

UFO landing reported

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MELBOURNE, Australia — An unidentified flying object may have made an emergency landing in some trees near the small South Australian town of Stirling, a UFO research group said today.

But police are making no comment except to say there are unexplained broken branches and no other physical evidence.

A 21-year-old farmhand claimed to have seen a "speedboat-shaped yellow thing" Thursday night in some trees near the horse farm where he works.

Daryl Browne told police late that night that his dogs began howling while he sat watching TV.

"And then I heard the trees smashing. I locked the kids inside and went outside with a torch," he said.

He said he shone the flashlight up into the trees and saw the object. "It was about 25 to 30 feet long," he said, adding that it had not emitted any sound or light.

Browne said he called the police but

the object had disappeared by the time they arrived.

The damage to the trees was about 100 feet from the ground.

C.O. Norris of the Australian International UFO Research Group said the scene revealed many of the classic signs of a UFO landing.

There were very high infra-red readings at the site on today, he said. The dogs howling probably indicated the UFO's noise was above the human hearing range, as dogs can hear higher-pitched sounds than people can, and the layout of the land and vegetation were typical of other reported UFO landing sites, he said.

UFO is the name given to unidentified objects reported to have been seen flying at various heights and speeds and regarded variously as light phenomena, hallucinations, secret military missiles and spacecraft from other planets. U.S. authorities generally regard them as scientifically explainable.

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