

'Flying saucer' was a meteor

Hundreds of phone calls from Melbourne suburbs and country districts jammed switchboards at the Weather Bureau, police stations, and newspaper offices after a large meteor flashed across the northern sky at about 7.40 p.m. on Saturday.

Some of the callers reported the phenomenon as a "flying saucer."

Reports varied considerably in detail, as shown in the following examples:

Box Hill: "A bluish-yellow-brown thing travelling from south to north. Making a high droning noise.

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Oakleigh: "Big blue light the size of a football, travelling from south to north-east at about 1,000ft."

South Yarra: "A bright green light disappeared over the northern horizon."

Ringwood: "A large green ball without a tail, about the size of a football."

Boronia: "A silvery white object the size of a tennis ball, with a reddish tail."

Mitcham: "A round glowing yellow object in the northern sky below the moon."