

Informal Names for Features on Pluto and Charon

Body	Proposed Name	Theme	Feature Type	Description	Link
Pluto	al-Idrisi	Historic Explorers	Montes (mountains)	Muhammad al-Idrisi, 1099-1165, explorer and skilled mapmaker, whose compendium <i>The Pleasure of Him Who Longs to Cross the Horizons</i> describes regions as far apart as Ireland and China.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/al-Sharif-al-Idrisi
Pluto	Ala	Underworld Beings	Macula (dark spot)	Earth and Underworld goddess of the Igbo people in southeastern Nigeria.	http://pantheon.org/articles/a/ala.html
Pluto	Astrid	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Earth-orbiting)	Colles (small knobs or hills)	Sweden's first two micro-satellites, launched 1995 and 1998. Both studied Earth's auroras.	http://www.rymdstyrelsen.se/sv/Sverige-i-rymden/Svenska-satelliter/
Pluto	Balrog	Underworld Beings	Macula (dark spot)	Evil, underground creature haunting the Mines of Moria in <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> , 1933 novel by J. R. R. Tolkien.	[278] - <i>The Complete Guide to Middle-earth</i> , by Robert Foster; Ballantine Books, New York, 1978. See http://tolkiengateway.net/wiki/Balrogs
Pluto	Baré	Historic Explorers	Montes (mountains)	Jeanne Baré, 1740-1807, French naturalist who had to disguise herself as a man to become the first woman to circumnavigate the Earth.	http://www.history.com/news/first-woman-to-circle-the-globe-honored-at-last
Pluto	Beatrice	Underworld Travelers	Fossa (long, narrow depression)	Tour guide through Paradise in Dante's <i>The Divine Comedy</i> .	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Dante-Alighieri/The-Divine-Comedy
Pluto	Brinton	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Henry Brinton, 1935-2005, US scientist and NASA administrator pivotal to funding many early Pluto mission studies.	http://www.udel.edu/PR/UDaily/2005/feb/brinton022505.html
Pluto	Burney	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Venetia Burney, 1918-2009, British, named Pluto as a young girl.	http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/11/world/europe/11phair.html
Pluto	Cadejo	Underworld Beings	Macula (dark spot)	From Central American folklore, an evil spirit that takes the form of a large, black, shaggy dog with burning eyes, which appears at night to harm travelers.	http://www.nicaragua-community.com/el-cadejo/
Pluto	Challenger	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Earth-orbiting)	Colles (small knobs or hills)	US Space Shuttle lost in a launch accident in 1986 with a crew of 7 and experiments to observe Halley's comet aboard.	http://www.nasa.gov/centers/kennedy/shuttleoperations/orbiters/challenger-info.html
Pluto	Chandrayaan	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Lunar)	Linea (elongated marking)	India's first robotic mission to the Moon, 2008-2009. The name means "Moon vehicle" in Sanskrit (चंद्रयान).	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Chandrayaan-1
Pluto	Coleta de Dados	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Earth-orbiting)	Colles (small knobs or hills)	The first satellites developed entirely in Brazil, the two Satelite de Coleta de Dados collect environmental data. The name means "Data-Collecting Satellite" in Portuguese.	http://www.inpe.br/scd1/site_scd/scd1/osatelite.htm
Pluto	Columbia	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Earth-orbiting)	Colles (small knobs or hills)	US Space Shuttle lost in a reentry accident in 2003 with a crew of 7 and numerous research payloads aboard.	http://www.nasa.gov/columbia/home/index.html
Pluto	Coradini	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Angioletta Coradini, 1946-2011, major figure in Italian planetary science.	[338] - Division for Planetary Sciences obituary: http://dps.aas.org/news/memori-am-angioletta-coradini-1946-%E2%80%932011
Pluto	Cousteau	Historic Explorers	Rupes (steep bank)	Jacques-Yves Cousteau, 1910-1997, France, ocean explorer and co-developer of SCUBA.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Jacques-Cousteau
Pluto	Cthulhu	Underworld Beings	Regio (large bright or dark region)	A great, old winged deity with tentacles on his face in horror fiction.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/H-P-Lovecraft
Pluto	Djanggawul	Underworld Travelers	Fossa (long, narrow depression)	In Australian aboriginal (Yolngu) culture, these three siblings traveled from the Island of the Dead to create the Australian landscape.	http://www.pantheon.org/articles/d/djanggawul.html
