

Historical Sightings

1953 Project Blue Book Unknowns

- Bonin Islands, Iwo Jima: June 24, 1953, 11:30 pm. Witnesses: crew of USAF KB-29 aerial tanker plane. Radar tracked an unidentified target which twice approached to within .5 miles of the airplane, and once to within 6 miles, during a 2 minute observation.
- Canada, Labrador, Goose AFB: May 1, 1953, 11:35 pm. Witnesses: pilot and radar operator of USAF F-94 jet interceptor, and control tower operator. One white light evaded interception attempt by F-94 during 30 minute sighting.
- Canada, Labrador, Goose AFB: June 22, 1953, Z:10 am [12:10 am?]. Witnesses: pilot and radar operator of USAF F-94 jet interceptor. One red light, flying at an estimated 1,000 kts. (1,100 mph) eluded the chasing F-94 after 5 minutes.
- French Morocco, Sidi Slimane AFB: Sept. 2, 1953, 9:14 pm. Witnesses: Lt. Col. William Moore and 1st Lt. J.H. McInnis.
- Greenland, Simiutak: June 24, 1953, 11:30 am. Witness: weather observer A/2c R.A. Hill. One red triangle hovered and rotated for 15 seconds, then climbed for 5 minutes.
- Guatemala, near Guatemala City: Jan. 17, 1953, 3:55 pm. Witness: geologist/salesman J.J. Sackett. One brilliant green-gold object, shaped like the Goodyear blimp with its length twice its height, flew 400 mph straight and level, stopped.
- Iceland, Keflavik: Feb. 3, 1953, 5:25 pm. Witnesses: radar operators. Four unidentified targets were tracked for 24 minutes. Went straight up with one stop. No further data. Sighting lasted 22 seconds.
- Japan, Fukuoka: April 8, 1953, 7:55 pm. Witness: 1st Lt. D.J. Pichon, pilot of USAF F-94B jet interceptor. One bright blue light descended, accelerated, flew parallel to the F-94, increased its speed and blinked out after 45 seconds.
- Japan, north of Hiroshima: March 14, 1953, 11:45 pm. Witnesses: radar and visual observation by 10 crew members of U.S. Navy P2V-5 patrol plane. Groups of 5-10 colored lights, totaling 90-100, slowly moved aft off the left side of the airplane, as detected visually and by airborne radar for 5 minutes.
- New Zealand, New Plymouth: May 18, 1953, 10:30 pm. Witness: C.S. Chapman, 15. One white, fuzzy, flashing light hovered and darted around for 4 minutes.
- Japan, Okinawa, Naha: June 21, 1953, 7 pm. Witnesses: Nine Japanese and Okinawan weather observers. One unidentified light moved slowly for 20 minutes. No further data in files.
- USA, Arizona, Tucson: April 15, 1953, 5:45 pm. Witness: S/Sgt. V.A. Locey. Three orange lights were seen for 3 minutes, 30 seconds.

