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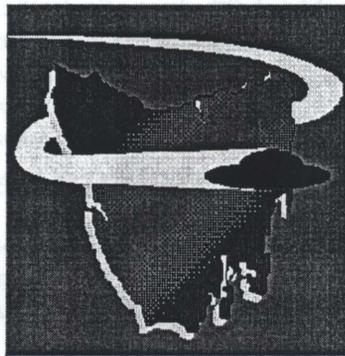
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1998 In Review

The past year could be remembered for 'Phone Wars'. It is essential for the collection of UFO sightings to have a telephone contact available. In recent years, several numbers have been listed or provided from telephone enquires for members of the public to contact. This has resulted in quite a few Tasmanian sightings being directed elsewhere. Now a 24 hour Australia wide UFO line has been established. UFO groups participating in this Network will be advised of any incoming calls from their state. This together with our own long established local number should help to cover Tasmanian callers.

The Centre is only too aware that the sightings it receives is just the 'tip of the iceberg'. This was illustrated during Stanton Friedman's lecture visit last year. He called for a show of hands by members of the audience who had had a UFO experience. About 35 to 40 people in the audience put their hands up; we suspect a fair number of other people did not. None of the witnesses had reported their sighting, and only a couple contacted the Centre afterwards. However, these cases and others from earlier years reported in 1998 were very interesting (see the July-October 1998 Newsletter).

Sightings for 1998 were in the main 'lights in the sky'. A video of two such lights taken from Devonport in mid-year helped to raise the level of interest in this type of case. Most of the sightings occurred during the longer nights of Autumn and Winter with a concentration of reports in the Granton to New Norfolk area to the north-west of Hobart. Over 150 calls were handled by the Centre in 1998 which is in the top end for the total number of calls during a year. A large proportion of cases were due to astronomical causes, possibly due to the fine dry winter weather providing good viewing conditions. The King Island 'hoax balloons' of October created the biggest stir. The reports were covered by local and interstate press. However, it all developed into something of a soap opera at the end with the press asking Tasmania's Premier if he was sending a team to investigate the King Island UFO sightings.

The Centre's Internet Web site has proved to be good tool for passing on Tasmanian data, and it has been pleasing to note a steady number of visitors to the site, especially in recent months. The site was of great benefit at the time of the King Island investigations, information being posted on the site as events unfolded.

Tasmanian Statistics 1998

Unidentified	23
Astronomical	62
Aircraft	19
Balloons	11
Satellites	10
Meteorological	8
Other	9
Under Investigation	2
Insufficient Info:	9
Total Reports	153

The UFO Australian Research Network

Has established A National UFO sighting reports Freecall Telephone Hotline number.

All UFO sightings and encounters can now be reported from anywhere in Australia, and be passed on to an affiliated UFO organisation or private researcher in the area for genuine Investigation.

This service is supported by over 50 of the best and most active UFO investigators from all parts of the country.

This is the first time that the Australian UFO Research Community has joined resources to offer an immediate and comprehensive response to reports of UFO Sightings from the public.

The number is: **1800 77 22 88**

This is a **FREE** service. However, standard charges still apply for calls from Mobiles and Pay-phones.

All reports received from Tasmania will be passed on to TUFOIC, as the local affiliate, for Investigation.

The TUFOIC Sighting reports number will still continue to operate, but if you are dialling from an STD area, you can now call **1800 77 22 88** and save the cost of an STD call.

This Free service has been provided to assist Australian UFO Researchers in gathering sighting reports and ensuring that they receive appropriate Investigation.

TASMANIAN SIGHTINGS

8 January 1998. Burnie.

PUZZLING LIGHT.

The first sighting for the year came from Burnie as our North West representative Andrew Mott visited two witnesses who had been watching a puzzling light in the north-eastern sky. A had woken up early about 4.40am and had gone to the front room for a cigarette. The room has a view out over the sea to the north. Almost at once A noticed a bright light to the north-east at about an elevation of 30 degrees. He said the light was 2 to 3 times the apparent size and brightness of Venus. The light had an elongated

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shape like a flattened oval, and pulsated with red on the top half and green on the lower. A called his partner to come and have a look at the object which remained in the same location for about 30 minutes. The sky was cloudy at the time of the sighting but the light only disappeared when heavy cloud covered that part of the sky. The witnesses watched the sky on subsequent evenings about the same time but could not locate anything of note in the north-east sky.

18th and 25th January 1998. Tunnack.

NO AIRCRAFT SO IS IT A UFO?

Two very similar reports were investigated by the Centre from a Tunnack witness. On the first night it was rather warm and breezy and our witness had woken up about 3.30am. The tall bedroom window gives a good view of the western sky, and it was through this that T noticed on both occasions bright lights moving in from the north-west. The first sighting appeared like a bright ball coming down but then it levelled off and crossed his field of vision on a southerly path. The original light became two well separated lights, and the front one started flashing red before it disappeared. The lights did not seem that far away, the witness thought he could make out a domed or bubble type shape. The second sighting

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some days later was a bit earlier at 1.30am with two well separated lights (too far apart to be aircraft) moving again from the north-west and away to the south. The first light had a red flashing light appear above it before it was lost from view. Both sightings lasted about a minute. The Centre went to great effort in tracking down any aircraft that could have been in the area. Contact was made with Air Traffic Control, Air Force, Australian and Overseas Airlines, even Emergency services such as Air Ambulances. However, all of this was to no avail as no culprit could be found for the mystery lights.

