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# UFO mystery may be 'space junk'

A speeding UFO — believed to be a meteorite or piece of space junk — was sighted around SA early today.

Dozens of callers flooded radio stations and the Police Department with reports of a "bright object with a tail travelling extremely fast" across SA skies about 7 o'clock.

The UFO is believed to have travelled in a straight line across the skies north from Gawler to the Hills and then back towards St Kilda.

An air traffic control spokesman at Adelaide Airport confirmed the sightings and said the object was believed to have been a meteorite, a piece of space junk or a re-entering satellite.

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But people who saw the UFO believed differently.

Barbara Collins was playing golf at Riverside when the UFO appeared "above the hills" and sped towards Outer Harbor.

"It was a slightly triangular shape with a bluish color and orange flashing lights," she said.

"It was travelling extremely fast but at the same time seemed to be floating. It was no aircraft."

Other sightings around Gawler and Strathalbyn reported the UFO

as "bright blue, turning to green". It appeared at that stage to be "crashing into the hills".

Norman Ault, of Hackham West, was watching a plane take off from the Adelaide Airport when the UFO appeared — "seemingly chasing the aircraft".

"It was a bright silvery color about 1000ft up, going extremely fast across the sky," he said.

The Fox, Dennis Morgan, of 5AA, said the station had received between 20 and 30 calls about the UFO.

UFO expert Mr Colin Norris said his phone had been "running hot". Reports had come from Mallala, Gawler, Strathalbyn and Lonsdale.