

Shower of meteors, not flying saucer

A flying saucer reported to have been seen over south-eastern Australia on Saturday morning was from a "shower of meteors," which could last several days.

This was stated by the Commonwealth Astronomer, Dr. R. V. Wooley.

He said also that the Chief Assistant Astronomer, Dr. A. R. Hogg, sighted a bright meteor with a persistent trail at 5.15 a.m. on Sunday.

Although most meteor trails disappeared in a few seconds, this one lasted 10 minutes.

The meteor was possibly one of a group, known as the Aquarids, which usually appeared about May 6 in the same orbit as Halley's Comet.