Pluto	Drake	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Michael Drake, 1946-2011, US/British planetary scientist and chair of the Solar System Exploration Committee in 2000 when a competed Pluto mission was recommended to NASA.	http://www.space.com/13113-astronomer-michael-drake-obituary.html
Pluto	Dumuzi	Underworld Travelers	Fossa (long, narrow depression)	Husband of Inanna in Sumerian mythology, sent into the Underworld to take her place after she was revived.	http://www.pantheon.org/articles/d/dumuzi.html
Pluto	Edgeworth, K.	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Kenneth Edgeworth, 1880-1972, Irish astronomer, early speculator about what became known as the Edgeworth-Kuiper Belt.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Kenneth-E-Edgeworth
Pluto	Elliot	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	James Elliot, 1943-2011, US planetary scientist who discovered and then studied Pluto's atmosphere via occultation techniques.	http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/11/us/11elliot.html?_r=0
Pluto	Eriksson	Historic Explorers	Rupes (steep bank)	Leif Eriksson, c. 970-1020, Iceland, regarded to be the first European to visit on North America.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Leif-Eriksson-the-Lucky
Pluto	Farinella	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Paolo Farinella, 1953-2000, Italian astronomer who focused on small body dynamics, including the tidal evolution of Pluto & Charon	http://www-th.bo.infn.it/tunguska/paolo/paolo_en.htm
Pluto	Giclas	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Henry Giclas, 1910-2007, US planetary scientist at Lowell Observatory.	https://aas.org/obituaries/henry-giclas-1910-2007
Pluto	Guest	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	John Guest, 1938-2012, US planetary scientist renowned for geological mapping.	https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/About/History/Obituaries-2001-onwards/Obituaries-2012/John-Edward-Guest
Pluto	Harrington	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Robert Harrington, 1942-1993, US astronomer and the co-discoverer of Pluto's largest satellite, Charon.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Robert-S-Harrington

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Pluto	Hayabusa	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Interplanetary)	Terra (extensive land mass)	Japanese robotic spacecraft that rendezvoused with asteroid 25143 Itokawa and returned samples to Earth, 2003-2010. The name means "Peregrine Falcon" in Japanese (はやぶさ).	http://global.jaxa.jp/projects/sat/muses_c/
Pluto	Hillary	Historic Explorers	Montes (mountains)	Sir Edmund Hillary (1919-2008), New Zealand. Along with Tenzing Norgay, the first two humans to reach the summit of Mount Everest	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Edmund-Hillary
Pluto	Hollis	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Andrew J. Hollis, 1947-2005, British astronomer, director of Minor Planets section of the British Astronomical Society.	https://www.britastro.org/journal_old/pdf/116-1update.pdf
Pluto	Hun-Came	Underworld Beings	Macula (dark spot)	One of the two death gods defeated by the Hero Twins in Mayan mythology.	http://www.pantheon.org/articles/h/hun_came.html
Pluto	Inanna	Underworld Travelers	Fossa (long, narrow depression)	A prominent goddess in the ancient Sumerian religion, who entered the Underworld and was revived, but sent her husband Dumuzi into the Underworld to take her place.	http://www.pantheon.org/articles/i/inanna.html
Pluto	Kowal	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Charles Kowal, 1940-2011, US planetary scientist who discovered the first Centaur, 2060 Chiron, a harbinger of the Kuiper Belt.	http://www.buffalonews.com/Charles_T_Kowal_discovered_2_of_Jupiterapos moons___Nov_8_1940_-_Nov_28_2011.html
Pluto	Krun	Underworld Beings	Macula (dark spot)	Overlord of the Underworld in the Mandaean faith. The Mandaeans are the last surviving Gnostic group from late antiquity.	<i>Mandaeans: Ancient Texts and Modern People</i> , by Jorunn Jacobsen Buckley; Oxford University Press, 2002. See page 9 of http://mandaeannetwork.com/Mandaeans/books/english/2The_Mandaeans_Ancient_Texts_and_Modern_People_American_Academy_of_Religion_Books_Jorunn_Jacobsen_Buckley.pdf
