	River of lamentations in the Greek underworld, Hades.
Sambation Flumina	Legendary river in Jewish literature.

Insulae (3)

Hawaiki Insulae	In Polynesian mythology, original home island of the Polynesian people.
Meropis Insula	Fictional island mentioned by ancient Greek writer Theopompus in his work Philippica.
Onogoro Insula	Japanese mythological island.

Labyrinthis (1)

Ipyr Labyrinthus	Planet from the Dune series; home of House Thorvald.
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Lacūs (2)

Weija Lacus	Lake in Ghana.
Winnipeg Lacus	Lake in Canada.

Montes (1)

Lithui Montes	Name of a mountain range (Ered Lithui, Ash Mountains), the northern border of the land of Mordor from Middle-earth, the fictional setting in fantasy novels by J.R.R. Tolkien.
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Sinūs (6)

Avacha Sinus	Gulf and bay in NE Russia (Kamchatka Peninsula).
Fagaloa Sinus	Bay in Samoa (Upolu Island).
Fundy Sinus	Bay in Canada.
Lulworth Sinus	Cove in England.
Saldanha Sinus	Bay in South Africa.
Tumaco Sinus	Bay in Columbia.

Dwarf Planets (61)

Ceres (11)

Faculae (1)

Pasola Facula	Festival of rice planting season at Sumba Island (Lesser Sunda Islands, E. Indonesia). (February – March).
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Labēs (3)

Dankdag Labes	Dutch (The Netherlands) day of thanksgiving for the crop (1st Wednesday of November).
Onam Labes	Harvest festival in Kerala, India, held in August-September.
Sukkot Labes	Jewish autumn festival of double thanksgiving, celebrated for 8 days in September – October.

Labyrinthi (1)

Makahiki Labyrinthus	Hawaiian harvest festival in honor of Lono, a god of fertility, agriculture, and rainfall (lasts four months, from October through February).
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Regiones (1)

Homowo Regio	Ga people (Ghana) harvest festival to celebrate all local crops. Celebrations begin in May and culminate in August.
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Tholi (5)

Bagach Tholus	Belarusian harvest festival (21 September).
Cerealia Tholus	The major festival in Ancient Rome to celebrate for the grain goddess Ceres (8 days in mid- to late April).
Kekri Tholus	Finnish harvest festival (first Saturday of November).
Lohri Tholus	Punjabi (Pakistan, NW India) harvest festival. Held on January 13.
Lughnasa Tholus	Celtic harvest festival, traditionally celebrated on August 1.

Charon (14)

Chasmata (3)

Argo Chasma	Greek mythological ship sailed by Jason and his crew, the Argonauts, from Iolcos to Colchis to retrieve the Golden Fleece, described in the "Argonautica" epic poem by Apollonius Rhodius (3rd cen. BC).
Caleuche Chasma	Chilote (southern Chile) legendary, sentient ghost ship, which could suddenly appear and then quickly disappears again, leaving no evidence of its presence.
Mandjet Chasma	Egyptian boat that carries the sun god Ra across the sky in the daytime.

Craters (7)

Cora	Protagonist in the fiction novel <i>The Underground Railroad</i> , by US author Colson Whitehead (2016). She was a slave who undertook a long journey to freedom in the North through the network of routes and safe houses for fugitive southern slaves, depicted as an actual railroad.
Dorothy	American fictional character, protagonist of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" and other children's novels, small girl who visited the magical Land of Oz.
Nasreddin	Hero of humorous folktales told throughout the Middle East, southern Europe and parts of Asia. Undertook numerous journeys with his donkey, upon which he is seated facing backwards. Supposed to be of a Turkish origin.
Nemo	Captain of the Nautilus, a submarine, in the novels "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" (1870) and "The Mysterious Island" (1874) by the French author Jules Verne (1825–1905). The stories recount fantastical undersea travels and explorations.
Pirx	Spaceship pilot, the main character in a series of fictional stories by the Polish author Stanislaw Lem (1921–2006). He travelled between the Earth, Moon and Mars.
Revati	Hindu mythological princess, who traveled through time and space in search of a suitor, described in the epic narrative "Mahabharata".
Sadko	Russian merchant in the medieval epic tale (Bylina), who traveled to the bottom of the sea.