8th February 1998. Midway Point and Bell Bay.

TWO REPORTS ON THE SAME DAY!

The Tall Ships departure from Hobart was a sail past on Sunday February 8th but two witnesses had other reasons to remember the day. Mr S and his daughter were returning home about 2am, following functions held for the Tall Ships departure. They were travelling up towards the crest in a street just a couple of hundred meters from home when they spotted a strange light. The bright red light looked nothing more than tennis ball in size but there the similarities ended. The light was travelling from their left to right across the road ahead at about 1 metre above the road. It was moving fairly fast but performing a series of erratic circles, loop the loops and arcs as it move to the southern side of the street. The light which was no more ten 10 to 15 metres in front of the car disappeared after some 10 seconds. It shot up the driveway to a block of flats and was obscured by the fence bordering the property.

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As they drew alongside the driveway they expected to see something to account for the light but all was dark. This red light bears some resemblance to a sighting later in the year (May) at New Norfolk. The second case that day came from workers on the boundary of the Temco works at Bell Bay about 9.45am. The sighting was reported the following day in the Launceston Examiner. The witnesses noticed a large white cylindrical shape about 2 k distant near Mt George. Moving quickly around this object in an erratic manner were three smaller objects. The larger object slowly hovered up then started to move south in an erratic manner, and at this stage the three smaller objects disappeared. The main object moved further south over Mt Direction before it 'took off' into the clouds.

10th May 1998. Bellerive.

MID YEAR SIGHTINGS START.

Miss L of Bellerive arrived home about 2am from her shift work. The night was calm and mild with a few clouds. She stopped in front of her home to scan the sky, a bright star caught her attention in the south-east over Droughty Point. As she watched it for several minutes it seemed to get larger and brighter taking on more of a yellow glow. Then much to her surprise the large light started moving to the right (west), it moved on a level path for about 30 seconds before being obscured by clouds in the southern sky.

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Again the Centre made efforts to uncover possible aircraft movements in the area but were unable to come up with a satisfactory explanation. The Centre has taken the view (rightly or wrongly) that if an aircraft is in the area at the time of a sighting it is the most plausible explanation for what has been seen. Of recent years there have been a number of cases that appear to be due to aircraft but no one seems to know of any air traffic at the time concerned.

May 1998. New Norfolk to Hobart.

THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY.

May proved to be the most active month for unexplained events during 1998. A sighting at New Norfolk received a mention of one paragraph in the Hobart Mercury with the response being out of all proportion to the coverage. The initial case at New Norfolk on May 16th was of lights in the sky and a smaller red light (see Midway Point February) that moved about the garden. The witness had been working on a computer and had the lights turned down in the room. During a break in the work about 7.15pm she noticed some flashing lights out to the west in a gap between some poplar trees. When she noticed the lights were still there some 5 minutes later the witness felt a bit disturbed and telephoned her mother. She could now see a central red flashing light with a curved row of blue flashing lights beneath, and the lights covered an area nearly as wide as a full moon. As she talked on the telephone to her mother a red light appeared over the garden lawn. The ball-sized light moved about erratically over the lawn and driveway. Then the light came to within 10 m of the window the witness was standing at. She said to her mother something like 'It's coming to get me'. The light just went out. The lights in the sky seemed at their closest at this time, and the witness called the Airport (no answer). Then she found the Centre's number in the Directory. The lights had by now receded into the western sky and just faded from view. One of the Centre's members was in the area an hour after the sighting but could find no local explanation to account for the lights

The New Norfolk report was followed by a series of lights in the sky doing things they shouldn't. The following evening (17th May) at 7pm two Lauderdale witnesses noticed a star-like light rising in the eastern sky to about the 30 degree elevation. The light then became stationary in the sky alongside another bright star (probably Arcturus) it remained in this position changing colours from white to red to blue. The witnesses went inside briefly and when

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they returned outside the light was no longer visible although that part of the sky had become hazy with cloud.

Yet another report surfaced the next night (18th May) at about 8.30pm. This time the witnesses were at Black Hills some kilometres north-west of New Norfolk. Three members of a family noticed a half-moon sized oval pale light appear in the northern sky on three occasions. Twice the light just seemed to appear in the sky and move down. Then the third time it came from the north towards the north-west before returning quickly to the north, remaining there for 6 seconds before disappearing. The shape seemed to have a beam shining down below but it did not reach the ground.

Three days later yet another of those bright lights that should have been an aircraft was reported, but no-one had any record of movements in the area. Two witnesses this time reported the sighting (May 21st) at 5.45pm from Kingston and Blackmans Bay. Both witnesses talked of a large pink light in the western sky. The Blackmans Bay witness thought there was a white centre to the light. At first the light did not seem to be moving but then it went away on a level flight to the north-west. The Blackmans Bay witness felt the light went over the horizon whilst the Kingston motorist saw the light move away and fade into the distance. The Kingston witness who is a journalist had also been to a bomb-fire instruction night. he considered explanations such as rockets, flares etc: but discounted these as the light moved away across the sky rather than down towards the ground.

After a short respite lights reports were back on May 28th, this time from two witnesses who noticed something over the Snowy Range. Initially the witnesses saw what they took to be a bright shimmering star just above the range.

The light seemed to move horizontally and vertically, astronomical explanations could account for these movements except that subsequent views of the sky and sky map printouts showed no stars in that location. One of the witnesses also noticed that the object was surrounded by separate orange/red dots which followed its pattern of movements.