Pluto	Kupe	Historic Explorers	Vallis (valley)	10th century, Polynesian explorer who discovered New Zealand, and later became the subject of Maori mythology.	http://www.history-nz.org/discovery.html
Pluto	Lowell	Scientists and Engineers	Regio (large bright or dark region)	Percival Lowell, 1855-1916, US astronomer and the founder of Lowell Observatory in Arizona; he initiated the search that resulted in the discovery of Pluto.	[68] - <i>World Who's Who in Science</i> , edited by Allen G. Debus; Western Publishing Company, Hannibal, Mo., 1968, New York, 1973. See http://www.britannica.com/biography/Percival-Lowell
Pluto	Luna	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Lunar)	Linea (elongated marking)	Series of 15 Soviet moon orbiters and landers, 1959-1976. When written in the Cyrillic alphabet, the Russian name for the Moon (луна).	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Luna-space-probe
Pluto	Meng-p'o	Underworld Beings	Macula (dark spot)	The old lady who greets you in the Chinese Underworld and ensures that all memories of life are forgotten before the soul is reincarnated.	http://www.mythologydictionary.com/lady-meng-mythology.html
Pluto	Morgoth	Underworld Beings	Macula (dark spot)	The "Satan" of <i>The Silmarillion</i> , 1977 novel by J. R. R. Tolkien.	[278] - <i>The Complete Guide to Middle-earth</i> , by Robert Foster; Ballantine Books, New York, 1978. See http://tolkiengateway.net/wiki/Morgoth
Pluto	Norgay	Historic Explorers	Montes (mountains)	Tenzing Norgay (1914-1986), Nepal. Along with Sir Edmund Hillary, the first two humans reach the summit of Mount Everest	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Tenzing-Norgay
Pluto	Oort	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Jan Oort, 1900-1992, Dutch astronomer after whom the Oort cloud is named.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Jan-Hendrik-Oort
Pluto	Pandemonium	Underworld Locales	Dorsa (ridges)	Capital of Hell in <i>Paradise Lost</i> (1667), epic poem by John Milton, English poet (1608-1674).	<i>Paradise Lost</i> , John Milton. See http://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/26/pg26-images.html
Pluto	Pioneer	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Interplanetary)	Terra (extensive land mass)	Early US program of lunar, planetary, and heliospheric missions including the first Jupiter, and Saturn missions, 1958-c. 1997.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Pioneer-space-probes
Pluto	Pulfrich	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Carl Pulfrich, 1858-1927, German astronomer, invented the blink comparator, the instrument Clyde Tombaugh used to discover Pluto.	<i>Instruments of Science: An Historical Encyclopedia</i> (Garland Encyclopedias in the History of Science) by Robert Bud and Deborah Warner, ISBN-13: 978-0815315612. See https://books.google.com/books?id=1AsFdUxOwu8C&pg=PA126&pg=PA126&dq=pulfrich+carl+blink+comparator&source=bl&ots=u6IXHOBMVN&sig=P5wx9B2EP5WP6TOW-mn5a-JgUQ&hl=en&sa=X&ei=vL51Vd7MKITmoASURh4CA&ved=0CC0Q6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=pulfrich%20carl%20blink%20comparator&f=false
Pluto	Quidlivun	Underworld Locales	Cavus (deep-sided depression)	From Inuit mythology, the place on the Moon where souls ascend to an afterlife after then have been purified.	<i>Myths and Legends: From Cherokee dances to voodoo trances</i> , by John Pemberton; Canary Press eBooks, 2011; See https://books.google.com/books?id=xW1KAgAAQBAJ&pg=PT6&pg=PT6&dq=Quidlivun&source=bl&ots=5tCF4kxMFZ&sig=lm8J_M6quloXuxMfcoK4VhWL5Y&hl=en&sa=X&ei=kyacVbXeA8nRiQWL7YNA&ved=0CB0Q6AEwADgK#v=onepage&q=Quidlivun&f=false
Pluto	Safronov	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Viktor Safronov, 1917-1999, Russian planetary theorist who made pivotal contributions to understanding the formation of planets and the Oort cloud.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Viktor-S-Safronov
Pluto	Simonelli	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Damon Simonelli, 1958-2004, US planetary scientist who conducted research into Pluto's interior, and the shapes and physical properties of small satellites.	https://aas.org/obituaries/damon-paul-simonelli-1959-2004
Pluto	Sleipnir	Underworld Travelers	Fossa (long, narrow depression)	From Norse mythology, a powerful eight-legged horse that was able to enter the Underworld and return.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Odin-Norse-deity . See also http://www.mythologydictionary.com/balder-mythology.html for the tale of his travel into Niflheim.