- USA, Arizona, Yuma: Feb. 4, 1953, 1:50 pm. Witness: U.S. Weather Bureau observer Stanley Brown, using a theodolite. One white, oblong object was tracked flying straight up, leveling off and being joined by a second, similar, object. The second twice flew away and returned to the first. After 5 minutes, both were lost to sight behind clouds.
- USA, California, Corona: Jan. 28, 1953, 6:05 pm. Witness: USAF T/Sgt. George Beyer. Five 25' green spheres flew in V-formation, then changed to trail formation at which time the end objects turned red. Sighting lasted 12 minutes.
- USA, California, Pt. Mugu: Jan. 28, 1953, 1 pm. Witness: R.W. Love, owner of Love Diving Co., engaged in retrieving radio-controlled drones. An 18-20' white, flat disc flew straight and level, overhead, for 6 minutes.
- USA, California, near Castle AFB: Aug. 20, 1953, 9:05 pm. Witnesses: crew of TB-29 bomber/trainer plane. One grayish oval object made four passes at the airplane (three times at 10-20 miles distance), then dived vertically as if two objects.
- USA, California, El Cajon: Dec. 24, 1953, 8:04 am. Witnesses: U.S. Navy Lts. J.B. Howard and L.D. Linhard, flying F9F-2 jet fighters. Ten silver, oval objects flew at more than 400 kts. (450 m.p.h.), straight and level, for 5 minutes.
- USA, California, Marysville: Dec. 28, 1953, 11:55 am. Witness: Yuba County Airport Manager Dick Brandt. One saucer, with a brilliant blue light, reflecting on a nearby building, hovered briefly during the 1.5 minute observation.
- USA, California, Pittsburg-Stockton: Feb. 20, 1953. Two sightings: #1 time unknown; #2, 10:30 pm. Witnesses: USAF B-25 bomber pilots. #1 was a bright yellow light seen for 8 minutes. #2 was a bright light which flew on a collision course, dimmed and climbed away fast.
- USA, California, Sonoma Jan. 10, 1953, 3:45 pm. or 4 pm. Witnesses: retired Col. Robert McNab, and Mr. Hunter of the Federal Security Agency. One flat object, like a pinhead, made three 360' right turns in 9 seconds, made abrupt 90' turns to the right and left, stopped, accelerated to original speed and finally flew out of sight vertically after 60-75 seconds.
- USA, Georgia, Albany: Jan. 28, 1953, no time given. Witnesses: radar maintenance personnel. Radar tracked one stationary target for 20 minutes. A visual sighting about the same time was explained. No further information in the files.
- USA, Louisiana, Shreveport: Feb. 27, 1953, 11:58 am. Witness: USAF airman/private pilot. Five yellow discs made circular turns, fluttered, three of them vanished, the other two flew erratic square turns for a total of 4 minutes.
- USA, Michigan, Port Austin: Feb. 17, 1953, 10:04 pm. Witnesses: two officers and three airmen of USAF AC&W squadron, visually and by radar. Visual object appeared to larger and brighter than a star and changed color; it was seen to move slowly for 5 minutes until 10:09 p.m. Radar picked up a target at 10:08 p.m. moving in a similar direction for 17 minutes, at similar speed.

- USA, Mississippi, Greenville: Aug. 27, 1953, 9:45 pm. Witnesses: USAF pilot, M/Sgt., others, all on the ground. One meandering light was observed for 50 minutes. No further details in file.
- USA, Montana, Craig: Jan. 1, 1953, 8:45 pm. Witnesses: Warner Anderson and two women. A silver, saucer-shaped object with a red glowing bottom, flew low over a river and then climbed fast in a horizontal attitude. Ten second sighting.
- USA, New Mexico, Mt. Taylor: March 27, 1953, 7:25 pm. Witness: pilot of USAF F-86 jet fighter at 600 kts. (700 mph). One bright orange circle flew at 800 kts. (900 mph), and executed three fast rolls. Pilot chased object for 4 minutes.
- USA, New Jersey, Hackettstown: March 11, 1953, 4 am. Witness: Mrs. Nina Cook, an experienced private pilot and wife of a Pan Am flight engineer. A large light, blinking at 10-15 times per minute, moved up and down along a mountain range.
- USA, New York, Elmira: March 21, 1953, 3:05 pm. Witness: Ground Observer Corps observation post. Six discs in a group flew high and fast for a few seconds.
- USA, Texas, Amarillo: Aug. 3, 1953, 12:04 pm. Witness: Airport control tower chief C.S. Brown. One round and reflective or translucent object flew straight, stopped for 7 seconds, sped along, stopped again, was joined by a similar object and they flew off in different directions, after a total of 56 minutes.
- USA, Texas, San Antonio: March 25, 1953, 3:05 pm. Witnesses: USAF Capt. and Mrs. D.E. Cox. Several lights, some of which moved straight, others which made 360° turns for 1.5 hours.
- USA, Texas, San Antonio: May 27, 1953, 8:30 pm. Witnesses: many unidentified civilians, including Jacobson. Nine separate meandering lights were seen during 15 minute sighting.
- USA, Texas, Sherman: Feb. 24, 1953, 7:43 pm. Witnesses: Warrant Officer and Mrs. Alden. Two bright red, round objects with big halos flew in small circles, climbed and faded during a 3-7 second sighting.
- USA, Washington, Larson AFB: Jan. 8, 1953, 7:15 am. Witnesses: men from the 82nd Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, including the squadron commander; all were on the ground. One green, disc-shaped or round object flew southwest for 15 minutes, with a vertically bobbing motion and sideways movements, below clouds.
- USA, Wisconsin, Spooner: March 29, 1953, 3:45 pm. Witness: L.C. Gillette. One aluminum, circular object flew high and fast, twice reversing its course. Note: Mr. Gillette saw a similar object in 1938. Fifteen second sighting.

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