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Couple says UFO flew over Hutch Friday

The stars were out and a light breeze was blowing. All was calm Friday night in the 600 block of North Poplar until "it" flew by.

A couple sitting on their front porch saw it about 10:20 p.m. In an interview minutes later with The News, they told of the sighting, but asked not to be named in a story. The wife gave the first description.

"It was kind of gliding, going east. No lights, no noise, no nothing. About as high as the Wiley Building. It looked kind of triangular-shaped. We couldn't see it until the street lights reflected on it. It was like a boomerang, with the pointed end forward. It was hard to tell how big it was. It wasn't as large as an airplane," she said.

Her husband described the object's color as "gun-metal blue."

"It wasn't an airplane. I've been in the desert and seen lots of planes fly over. I thought maybe a glider. There wouldn't be one up after night, would there?" he asked.

At the Hutchinson Airport Control Tower, a Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controller said he had no explanation for the couple's sighting.

Earlier in the evening, a Lifewatch helicopter landed at Hutchinson Hospital and later left, but its flight path took it over the airport and southeast of town, the controller said.

A Hutchinson Police spokesman at 10:55 p.m. said the department had received no reports of UFO sightings Friday night.