

# Bard Cluster

The Bard Cluster is a grouping of stars named after [Taisa Arild Bard](#), a [Nepleslian](#) commander known for having commanded the [YSS Destiny](#) and the [YSS Valiant](#).

The central area of the Bard Cluster (particularly around Murf) is known to be a “nightmare” to most sensors. This disturbance kind of fades out as you move away from the central region. To the East (rimward) of the Bard Cluster is [Katsuko's Nebula](#).

## History



### YE 29

The Bard Cluster was known to have been occupied by the [Fifth Expeditionary Fleet](#) and served as their base of operation until the Battle of Taiie in [YE 29](#). The Taiie star system was destroyed and the Bard Cluster had been occupied by the [Mishhuvurthyar](#) battle fleet lead by the notoriously successful Mishhuvurthyar figurehead [Melisson](#).

### YE 30

After their retreat, the Bard Cluster was assigned to the [Fourth Fleet](#) in [YE 30](#). In [YE 30](#), the Bard Cluster was released to the [Yamatai Star Empire](#)'s control as part of the [Intergalactic Armistice Agreement of YE 30 \(IAA\)](#) signed at the [International Relations Conference of YE 30](#).

Recolonized primarily by former YSE soldiers, the cluster expanded, and is often referred to as the 'Bard Expanse' by those making a living there. New systems stretch the border to both major outlets of the United Outer Colonies.

### YE 31

The return of the [Mishhuvurthyar](#) brought war once more to the Bard Cluster. The forces of the [Fourth Fleet](#) under [Shimizu-Motoyoshi Akina](#) (清水本吉明菜) -[Taisho](#) the [4SF](#) lead by the [YSS Nadare](#) stopped a major incursion in what would become known as **The Battle of South Gate**. The [4SF](#) lost a significant number of their vessels, but emerged victorious.

## YE 32

Constant engagements with the [Mishhuvurthyar](#), and a major assault on an SMX Depot in [Bizankro](#). The [4SF](#) lost more than two-thirds of its forces. Under the command of [Shinja Rika](#) it regrouped, upgraded and consolidated its forces and defenses. This meant abandoning four of the planets. The colonists from them were relocated to other worlds in the cluster.

## YE 33

The system and planet Goumon was renamed Kotori after [Kotori](#). The prison facility on Kotori was then given the task of containing NMX Nekoalkyrja

## Infrastructure

- Industrial - [Mevar](#), [Kilnar](#), [Tsuyosa](#)
- Agricultural -

## Star Systems Included

- [Ahmar](#)
- [Ahrbeg](#)
- [Akina System](#)
- [Kotori System](#) - Capital - *formerly Goumon*
- [Kilnar](#)
- [Mevar](#)
- [Murf](#)
- [Taiie](#) (destroyed)
- [Taiie Nebula](#) - Remnants of the [Taiie](#) system
- [Talori](#)
- [Tsuyosa](#)
- [Yicquibu](#)

## Abandoned

- [Akiko](#) - Abandoned
- [Ayano](#) - Abandoned
- [Miu](#) - Abandoned
- [Skadi](#) - Abandoned

## Defenses

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