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Pluto	Smith, H.	Scientists and Engineers	Crater	Harlan Smith, 1924-1991, US planetary scientist and director of McDonald Observatory where numerous groundbased astronomical studies of Pluto were undertaken.	http://mcdonaldobservatory.org/research/telescopes/HJSmith
Pluto	Soyuz	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Earth-orbiting)	Colles (small knobs or hills)	Soviet/Russian human space transport vehicle. Also honors the loss of Soyuz 11 crew in 1971. The name means "Union" (Союз) in Russian.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Soyuz
Pluto	Sputnik	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Earth-orbiting)	Planum (plateau or high plain)	First artificial Earth satellite, launched by the Soviet Union in 1957.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Sputnik
Pluto	Sun Wukong	Underworld Travelers	Fossa (long, narrow depression)	Powerful Monkey King of Chinese mythology, was dragged into the Underworld but escaped with immortality.	http://www.pantheon.org/articles/s/sun_wu-kung.html
Pluto	Tartarus	Underworld Locales	Dorsa (ridges)	Pit of lost souls in the Underworld of Greek mythology.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Tartarus
Pluto	Tombaugh	Scientists and Engineers	Regio (large bright or dark region)	Clyde Tombaugh, 1906-1997, US astronomer who discovered Pluto.	[68] - World Who's Who in Science, edited by Allen G. Debus; Western Publishing Company, Hannibal, Mo., 1968; New York, 1973. See http://www.britannica.com/biography/Clyde-W-Tombaugh
Pluto	Venera	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Interplanetary)	Terra (extensive land mass)	Soviet program of pioneering missions to the planet Venus. When written in the Cyrillic alphabet, the Russian name for Venus (Венера).	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Venera
Pluto	Viking	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Interplanetary)	Terra (extensive land mass)	US program of Mars orbiters and landers that conducted the first successful explorations of the surface of Mars, 1976-1980.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Viking-space-probe
Pluto	Virgil	Underworld Travelers	Fossa (long, narrow depression)	Tour guide through the Inferno and Purgatory in Dante's <i>The Divine Comedy</i> .	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Dante-Alighieri/The-Divine-Comedy
Pluto	Voyager	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Interplanetary)	Terra (extensive land mass)	US program 1977-1989 to explore all the giant planets of our solar system, it made the first flybys of Uranus and Neptune. Its Interstellar mission continues to explore the heliosphere.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Voyager-space-probes
Pluto	Vucub-Came	Underworld Beings	Macula (dark spot)	One of the two death gods defeated by the Hero Twins in Mayan mythology.	http://www.mythologydictionary.com/vucub-came-mythology.html
Pluto	Yutu	Space Missions and Spacecraft (Lunar)	Linea (elongated marking)	Chinese lunar rover, 2014. The name means "Jade Rabbit" in Chinese (玉兔).	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Yutu
Pluto	Zheng He	Historic Explorers	Montes (mountains)	Zheng He, 1371-1433, Chinese Ming Dynasty, diplomat, led expeditionary voyages of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Zheng-He
Charon	Alice	Fictional Travelers	Crater	Heroine of the Lewis Carroll novels <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> (1865) and <i>Through the Looking Glass</i> (1871).	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Alices-Adventures-in-Wonderland
Charon	Argo	Fictional Vessels	Chasma (chasm)	Ship from the tales of Jason and the Argonauts, from Greek mythology.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Argonaut-Greek-mythology
Charon	Butler	Authors and Artists	Mons (mountain)	Octavia E. Butler, 1947-2006, US African-American writer, winner of a MacArthur Genius grant, author of the <i>Xenogenesis</i> trilogy in which humanity returns to Earth.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Octavia-E-Butler
Charon	Clarke	Authors and Artists	Mons (mountain)	Arthur C. Clarke, 1917-2008, British author of the 1968 film <i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i> , 1968, and many other science fiction novels.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Arthur-C-Clarke
Charon	Gallifrey	Fictional Destinations	Macula (dark spot)	Home planet of the Time Lords in <i>Doctor Who</i> , TV series that premiered on BBC in 1963.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Doctor-Who
Charon	Kaguya-hime	Fictional Travelers	Crater	An infant girl from the Moon, who is adopted by humans but eventually returns to the Moon, in <i>The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter</i> , a 10th century Japanese folktale widely regarded as the earliest surviving Japanese narrative.	http://www.mythologydictionary.com/kaguya-mythology.html