The month's final call came on the 31st after a resident at Collinsvale had observed some strange areas of light on a nearby hillside. Mr C was lying in bed awake about 2am when he heard some noises outside his window. Looking out he noticed a

possum. However, on the nearby hillside a series of flashes of light caught his attention. A series of large (100-150 m) rectangular areas of white light were appearing on or in front of a hill to his north. The light areas would appear for about a couple of seconds at a time. This went on for about two minutes before the light display stopped. C watched for some time after that but saw no more lights. The weather at the time was fine and clear. The location of the light was on a steep hillside covered with bush.

June 1998. Devonport & Launceston. NORTHERN REPORTS.

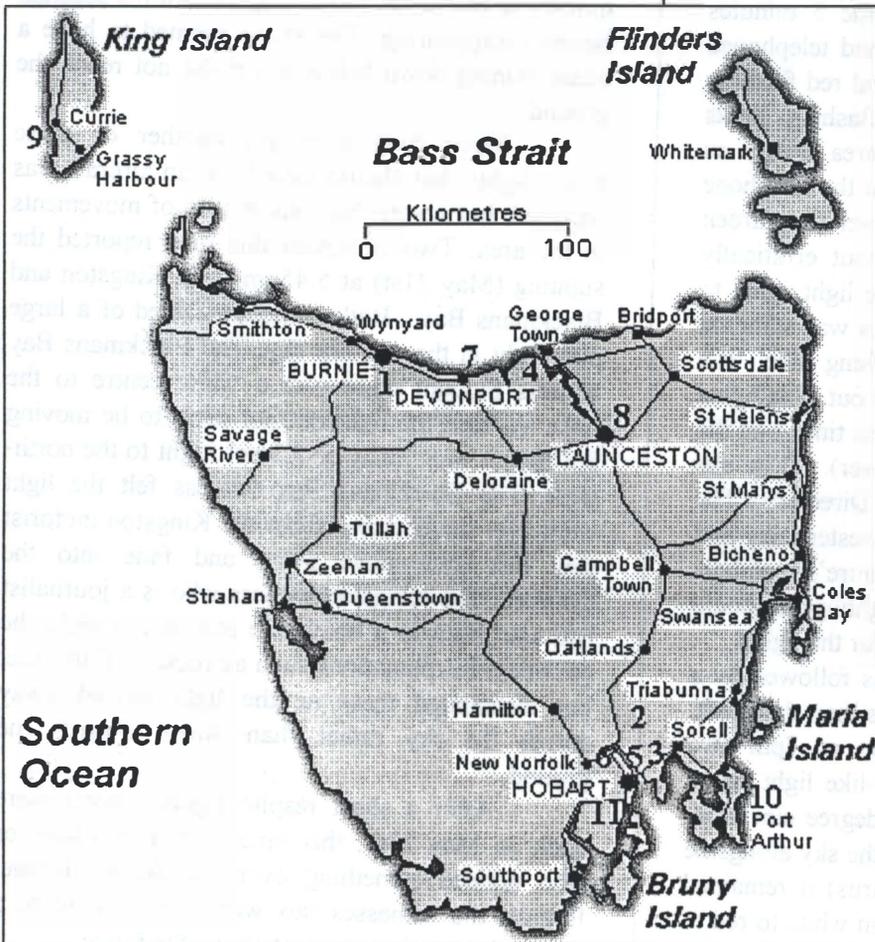
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Two sightings from the north of the state helped to widen the interest during June. The Centre admits that many cases from the northern half of the state probably go unrecorded. Maybe the new Australia wide UFO Network number may come into play?

Mr B of Devonport presented the Centre with a video he took on June 8th just after 10pm. The video which lasts several minutes shows two white lights slowly crossing the northern sky and moving away to the north-west. Mr B says he and a friend first spotted a single light at high elevation moving from south-east towards the north-west. B went inside to get his Sony Video camera with night vision. He located the light and commenced filming until it was fading away into

the north-west. At no time did they see two lights. Upon playing the video they were surprised to see two lights in the field of view. One light appears below the other, moves beneath and up to the left, pulsing on and off as it moves. The two lights are then visible in the remaining shots as they move off well apart and changing position relative to each other. Mr B called Launceston Airport that evening and they in turn checked with Melbourne for air traffic in the area; there was none. There did not appear to be any satellite or astronomical explanations to account for the two lights.

The Launceston case occurred at 2.20pm on June 29th. Again the witness contacted Launceston Airport after the sighting but was advised there had been no aircraft in the area. N and J were travelling north out of Launceston city when they noticed a thin silver-grey horizontal cigar shape at a 45 degree angle in the northern sky. The shape stood out well against the clear blue sky. The witnesses kept the apparently stationary shape in view for about 2 minutes. Then a tree branch obscured their vision for a second and the cigar was no longer anywhere to be seen. The sighting was of interest to the Centre due to its similarity to sightings in that area in 1996.



Sighting Locations Map
The Circled numbers ① found next to each Sighting report heading relates to the location of the sighting on the map of Tasmania.

**June - July 1998. Granton to New Norfolk.
LYELL HIGHWAY SIGHTINGS.**

Following coverage in the local press our Derwent Valley representative Bill Kelly had a series of sightings reported from a small stretch of the Lyell Highway between Granton and New Norfolk. Being a resident in the town (New Norfolk) meant that Bill was on the spot to hear about sightings that otherwise could have gone unreported. As is often the case in UFO sightings it is not always possible to collect all the data that one uncovers. In one instance two separate sets of witnesses saw something over the Derwent River but only one group completed the sighting forms. Interestingly yet another case has come from the same area at the start of 1999.