Dorsa (1)

McCaffrey Dorsum	Anne; US-Irish author of science fiction novels, including the <i>Dragonriders of Pern</i> series, which recounts the human colonization of the fictional planet Pern (1926-2011).
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Montes (3)

Clarke Montes	Sir Arthur C., British author (1917-2008). Many of his novels depict space explorations, among which the most notable is "2001: A Space Odyssey", describing a voyage to Jupiter. This novel was adapted from the screenplay he co-wrote with Stanley Kubrick for the 1968 film.
Butler Mons	Octavia E., American author (1947-2006). Her "Xenogenesis" trilogy describes humankind's departure from Earth and subsequent return.
Kubrick Mons	Stanley, American-British film director and screenwriter (1928-1999). His film "2001: A Space Odyssey" (1968) after the screenplay co-wrote with Arthur Clarke tells the story of humanity's evolution from tool-using hominids to space explorers and beyond.

Pluto (36)

Cavi (1)

Hekla Cavus An Icelandic volcano believed to be the entrance to Hell in medieval European times.

Craters (10)

Coughlin Thomas Boyd; American mechanical/space engineer, first project manager of the New Horizons mission to Pluto and the Kuiper Belt (1941–2014).

Edgeworth Kenneth; Irish astronomer, the first to propose the existence of a disk of bodies beyond the orbit of Neptune, now known as the Edgeworth-Kuiper Belt (1880-1972).

Hardaway Lisa; Led the development of the RALPH instrument, the visual and infrared imager and spectrometer on the New Horizons spacecraft (1966-2017).

Hardie Robert H.; American astronomer, co-discoverer (1955) of Pluto's 6.4-day rotation period (1923–1989).

Khare Bishun; Indian-born American atmosphere chemistry scientist, investigated, in particular, tholins, the organic molecules that probably account for the darkest regions on Pluto (1933–2013).

Kiladze Rolan; Georgian (Caucasus) astronomer. Investigated the dynamics, astrometry and photometry of Pluto (1931–2010).

Oort Jan Hendrik, Dutch astronomer, first described the Oort Cloud, a theoretical cloud of icy planetesimals beyond the Kuiper Belt, and believed to be the source of long- period comets (1900 to 1992).

Pulfrich Carl; German physicist, inventor of the blink comparator which Clyde Tombaugh used for discovery of Pluto (1858-1927).

Simonelli Damon; American astronomer; investigated the formation history of Pluto (1959–2004).

Zagar Francesco; Italian astronomer who carried out early studies of the orbit of Pluto (1900-1976).

Fossae (7)

Beatrice Fossa In The Inferno by Dante, Beatrice descends into hell to find Virgil and ask him to guide Dante. She later guides Dante through Paradise in Paradiso.

Dumuzi Fossa In ancient Sumerian mythology, Dumuzi was a god of the harvest. He was taken down into the Underworld, but permitted to return to earth for half of each year, resulting in the cycle of the seasons.

Hermod Fossae Son of Odin, who rode the horse Sleipnir into the underworld to retrieve his brother, Balder.

Inanna Fossa Inanna was the Queen of Heaven in ancient Sumerian mythology. She visited the Underworld but was permitted to return in exchange for the life of her husband, Dumuzi.

Kaknú Fossa Epic hero of the Chochenyo/Ohlone (N. California) mythology, an anthropomorphic being resembling a peregrine falcon, who traveled to the underworld to battle Wiwe ("Body of Stone"), the lord of the underworld.

Mwindo Fossae Nyanga (Eastern Dem. Rep. Congo/Zaire) epic hero who travelled to the underworld and after returning home became a wise and powerful king.

Uncama Fossa Zulu tale hero, who followed a porcupine underground and came upon the village of dead souls.

Lacūs (1)

Alcyonia Lacus A bottomless lake, one of the entrances to the underworld in Greek mythology.

Montes (7)

Baret Montes Jeanne Baret (Baré); first woman to have completed circumnavigation voyage of the globe (1740-1807).

Elcano Montes Juan Sebastián; Spanish explorer of Basque origin, who completed in 1522 the first circumnavigation of the Earth which started in 1519 under the leadership of Magellan (c.1476–1526).

Piccard Mons Auguste; Swiss-Belgian inventor and physicist known for his pioneering balloon flights into the Earth's upper atmosphere up to 17 km (1884–1962).

Pigafetta Montes Antonio; Italian scholar and explorer, whose journal is the only original description of the discoveries made during the first circumnavigation of the Earth which started in Spain in 1519 under the leadership of Magellan (c.1491 – c.1531).