Charon	Kirk	Fictional Travelers	Crater	James T. Kirk, Captain of the Starship Enterprise in <i>Star Trek</i> , the original TV series created by Gene Roddenberry, which premiered in 1966.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Star-Trek
Charon	Kubrick	Authors and Artists	Mons (mountain)	Stanley Kubrick, 1928-1999, US director of the 1968 film <i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i> , and many other films.	http://www.britannica.com/biography/Stanley-Kubrick
Charon	Macross	Fictional Vessels	Chasma (chasm)	Space ship in the Japanese anime franchise created by Shōji Kawamori in 1982.	<i>The Anime Encyclopedia, Revised & Expanded Edition: A Guide to Japanese Animation Since 1917</i> , by Jonathan Clements and Helen McCarthy; Stone Bridge Press, 2012. See https://books.google.com/books?id=Zg4AAAAQBAJ&pg=PT5&dq=dimensional+fortress+macross&hl=en&sa=X&ei=c76GVe_xLYr2yQTmkbfADg&ved=0CEQQ6AEwBzgK#v=onepage&q=macross&f=false
Charon	Mordor	Fictional Destinations	Regio (large bright or dark region)	Region ruled by Sauron, the dark lord, in <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> , by J. R. R. Tolkien, first published in 1954.	[278] - <i>The Complete Guide to Middle-earth</i> , by Robert Foster; Ballantine Books, New York, 1978. See http://tolkiengateway.net/wiki/Sauron
Charon	Nasreddin	Fictional Travelers	Crater	A whimsical character with a unique perspective on the world, often depicted riding a donkey backwards, in folktales from eastern Europe, the Middle East and parts of Asia.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Nasreddin-Hoca

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Charon	Nemo	Fictional Travelers	Crater	Captain of the submarine featured in the Jule Verne novels <i>Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea</i> (1870) and <i>The Mysterious Island</i> (1874).	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Captain-Nemo
Charon	Nostromo	Fictional Vessels	Chasma (chasm)	Spaceship from the 1979 film <i>Alien</i> , directed by Ridley Scott.	<i>Ridley Scott: A Critical Filmography</i> , by William B. Parrill; McFarland, 2011. See https://books.google.com/books?id=UyAsYDcQkjlC&printsec=frontcover&dq=alien+ridley+scott&hl=en&sa=X&ei=D7yGVb_6CNGDyQSgjlLQAQ&ved=0CCYQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q&f=false
Charon	Organa	Fictional Travelers	Crater	Princess Leia Organa, from the 20th Century Fox film series <i>Star Wars</i> , created by George Lucas, which premiered in 1977.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Star-Wars-film-series
Charon	Ripley	Fictional Travelers	Crater	Ellen Ripley, heroine of the 1979 film <i>Alien</i> , directed by Ridley Scott.	http://www.nicaragua-community.com/el-cadejo/
Charon	Serenity	Fictional Vessels	Chasma (chasm)	Spaceship from <i>Firefly</i> , 2002 TV series created by Joss Whedon.	<i>Joss Whedon: The Biography</i> , by Amy Pascale and Nathan Fillion; Chicago Review Press, 2014. See https://books.google.com/books?id=jHECBAQAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=firefly+whedon&hl=en&sa=X&ei=AbuGVYqfE4ejyQTPriGgCg&ved=0CC4Q6AEwAw#v=snippet&q=firefly&f=false
Charon	Skywalker	Fictional Travelers	Crater	Luke Skywalker, from the 20th Century Fox film series <i>Star Wars</i> , created by George Lucas, which premiered in 1977.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Star-Wars-film-series
Charon	Spock	Fictional Travelers	Crater	Mr. Spock, First Officer of the Starship Enterprise in <i>Star Trek</i> , the original TV series created by Gene Roddenberry, which premiered in 1966.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Star-Trek
Charon	Sulu	Fictional Travelers	Crater	Lt. Hikaru Sulu, Senior Helmsman on the Starship Enterprise in <i>Star Trek</i> , the original TV series created by Gene Roddenberry, which premiered in 1966.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Star-Trek
Charon	Tardis	Fictional Vessels	Chasma (chasm)	Time machine and spaceship from <i>Doctor Who</i> , which premiered on the BBC in 1963.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Doctor-Who
Charon	Uhura	Fictional Travelers	Crater	Lt. Nyota Uhura, Communications Officer on the Starship Enterprise in <i>Star Trek</i> , the original TV series created by Gene Roddenberry, which premiered in 1966.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Star-Trek
Charon	Vader	Fictional Travelers	Crater	Darth Vader, from the 20th Century Fox film series <i>Star Wars</i> , created by George Lucas, which premiered in 1977.	http://www.britannica.com/topic/Star-Wars-film-series
Charon	Vulcan	Fictional Destinations	Planum (plateau or high plain)	Fictional planet, home of Mr. Spock and the rest of the Vulcan race, from the universe of <i>Star Trek</i> , TV series created by Gene Roddenberry, which premiered in 1966.	http://www.startrek.com/database_article/vulcan