The first sighting just north of Granton on the Lyell Highway occurred on June 19th at 7.20pm. Two separate witnesses sighted something over the river but the Centre was only able to obtain full details from Mrs S from New Norfolk. Initially a bright white ball was seen coming from the south and down the hills across the highway ahead of the witness. Mrs S said the object crossed the river towards Bridgewater where it then hovered. It had now changed its appearance more into a circle of light. The lower part looked to have 3 or 4 portholes or lights that were flickering red, whilst the upper part of the circle was a band of flashing blue and orange light. The witness who had the object in sight for about a minute continued on home and lost sight of the lights behind the car. An unconfirmed report of the same lights was received by the Centre. An object with a light going around it was seen out over the river, in the same area and about the same time.

Mrs C was the next to report a sighting on the highway about 7.30pm the following evening (June 20th). A set of four large and three small red lights appeared to the rear of Mrs C's car soon after she left the Granton road junction. The lights did not flash they just seemed to vary in brightness and were arranged in a horizontal line with the smaller lights

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in between. Mrs C thought at first it could have been a police car, but she had seen no police cars on the road and none overtook her. The lights were obscured when the witness rounded a bend and nothing more was seen on the trip home. Mrs C reported witnessing a variety of lights action on subsequent evenings. A number of photographs were taken and some of these show lights in the night time skies. None of the photographs appear to be due to flaws or reflections.

The third event was about a month later on July 23rd at approximately 8.30pm. Miss R was travelling north just north of Granton when she noticed some lights hovering over the water on the west side of the Bridgewater Bridge. The witness took the lights to be on a helicopter as there seemed to be no movement during the few minutes the lights were in view. Three flickering lights were visible in line at the base of a dome area above. The clear area above was not clearly outlined. Miss R slowed her car down but did not stop so she was unaware of what happened to the lights. They were still over the river as she continued on her journey.

Once again there was a follow-up sighting on the following evening (24th). This time the sighting was between 10.30pm and 11.30pm. The witness (D) soon after passing Granton noticed what was taken to be a helicopter above the river and upstream from the witness's location. D slowed down and pulled off the road, wound down the window but could not hear any sounds. D could see a steady red with yellow light but no discernible shape. The light was moving slowly up and down in front of a hill across the river near Dromedary. D watched for about 3 minutes and as nothing further occurred the witness set off for home. The light did not appear to move away but was still near the hill when the witness drove on.

**September - October 1998. King Island - Tasman Peninsula - Kingston.
HOAX BALLOONS ON KING ISLAND.**

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Although there was probably an explanation for the flurry of reports from King Island in September, the series of events caught the media's attention and some mention must be made on the Centre's findings. The initial report on September 24th came via the press and the Centre followed up events as they happened with contact with many witnesses. Sightings of the bright orange light continued until October 2nd. All but one case occurred in the Currie area between 7.15pm and 8.20pm, except for the final report on October 2nd which occurred at 9.45pm. The light was seen moving over the town on

the prevailing winds, mainly from the north. Witnesses who saw the light at lower elevations reported flames, flecks of light, and shafts of light. Others noted something falling from the light as it progressed across the sky. All these descriptions are in keeping with 'garbage bag balloons'. In recent years the Centre has followed up on similar reports in both Hobart and Launceston. Such pranks have led to power failures and spent balloons plummeting onto rooftops in Melbourne. The interest generated in the media followed the recognised pattern.

Various experts from other fields came in with explanations for the sightings such as auroras, flares, satellites etc: Finally the Tasmanian Premier was asked if he would send a team to investigate the King Island UFO reports. Mercifully the light reports ceased, but we have no doubt they will be back!

The publicity resulted in a busy time for the Centre but only a few of these calls remained unexplained after follow up. The first sighting was from a fisherman heading south in his boat at 11pm on September 25th. E was 7 miles north-east of Tasman Island heading back to Port Arthur due to a bad forecast. A bright orange light came into view from behind Tasman Island. At first E thought it was some large ship, but this was discounted when he realised the light was as high as the island (300 m). Also E was able to use his radar which showed nothing other than the surrounding land. The oval to rectangular light was about 1/4 full moon in size and moving slowly to the south-south-east. The light progressed away into the distance and after 10 minutes either faded out or just got too far away to be observed.

The next report was a daylight sighting on September 30th at about 4pm. It was another of those reports that occurred with a clear blue sky as a background. The sighting from Kingston Beach was not the first from that locality to come to the Centre's attention. A resident had reported seeing a bright 'something' out over the river on two occasions earlier in the year. However, the possibility of air traffic could not be ruled out in these instances. In the September sighting a family

was on the beach flying a kite. One of the parents noticed a bright white bullet-shaped object moving rapidly through the sky. It looked to change direction to drop straight down towards the kite, changing shape at the same time to a sphere. A second family member now spotted the object which continued on its way. It moved back up to its original flight path and disappeared at speed into the southern sky. No noise or smoke trails were seen from the fast-moving shape which was in view for 5 seconds.

