

Fireball in sky seen northwest of Auburn

AUBURN (UPI) — Authorities said a number of people reported seeing a fireball in the sky northwest of Auburn about 8:10 p.m. Friday.

Nemaha County authorities called off the search about 10 p.m. and said the "fireball" most likely was a meteor.

A security guard at the Omaha Public Power District generating plant south of Nebraska City first reported the sighting what authorities said he described as a ball of fire with flames coming out of the tail that was moving west.

Reports of the fireball also came from southern Nemaha and northern Otoe counties.

A Nebraska State Patrol dispatcher said one of the reports came from a farmer who told a state trooper he saw a "ball of fire in the sky."

"It was reported by quite a few people who saw a flash of light, but what it is, we don't know," said the dispatcher. He said three troopers and Nemaha County sheriff's deputies searched the area but found nothing.

The Federal Aviation Administration said it knew of no overdue airplanes that would have been in the area.

Authorities said "hordes" of spectators clogged area roads and hindered the search.

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What Was That in Sky?

Fremont, Neb.

To the residents of North Platte: No, you haven't been hallucinating! On various occasions for the past six weeks I have seen the same object in the sky. It has brilliant red, green and white lights flashing rapidly. At first, I thought it to be a star, but that seems unlikely. Now, perhaps it is another hoax. Does anyone know? **Concerned Earthling.**

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Strange Bright Lights Reported Hovering Nightly Over Lexington

Lexington, Neb. (AP) — Strange lights in the sky have been reported every night for a week by policemen and residents in the Lexington area.

Some residents apparently were unwilling to report the sightings until Lexington Police Sgt. Hubert Pierce confirmed that he had seen bright, multicolored objects in the sky at about 9 p.m. last Tuesday night.

Three bright objects were sighted southwest of Lexington Monday night, the Police Department dispatcher said Tuesday.

Dispatcher Lola Vermass said, "It looked the same as the night before — red and green flashing lights. What it is, I don't know."

Lexington policeman Gene Brummet said the first sighting last week came from a Lexington resident who reported seeing two brilliant lights hovering over the city. Brummet says he was told one of the lights

Several spot UFO near North Platte

NORTH PLATTE (AP) — North Platte police received several calls early Monday from residents saying they'd seen a UFO hovering low over the horizon, officials said.

Union Pacific Railroad employee Tom Knobel told police he saw the object while he was working in the railroad yards about 2 a.m.

"It looked like a star except when you looked at it through binoculars it had different colors," he said.

Knobel said he saw three objects, "two of them in the east and one of them in the west."

They were "round like a star and flashed different colors," he said.

Meanwhile, Bob Newland, a National Weather Service employee stationed at North Platte's Lee Bird Field, said he sighted an object in his scope.

He said it had "rotating lights — red, green and white."

"It was a satellite-type object," he said.

Mike George of the Federal Aviation Administration in North Platte said the object he saw "was fairly low in the horizon. It had red, white and green lights and looked like it had a rotation to it."

George said the object didn't move from its position in the sky, "which is weird with the wind velocity we had Sunday night."

Among others who said they cited a UFO were North Platte Police Patrolman Jim Agler and Sgt. Mike Swain.

Police spokesmen said a UFO research center in Seattle, Wash., has been contacted regarding the sightings.

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