

UFO sightings decline recently

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (UPI) — An expert on unidentified flying objects says the number of sightings has declined in recent years but he adds that does not mean UFOs do not exist.

“We have to be careful when we talk about our galaxy and our solar system, Edward J. Planz, director of the Mutual UFO Network, said Sunday. “Maybe there are other planets in our galaxy that are inhabited.”

Planz, who is also an associate professor of engineering at the University of Alabama, said the universe is so constructed that it is possible intelligent life exists elsewhere.

“I’ve never seen a UFO. At times I wish I had,” he said. “I do believe we are rather reluctant even to admit such things are possible, but it’s very possible with the sun the way it is and the conditions that exist.”

UFOs were first reported 37 years ago when Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho, told the Air Force nine “flying saucers” followed his airplane over Mount Rainer, Wash. Hundreds of sightings have been reported since.

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