Only one case from King Island remained unidentified and this took place on the Currie to Grassy road on October 3rd at 8pm. Unlike all the other cases this report was only witnessed by the motorists travelling home some 12 k south-east of Currie. W said to her companion that there was an aircraft low in the sky ahead. Three large red flashing lights were positioned in a triangle formation with a white light reflecting out from below. K the driver had another look and said that the lights seemed to be moving around an area about the size of a football field. As they rounded a curve near the light's location (estimated 500 m away) the car lights swept across below the lights. The three red lights then started to rise up at speed and soon were up at the cloud level. They then seemed to slow down and gradually were lost to sight in the clouds to the south-east. Both witnesses had seen the orange light over Currie but this incident bore no resemblance to their earlier experiences.

2nd December 1998. Eaglehawk Neck. FINAL SIGHTING.

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The UFO phenomenon tends to be a night-time affair and with the start of daylight saving, it is not unusual for calls to the Centre to drop away. Only one unexplained event occurred in the closing weeks of 1998. Interestingly this last report came from the Tasman Peninsula not far from an earlier report. (September 25th). Mr T was out on an overcast evening around 11pm walking his dog when he noticed a bright white stationary light in the northern sky. T thought the light stood out as the rest of the sky was dark. T kept the light in view as he returned home and observed it from one side of his residence. Then he realised it was moving south as he had to go

around to the southern side to keep it in view. The roundish white light passed over at high elevation and seemed to be going over the top of Pirates Bay. The light had taken some 10 minutes (witness checked the time) to approach and it now stopped over the bay for a while. the light looked to move up and down a bit then started to lose elevation as if going away to the south-east. It now diminished in size and within a minute had been obscured by nearby trees. It looked to be moving faster as it travelled silently away. Checks on aircraft and satellites to explain the event drew a blank.



TUFOIC's Internet site has been receiving a steady flow of visitors since its inception. We have had a average of 30 visitors per week to the site since figures started being recorded late in 1998, but during the first few months of 1999, this has increased to around 50+. These are not world shattering numbers, but for a small organisation set in an insignificant corner of the globe, it is encouraging to know that our work is reaching out to a wider audience. The Internet provides us with knowledge of UFO activity beyond our state, and we, in turn, provide local UFO information to the world.

The TUFOIC URL is: <http://www.netspace.net.au/~tufoic/>

Tasmanian UFO Reports Statistics

YEAR	REPORTS	UNIDENTIFIED
Pre 1965	121	32
1965	39	13
1966	30	15
1967	14	5
1968	35	8
1969	65	15
1970	46	8
1971	96	23
1972	69	15
1973	135	27
1974	160	57
1975	171	50
1976	192	43
1977	156	39
1978	180	32
1979	153	19
1980	64	12
1981	88	11

YEAR	REPORTS	UNIDENTIFIED
1982	62	18
1983	68	12
1984	46	9
1985	88	12
1986	86	12
1987	73	12
1988	108	19
1989	92	11
1990	44	6
1991	47	5
1992	78	15
1993	86	6
1994	93	11
1995	95	16
1996	179	50
1997	109	10
1998	153	23
1999	?? See the next Edition	

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DATE	TIME	Type	State	LOCATION	NOTES	SOURCE