Tabei Montes Junko Tabei, Japanese mountaineer and the first woman to climb both Mount Everest and the Seven Summits (1939–2016).

Wright Mons Orville (1871–1948) and Wilbur (1867–1912), brothers, U.S. aviation pioneers who invented, built, and flew in 1903 the world's first successful powered heavier-than-air flying machine (airplane) with a pilot aboard.

Zheng He Montes Zheng He, Chinese explorer, led voyages of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East (1371 to 1433).

Paludes (1)

Hyecho Palus Korean traveler and scholar, who crossed the Asian continent from China to Arabia and back (724-727), and documented the journey in his journals (704–787).

Planitiae (2)

Lunokhod Planitia Two Soviet Union planetary rovers that were sent to the surface of the Moon (1970, 1973). Lunokhod 1 was the first remote-controlled, wheeled robot to land on and rove on an extraterrestrial body.

Ranger Planitia A series of US space probes sent to the Moon during 1961-1965. In 1964, Ranger 7 obtained the first close-up images of an extraterrestrial surface.

Regiones (1)

Lowell Regio Percival; American astronomer who in 1906-1916 undertook extensive searches of transneptunian planets (1855-1916).

Rupēs (1)

Piri Rupes Ahmed Muhiddin, also known as Piri Reis, Ottoman navigator and cartographer (c. 1470–1553). Author of one of the earliest existing world maps

in 1513. His “Book of the Sea” (1521), containing 290 maps, was one of the most famous cartographical works of that period.

Terrae (4)

Pioneer Terra	Early US lunar, planetary, and heliospheric missions including the first to Jupiter and Saturn, 1958-1997.
Vega Terra	A pair of the Soviet Union’s Vega 1 and Vega 2 spacecraft launched in 1984 that were the first ones to fly balloons on another planet (Venus, 1985) and then the first ones to image the nucleus of a comet (1P/Halley, 1986).
Venera Terra	Series of the Soviet Union’s 16 spacecraft sent to Venus in 1961–1983. The missions accomplished a number of firsts, including the first human made device to enter the atmosphere of another planet (Venera 3, 1966), to measure in situ atmosphere composition of another planet (Venera 4, 1967), to make a soft landing on another planet (Venera 7, 1970), and to return images from another planetary surface (Venera 9, 1975).
Viking Terra	US Mars orbiter and landed missions that conducted the first successful explorations of the surface of Mars, 1976 to 1982.

Valles (1)

Hunahpu Valles	One of the Hero Twins (with Xbalanque) in Mayan mythology, who defeated the lords of the Underworld in a ball game.
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During this same time period the following additional actions have been taken:

- The Moon:
 - The theme for lunar craters was changed from: *“Deceased scientists and polar explorers who have made outstanding or fundamental contributions to their field. Deceased Russian cosmonauts are commemorated by craters in and around Mare Moscoviense. Deceased American astronauts are commemorated by craters in and around the crater Apollo. Appropriate locations will be provided in the future for other space-faring nations should they also suffer fatalities. First names are used for small craters of special interest”* to: *“Scientists, engineers, and explorers, as well as other persons connected with astronomy, planetary, or space research who have made outstanding or fundamental contributions to their field. Russian cosmonauts are commemorated by craters in and around Mare Moscoviense. American astronauts are commemorated by craters in and around the crater Apollo. Appropriate locations will be provided in the future for other space-faring nations. First names are used for small craters of special interest.”*
- Europa:
 - Approved the following descriptors and themes for use on Europa:
 - *Mensae: “Celtic gods and heroes”*
 - *Cavi: “Places associated with Celtic myths”*
 - *Fossae: “People associated with the Europa myth, or Celtic stone rows”*
- Bennu:
 - Approved the theme *“Birds and bird-like creatures in mythology, and the places associated with them”* for all feature types.
- Ryugu:
 - Approved the theme *“Names in stories and fairy tales for children”* for all feature types.
- Arrokoth:

- Approved the theme *“Words for ‘sky’ in the languages of the world, past and present”* for all feature types.
- General: Themes/Categories: Removed the word "deceased" from all themes in which it occurred (Mercury, Moon, Mars, Phobos, Deimos). This is to bring consistency to the wording of all themes in which planetary features may be named after people, proposals for which are accepted only after the three-year anniversary of the individual's death.