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Sightings (TV series)

Sightings is an American paranormal and news television show that first aired in the 1990s. The show began on October 17, 1991, as a special titled *The UFO Report: Sightings*. It was followed by the follow-up reports, *Ghost Report* and the *Psychic Experience*. The creator and supervising producer of the initial episode, produced by Paramount for Fox TV, was Linda Moulton Howe. One of her episodes was *A Strange Harvest*, about the worldwide animal-mutilation mystery linked to extraterrestrial beings.

Show history

After the special broadcast to high ratings, it went forward into weekly TV production as the program *Sightings*. The show featured everything from UFOs to ghosts to Bigfoot in an investigative news format and was hosted by reporter Tim White. The show was created by Ann Daniels Productions, Fair Dinkum Productions (Winkler-Daniel Productions from 1991 to 1993), and Paramount Domestic Television (Wilshire Court Productions from 1992 to 1993). Its executive producers were Henry Winkler and Ann Daniel.

The program began on Fox in 1992, in a 30-minute-long format that aired on Friday nights. When the show was put into syndication in 1994, it was extended to an hour-long format and was on at various times. In 1996, it was picked up by Sci Fi Channel. *Sightings* was cancelled in 1997, although five special episodes aired in 1998, and reruns continued on the Sci Fi Channel until April 2003.

In 1998, the producers made a new UFO special that aired on UPN, called *Danger in Our Skies: The New UFO Threat* hosted by Jim Forbes.^{[1][2]}

Sightings



Genre	<u>Paranormal</u> <u>News</u>
Presented by	<u>Tim White</u>
Theme music composer	Bill Bodine
Composers	Christopher L. Stone <u>Michael Tavera</u> Alan Ett
Country of origin	United States
Original language	English
No. of seasons	5
No. of episodes	114 (<u>list of episodes</u>)
Production	
Running time	30 minutes (seasons 1-2, 1996 behind the scenes special) 60 minutes (seasons 3-5, 1991–92 specials, 1996 home videos) 120 minutes (1998

In 2003, a program called *Unexplained Mysteries* debuted in syndication. Although it did not have the same hosted news format like *Sightings*, it was produced by many of the same individuals involved with *Sightings*, and sometimes reused footage and graphics from the earlier program.

Episodes

Season	Episodes	Originally aired	
		First aired	Last aired
<u>Fox specials</u>	3	October 17, 1991	April 24, 1992
<u>1</u>	11	April 17, 1992	August 21, 1992
<u>2</u>	24	September 18, 1992	May 21, 1993
<u>3</u>	26	September 11, 1994	May 21, 1995
<u>4</u>	24	September 10, 1995	May 12, 1996
<u>5</u>	20	September 19, 1996	September 11, 1997
<u>Specials</u>	6	September 20, 1996	December 23, 1998
<u>Film</u>		October 27, 2002	



Home media

There have been three home video releases of the *Sightings* television show: *Sightings: The UFO Report*, *Sightings: The Ghost Report*, and *Sightings: The Psychic Experience*. The videos were repackaged segments from season one and two of the television show. All three videos were originally released in 1996 on VHS tapes.

Merchandise

- Two books were released in 1997 related to the *Sightings* television show - *Sightings: Beyond Imagination Lies the Truth* and *Sightings: UFOs*.
- One software product was released related to the *Sightings* television show called *Sightings: UFOPedia*. The software included pictures, reports, footage, and never before seen footage from the show in an encyclopedia format.
- A line of clothing was released related to the *Sightings* television show that included T-shirts. The shirts would have either a ghost, alien, or psychic on the front with the word *Sightings*.
- Textile posters were sold related to the "Sightings" television show produced by Heart Rock S.r.l. - Italy. The posters were silk and featured the "Sightings" logo along with the illustrations that were on the VHS tape box covers

In Depth and Beyond specials)

Production companies	Winkler/Daniel Productions (1991–93) (seasons 1-2, 60-minute specials) The Berkeley Group (1991–92, specials only) <u>Paramount Network Television</u> (1991–92) (60-minute specials) Sather Gate Productions (1992–93) (season 2) Wilshire Court Productions (1992–93) (season 2) Ann Daniel Productions (1994–98) (seasons 4-5, 120-minute specials) Fair Dinkum Productions (1994–98) (seasons 4-5, 120-minute specials) Triage Entertainment (1996–98, season 5, 120-minute specials)
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Original release

Network	<u>Fox</u>
Release	October 17, 1991 – May 21, 1993
Network	<u>First-run syndication</u>
Release	September 11, 1994 – May 12, 1996
Network	<u>Sci-Fi Channel</u>
Release	September 19, 1996 – December 23, 1998
Network	<u>Showtime</u>
Release	October 27, 2002

(an alien, a ghost, or a psychic). The posters measured 75 x 110 cm.

Related

Danger in Our Skies: The New UFO Threat

Sightings: Heartland Ghost

Unexplained Mysteries

Sightings: Heartland Ghost

In 2002, one of the stories featured on *Sightings* became the subject of a television movie on the Showtime network, called *Sightings: Heartland Ghost*. The movie tells the story of a *Sightings* crew sent to investigate a poltergeist haunting, eventually becoming victimized by the ghost themselves. The movie was later released on DVD.^[3]

See also

- Encounters (TV series)

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External links

- *Sightings* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0103549/>) at *IMDb*
 - The Sightings Information Page (<http://www.sightingstv.info>)
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