beg 98	Nite	CE2	NSW	Grafton	Object approaches farm, low level, 'track' on ground found.	B Taylor
08 Jan 98	04.40	NL	TAS	Burnie	Oval red/green shape seen stationary in NE sky.	TUFOIC
11 Jan 98	00.05	CE1	VIC	Whittlesea	Triangle obj: with orange lights frightens witnesses.	VUFORS
16 Jan 98	23.30	NL	QLD	Cairns	Object emitting beam/vapour. Moves up and down beam.	UFOICQ
18 Jan 98	22.30	NL	QLD	Redland Bay	Large green obj: with A shaped beam of light below.	UFOICQ
18 Jan 98	03.30	NL	TAS	Tunnack	Two lits drop then level out, one flashes red as they go to Sth.	TUFOIC
19 Jan 98	02.30	NL	QLD	Millmeran	Object 200m across with beam of light at 800m elevation.	UFOICQ
21 Jan 98	22.15	NL	QLD	Slacks Creek.	Torpedo obj: with yellow beam shinning on ground.	UFORQ
24 Jan 98	Nite	CE1	VIC	Cranbourne	Silver oval moving in erratic fashion, suddenly disappears.	B Taylor
25 Jan 98	01.30	NL	TAS	Tunnack	Two lits drop then level out, one flashes red as they go Sth.	TUFOIC
31 Jan 98	22.15	NL	SA	Brooklyn Park	Orange oval in south east, turns away to NE, dog disturbed.	AIUFOFSR
01 Feb 98	06.00	NL	SA	Murray Bridge.	Police notice two white objects move up W sky and fade out.	AIUFOFSR
02 Feb 98	20.30	NL	SA	Gawler East	Hat shaped obj moving at speed. Stops looks silver metallic.	AIUFOFSR
03 Feb 98	22.30	CE1	NSW	Southgate	V bright lit in NW, swings beam across countryside.	B Taylor
08 Feb 98	02.00	CE1	TAS	Midway Point	Small red ball sized light passes across road in front of car.	TUFOIC
08 Feb 98	09.45	DD	TAS	Bell Bay	Large cylinder obj: with little shapes, move off into south	TUFOIC
17 Feb 98	20.45	NL	VIC	Inverlock	Pilot reports ball of light with tail dive towards ground.	VUFORS
03 Mar 98	06.40	NL	NSW	Burringbar Range	Streaks of light, turns to red doughnut shape, moves slowly off	UFORQ
10 Mar 98	07.00	DD	SA	Monash	Metallic cigar shape seen stationary just above E horizon.	AIUFOFSR
25 Mar 98	21.00	CE1	VIC	Westernport Bay	Metallic missile obj 200m elv: 400m distant from witnesses.	VUFORS
27 Mar 98	23.00	NL	QLD	Jindalee	Disk light with dome, stationary 1 hour, then moves off NE.	UFORQ
28 Mar 98	Nite	NL	QLD	Eudlo	Bright white light to west, moves about then darts off.	UFORQ
02 Apr 98	Nite	CE2	NT	Maryvale	Silver glow moving across sky, two way radio fails.	INUFOR
08 Apr 98	04.45	NL	NSW	Grafton	Bright light low over house, shoots off, leaves a trail.	B Taylor
17 Apr 98	20.40	NL	QLD	Pittsworth	Witnesses & pilot see obj: with flashes moving on erratic path	UFORQ
19 Apr 98	19.00	NL	NSW	Grafton	Three white obj: low in W sky, seem to circle the area.	B Taylor
23 Apr 98	19.00	NL	VIC	Melbourne	2 white lights seen changing positions in sky, then moving off	J Hayes.
24 Apr 98	06.00	NL	NT	Nth Territory	Bright light with tail to its front, erratic path, shines light.	VUFORS
27 Apr 98	20.15	NL	SA	Port Stanvac	Number of erratic lights seen moving in zig-zag fashion.	AIUFOFSR
29 Apr 98	18.30	CE1	NSW	Toukeley	Hovering disc by roadside, shot off on approach of helicopters.	INUFOR
29 Apr 98	18.30	DD	NSW	Terrigal	Large org spherical lit, goes sth, then west, shoots off to south.	INUFOR
29 Apr 98	19.00	NL	NSW	Central Coast	White lit seen in western sky, zig-zagging from nth to sth.	INUFOR
29 Apr 98	19.30	NL	NSW	Adaminaby	White/blue light moving back and forth in sky at low level.	INUFOR
29 Apr 98	20.10	NL	NSW	Singleton	Large bright org/red lit low in sky, takes off to west at speed.	INUFOR
30 Apr 98	18.30	NL	NSW	The Entrance	White light in sky changes into shinning metallic shape.	INUFOR
05 May 98	21.10	NL	QLD	Miami	Moving star joined by lights from below, all move off to SW.	UFORQ
10 May 98	02.00	NL	TAS	Bellerive	Bright lit to SE, grows in size, turns yellow and goes to the W	TUFOIC

