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UFO seen near border of S. Africa

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HARARE, Zimbabwe — An unidentified object flying near the South African border and heading toward Bulawayo has baffled Zimbabwe's air force chiefs, The Herald newspaper reported Friday.

Observers at Bulawayo Airport control tower said the UFO was orange, rounded, with a short cone above it and had wings.

Two air force jet fighters sent to chase it last week were out-climbed by the object, the paper reported. The planes were flying at about 7,000 feet, the same altitude as the UFO, when it suddenly accelerated and climbed at a "tremendous speed," outstripping the jets, the paper said.

Air Marshal Azim Daudpota said the pilots had not been able to get a clear enough view to identify the UFO. "But it was there, it was no illusion, no deception," he said.

The Herald quoted Air Commodore David Thorne, director-general of operations, as ruling out swarms of bees, birds or a meteorological balloon, objects commonly mistaken for aircraft.