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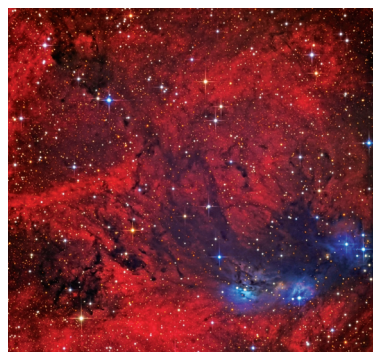
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**Front cover** — Howard Trottier shot this image of NGC 6914, a tangle of stars and nebula in the heart of Cygnus, in late July and August. "Towards the middle of the frame, the blue nebula fades gradually in colour and intensity, giving way to very dark clouds in an apparent transition that seems almost unique in the sky!" he notes. Howard used a PlaneWave Instruments CDK17 telescope with an Apogee U16M camera. Exposure: Lum, 200 m; H $\alpha$  170 m; R, 130 m; G, 140 m; B, 260 m for a total exposure of 15 hours.