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DATE	TIME	Type	State	LOCATION	NOTES	SOURCE
11 May 98	20.30	NL	NSW	Bulga	Big solid white lit hovering, then goes straight up into sky.	INUFOR
16 May 98	19.15	CE1	TAS	New Norfolk	Flashing blue/red lits to W. Small lit seen moving in garden.	TUFOIC
16 May 98	21.30	CE1	NSW	Tenterfield	Bright obj: round top & flat base, hovered over paddock.	INUFOR
17 May 98	19.00	NL	TAS	Lauderdale	Bright light moving up in eastern sky, stops by another star.	TUFOIC
18 May 98	20.30	NL	TAS	Black Hills	Oval light appears 3 times in NW, beam below as goes to NW	TUFOIC
21 May 98	17.45	NL	TAS	Kingston	Large pink/white light seen moving slowly away to the NW.	TUFOIC
21 May 98	13.00	DD	QLD	Westlake	Cylinder shape tilts to look like a disc as it moves to the W.	UFORQ
24 May 98	18.30	CE2	SA	Gawler	Doberman cowers as noise heard from obj: with strobe lits.	AIUFOFSR
26 May 98	00.15	CE1	QLD	Camoweal	Motorist followed by obj: in haze with lights, within 200 m.	UFORQ
27 May 98	06.30	NL	SA	Mannum	Bright oval objects seen nearby on three consecutive days.	AIUFOFSR
28 May 98	19.30	NL	NSW	Bluff Point	Witnesses see Org lits dashing around erratically for 10 mins.	H Stari
28 May 98	Nite	NL	NSW	Singleton	Small orange lits seen making fast erratic movements.	INUFOR
28 May 98	20.00	NL	TAS	Mt Lloyd	Bright light low on horizon, other little red lits about it.	TUFOIC
31 May 98	02.00	NL	TAS	Collinsvale	Large areas of rectangular flashing light seen on hillside.	TUFOIC
01 Jun 98	15.30	DD	NSW	Central Coast	Motorists report silver object hovering 500m from road.	INUFOR
03 Jun 98	20.00	CE1	SA	Semaphore	Pilot encounters 5 round orange objects close to aircraft.	AIUFOFSR
05 Jun 98	22.00	CE1	QLD	Gold Coast	Red golf ball sized light, circles woman, moves off over house	UFORQ
08 Jun 98	07.15	DD	VIC	North Balwyn	Four silver discs hovering, then flying in zig-zags, erratic.	VUFORS
08 Jun 98	22.05	NL	TAS	Devonport	Video of 2 lights moving about each other as head to NW.	TUFOIC
08 Jun 98	07.10	DD	VIC	Eldorado	Two Police Officers see bright doorway of light in sky.	VUFORS
13 Jun 98	17.45	CE1	VIC	Riddells Creek	Motorist reports being passed by grey obj: with blue beams.	VUFORS
13 Jun 98	20.30	CE1	VIC	Kilsyth	Oval obj with bright orange lights and humming sound, smell	VUFORS
14 Jun 98	18.40	NL	QLD	Paradise Point	UFO shaped like 'Mexican Hat' with white/orange colours	UFOICQ
17 Jun 98	01.05	CE1	QLD	Behanna Creek	Round shape with rays keeps pace with motorist.	UFORFNQ
19 Jun 98	19.20	NL	TAS	Granton	Motorist reports white light from south, stops over river.	TUFOIC
20 Jun 98	19.30	NL	TAS	Granton	Motorist says followed by set of large & small red lights.	TUFOIC
26 Jun 98	22.45	NL	QLD	Thornsland	Video taken of group of lights passing over in formation.	UFOICQ
26 Jun 98	21.30	CE2	QLD	Capalaba	Orange/red obj: overtakes witness, radio static, motor stops.	UFORQ
26 Jun 98	Nite	NL	QLD	Thornlands	Video footage off 40 bright red lights, appeared on one object	UFORQ
29 Jun 98	14.20	DD	TAS	Dilston	Bright silver cigar in blue sky, fuzzy ends. Just disappears.	TUFOIC
02 Jul 98	23045	NL	QLD	Bramston Beach	Round white obj: low in sky, paces motorist, then goes W.	UFORFNG
12 Jul 98	18.15	NL	NT	Katherine	Symmetrical obj with fiery glow and arms, seen heading west.	NT News
21 Jul 98	18.20	NL	NSW	Williamtown	Base buzzed by seven white obj: with smaller red lights.	UFORNSW
22 Jul 98	18.45	NL	TAS	Granton-NNorfolk	Motorist stops to watch variety of unidentified lights.	TUFOIC
23 Jul 98	21.00	NL	SA	Tarcoola	Inverted funnel, gives off whoosh sound. Yellow & Orange.	AIUFOFSR
23 Jul 98	20.30	NL	TAS	Granton	Motorist says dome shape with flashing lights over river.	TUFOIC
24 Jul 98	22.30	NL	TAS	Granton	Motorist sees red/yellow light hovering in front of hillside.	TUFOIC
25 Jul 98	16.40	DD	QLD	Holland Park	Two black obj: in sky, witness takes photos as pass overhead.	UFORQ
28 Jul 98	Nite	NL	QLD	Redcliffe	Photos taken of cigar shape obj: hovering in sky 10 minutes.	UFORQ
28 Jul 98	18.45	NL	QLD	Townsville	Air controllers see 3 orange lights moving slowly E at 800m.	T W Colvin
29 Jul 98	23.55	NL	QLD	Redcliffe	Cigar shaped pulsing white to blue light, visible 25 minutes.	UFORQ
03 Aug 98	19.20	NL	QLD	Raceview	Light seen moving erratically, circle of lits before darts off.	UFORQ
04 Aug 98	17.04	DD	NSW	Quirindi	Silver spheres do aerobatics and drop 'angel hair' over farms.	R Brooks
09 Aug 98	12.00	DD	VIC	Goughs Bay	Silvery dome topped disc with whooshing sound.	VUFORS
10 Aug 98	13.00	CE2	NSW	Quirindi	20 silver balls moving about erratically, drop 'Angel Hair'	INUFOR
11 Aug 98	21.30	NL	QLD	Eagle Head	10 ct sized bright object does zig-zags in sky for 20 minutes.	UFOICQ
11 Aug 98	20.25	NL	QLD	Yatala	White light seen out over the sea, it moves about erratically.	UFORQ
11 Aug 98	18.30	DD	NT	Alice Springs	Vertical tube and ball below. Very bright ans seen heading N.	AIUFOFSR
11 Aug 98	02.30	NL	NT	Alice Springs	Bright silver ball seen for 1 hour. Moves about then shot up.	AIUFOFSR
17 Aug 98	03.30	CE1	SA	Christies Beach	Triangle object seen, had three bright lights, darted about.	AIUFOFSR
27 Aug 98	21.45	CE1	VIC	Euchuca	Cross object with dome, red glow and lights above car.	VUFORS
29 Aug 98	22.45	NL	NT	Alice Springs	Sev: people watch 3 bright lits to west, go out one by one.	AIUFOFSR
25 Sep 98	23.00	NL	TAS	Tasman Pen: (off)	Large orange rectangle of light moving away to the SE.	TUFOIC
30 Sep 98	16.00	DD	TAS	Kingston	White bullet shaped obj: changes shape and direction, goes S.	TUFOIC
03 Oct 98	20.00	NL	TAS	King Island	Triangle of red flashing lits and white light seen by 2 witnesses:	TUFOIC
29 Oct 98	22.10	CE1	VIC	Wandin	Football obj: with bright lights on top, 150 m away.	VUFORS
07 Nov 98	03.35	CE1	VIC	Sandringham	Bright white lit hovers over bridge, makes a buzzing sound.	VUFORS
14 Nov 98	02.10	NL	NT	Rapid Creek	Oval object with row of lits in centre, passes slowly to sea.	AIUFOFSR
02 Dec 98	22.15	NL	TAS	Eaglehawk Neck	White light comes from N. Stops over bay, then goes SE.	TUFOIC

