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CENTAURUS A

Centaurus A is a galaxy well known for a gargantuan jet blasting away from a central supermassive black hole, which is seen in this new Chandra image. This image - where red, green, and blue colors represent low, medium, and high-energy X-rays respectively - has been processed with new techniques and contains data from observations equivalent to over nine and a half days' worth of observing time taken between 1999 and 2012. The data housed in Chandra's extensive archive on Centaurus A provide a rich resource for a wide range of scientific investigations, including a recent study that examines the population and characteristics of black holes and neutron stars throughout the galaxy. The image is 16.7 arcminutes (about 58,000 light years) across.

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