Australian sightings for 1998 is a resume of information extracted from UFO Societies, Researchers, etc: The listing is by no means complete but indicative of the type of events during the year. We have every confidence in our fellow UFO Groups but must add that we cannot confirm details of sightings listed. Nevertheless the sightings have many features that have been reported previously in Australia and Overseas.

WORLD ROUNDUP

UFO STARTLES MOTORISTS IN STAFFORDSHIRE, UK

On Friday, October 16, 1998, at 9 p.m., a glowing UFO appeared over motorway A34 in Congleton, Staffordshire, UK, 38 miles (60 kilometers) southeast of Liverpool, frightening several drivers.

"Theresa Hewitt, from Bromley Road, Congleton, was driving on the A34 when she spotted a bright object hovering above Moreton Level. She said, 'I saw what looked like a grey cloud moving around in the sky. It looked like a school of fish and was quite bright.'"

"At first I thought it was a cloud lit up by one of the laser lights. But we have no nightclub in Congleton, and I checked the paper and nothing else was going on that night."

"The lights were also spotted by Bill Edey from Scholar Green who was travelling along the same stretch of road at 9 p.m. He said, 'I was near Little Moreton Hall when I saw about 25 lights in a perfect spherical shape above the car. The lights seemed to follow me until I reached Congleton. I am quite a rational man and thought it might have been an aircraft, but it was travelling too slow and the lights seemed to be spinning. I nearly crashed the car because of what I saw, and I was covered in goose bumps.'" (See the newspaper *The Sentinel of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.* for October 19, 1998, "Drivers alarmed by UFO sightings on the A34." Many thanks to Gerry Lovell of Far Shores for this newspaper article.)

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NEW UFO SIGHTING STARTLES THOUSANDS IN CHILE

On Monday, September 28, 1998, between 9 and 10 p.m., an unusual ring-shaped UFO was seen by throngs of people up and down the length of Chile.

Cities ranging from the Chilean Antarctic to the northern border with Peru reported sightings of the strange UFO. According to the newspaper *La Tercera*, the UFO was seen in Punta Arenas, Valdivia, Temuco, Pitrquen, Mulchen, Talca, Paine, San Felipe and La Serena, which was the site of a UFO flap earlier this year.

According to *La Tercera*, "An OVNI (Spanish acronym for UFO--J.T.) flew over our skies last night, causing much excitement among the people who saw this object. It was described as 'a ring of smoke.'"

"La Direccion de Aeronautica Civil (DCA) said they did not receive any reports and that their airport radars had not reported any strange objects in the sky."

Chilean ufologist Patricio Diaz interviewed many of the eyewitnesses in La Serena, a city 440 kilometers (275 miles) north of Santiago de Chile, the national capital. Diaz reported, "People all over La Serena saw this big, blue, gas-cloud-like ring-shaped object in the sky. It was the size of a full moon, moving north at a slow speed."

In Ovalle, 70 kilometers (42 miles) south of La Serena, "hundreds of people saw the object," Diaz reported, "Ovalle and the surrounding towns were having a fiesta, and many people were in the streets. Even local journalists saw the UFO. They were so startled that they forgot to take photos."

The incident is being investigated by Chile's new *Comite de Estudio de Fenomenos Aereos Anomales (CEFAA)*, a coalition that includes Chile's armed forces, the DCA and *Agrupacion de Investigaciones Ovniologicas (AION)*, the country's foremost UFO study group.

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UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED IN ONTARIO, CANADA

UFOs were reported throughout the month of March 1999 in Canada's Ontario province, with many sightings around Sudbury and Elliot Lake.

On Wednesday, March 14, 1999, at 3:40 p.m., a motorist driving from Elliot Lake (population 14,089), a city 117 miles (187 kilometers) west of Sudbury, to Provincial Highway 17 "reported seeing a cone-shaped object moving across the sky from west to east. The front end was squared off. There was no vapour trail behind it, and it was as white as a cloud."

On Friday, March 12, 1999, at 10 p.m., a boy living in Sudbury (population 92,884), a city on Highway 69 approximately 260 miles (410 kilometers) north of Toronto, "was trying to get to sleep when he looked out his bedroom window and saw a triangular object in the night sky. It had three colored lights--one at each corner. One light was red and the other two were white. He also noticed a fourth light in the center of the craft--a smaller red light which was moving around in a circular pattern. He said the triangular craft was about as big as an aspirin (held) at arm's length."

On Saturday, March 13, 1999, at 1:05 a.m., a man in Garson, Ont. "saw a big, round object moving slowly across the sky in a northwesterly direction. He said it blinked four times before disappearing and described it as being 'lime green in colour, oval-shaped and as large as a garbage can cover held at a distance of 15 feet.'"

On Monday, March 15, 1999, at around 3 p.m., two men ice-fishing on Dunlop Lake, near Elliot Lake, Ont., "saw a glare moving across the sky." They described the UFO as "the object was a lot bigger than a plane" and "it was a silver bullet-type thing." The witnesses "said it flew above the trees about three or four miles away and then just disappeared. Both the top and the lower halves were reflecting sunlight, he said, but the middle section was blurry."

On Saturday, March 20, 1999, at around 3 a.m., two women driving east on Highway 17 from Sault Sainte Marie, Ont. "saw what looked like a bright star in the sky. Then it suddenly came down at tremendous speed and flew past their car. The witness, who was in the passenger seat, said that as the large ball of light flew past the car, sparks were shooting off from end to end. She looked back through the rear window of the car to see the object, and it stopped and hovered above the road."

On Monday, March 29, 1999, at 11:15 p.m., the same Sudbury boy who saw the UFO on March 12, told MUFON that he "saw a similar object racing across the southern sky." (Many thanks to MUFON Ontario, Sudbury Section, and Errol Bruce-Knapp for these reports.)

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