

Historical Sightings

1954 Project Blue Book Unknowns

- Azores, Santa Maria: Sept. 21, 1954, 9:45 pm. Witness: airport guard. One 10'x5' light metallic blue, pecan-shaped object with a clear glass or plastic nose having a door, and with poles or aerials on the nose. Humming or whining, it hovered, landed vertically, 50' away. A blond man, 5' 10" tall appeared, spoke in a strange language, patted the guard on the shoulder, got in the object, hooked up his harness, pushed a button, took off with the object's nose pointed up, then leveled off and climbed vertically. Sighting lasted 2-3 minutes.
- Azores, Terciera Islands: Oct. 29, 1954, 9 pm. Witnesses: four Portuguese nationals. One object, shaped like a stovepipe with a center bulge and short wings (10' long, 3' in diameter, 3' wings) having concave wingtips, and grey colored. Made a gargling sound when hovering, then disappeared in the glare of airplane landing lights. Sighting lasted 4-5 minutes.
- Greenland, Prince Christian: Aug. 29, 1954, 11:05 am. Witnesses: 1st Officer H.G. Gardner, engineer J.V.D. Whitisy, flying Royal Dutch Airlines DC-4 (PH-DBZ). Three or four dark, lens-shaped objects veered north and changed position in formation during the 10 minute sighting.
- Japan, Kimpo Air Base: Sept. 18, 1954, 5:55 am. Witnesses: two control tower operators, a weather forecaster and a weather observer. One round object, like polished aluminum, flew straight and level for 11-13 minutes.
- Japan, Miho Air Base: Oct. 28, 1954, 5:32 pm. Witnesses: USAF pilots Lt. Col. O.C. Cook and Lt. J.W. Brown, on ground using 7x50 binoculars. One brilliant white, round-oval object climbed in front of clouds, brightened, turned 90 to the north. Seen for 45 seconds.
- Japan, Okinawa, Yoron Jima: Aug. 11, 1954, 8:55 pm. Witness: P.L. Percharde, electrical engineer and assistant manager of Moeller Shipwrecker Co., of Okinawa. A line of blue lights, underneath a blue circle with a black center. Flew over ship and climbed, illuminating and agitating the clouds.
- Iceland, Egilstadir: Aug. 24, 1954, 8:30 pm. Witness: one unnamed farmer. A cylinder, 2-2.5' long, 4-5' in diameter, made a loud whizzing sound, flew straight and level fast, then slow, then fell into sandbar.
- French Morocco. Nouasseur: March 5, 1954, 8 pm. Witnesses: crews of USAF KC-97 aerial tanker planes. One object or light made passes at KC-97s, the other flew straight and level. Sighting duration unknown.
- French Morocco, Nouasseur: March 12, 1954, 9:35 am. Witness: USAF 1st Lt. Robert Johnson, flying an F-86 jet fighter. He chased an object at more than 530 mph for 30

seconds, but was unable to catch it. It appeared to be the size of a fighter plane but had neither tanks nor trails.

- French Morocco, Nouasseur: Oct. 13, 1954, 10:05 am. Witness: weather observer, following a balloon with his theodolite. One round, flat, silver object flew straight and level for 30 seconds.
- Philippine Islands, Manilla: Nov. 28, 1954, 10:50 am. Witness: one anonymous medical doctor. One flat-bottomed, domed object (65-70' across, 18-20' high), bright orange with yellow discs attached and an exhaust trail. Flew north, stopped, reversed its course during 4 minute sighting.
- South Africa, Cape Province: Dec. 7, 1954, 1:15 pm. Witness: weather officer, using a theodolite. One white, semi-circular, flat object with a dome flew from west to east, then turned north. Sighting lasted 7 minutes.
- USA, California, Barstow: Sept. 21, 1954, 1 am. Witnesses: two local policemen, four U.S. Marine Corps police, one highway patrolman. One red-orange ball giving off sparks, and a smaller light, made a zigzag descent and then hovered. Total of 20 minutes.
- USA, California, Elsinore: May 10, 1954, 12:40 pm. Witness: US Marine Corps Squadron Leader D.R. Higgin, flying an F3D-2 jet fighter. One dark gunmetal delta-shaped object, 22' long and 10' wide, with a fin on the top, descended at a 25-30' angle under the lead airplane of a formation, and over the airplane of Higgin. Sighting lasted a few seconds.
- USA, California, Los Angeles: July 30, 1954, 10:15 am. Witness: Hughes Aircraft test pilots Englert and Peterson, flying a B-25 bomber. One metallic, pencil-shaped object flew slowly or hovered for an unstated length of time.
- USA, Florida, Miami Beach: June 22, 1954, 9 pm. Witnesses: US Marine Corps Maj. E. Buchser and Maj. J.V. Wilkins. One meteor-like object descended, stopped, and became extremely bright. Sighting lasted 7 minutes.
- USA, Georgia, Athens: April 26, 1954, 7:35 pm. Witnesses: C. Cartey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hopkins and their daughter. Fifteen to twenty yellow objects in a V-formation, flew from south to north for 10 seconds.
- USA, Illinois, Chicago: April 8, 1954, 4:30 pm. Witness: Lelah Stoker. One white round-topped disc, with a humanoid suspended beneath it, skimmed over the water, landed, and an occupant in a green suit walked around. It then took off very, very fast. Sighting lasted 30 minutes.
- USA, Indiana, LaPorte: May 22, 1954, 9:15 pm. Witnesses: highway engineer R.W. Dring, engineer Geert Tibma. One bright light made a shallow climb for 45 seconds.

- USA, Maine, Augusta: Nov. 15, 1954, 4:40 pm. Witness: N. Gallant, manager of radio station WFAV. Ten gold, circular objects flew in vertical V-formation, straight and level for 3 minutes.
- USA, Maine, Hartland: April 24, 1954, 6:10 pm. Witness: D. Robinson. One large, silver, oblong object with a dome and a flashing light flew straight and level and then straight up. Total of 15 minutes under observation.
- USA, Maine, Pittsfield: April 23, 1954, 9:30 am. Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Robinson. One silver dollar-shaped object with a dome and a flashing light made a sound like a swarm of bees. It hovered and tilted, flew horizontally, then rose vertically without tilting. Stones underneath it moved. Four minute sighting.
- USA, Maine, Rangeley: Jan. 28, 1954m, 10:00-10:15 am. Witness: Wilhelm Reich. Two bright lights moved into valley, and were seen against the mountain background, for 15 minutes.
- USA, Massachusetts, Danvers: June 24, 1954, 12:45 pm. Witness: R.B. Tomer, director of commercial engineering for CBS-Hytron. One white, elliptical-shaped object covered 45' of sky in 30 seconds.
- USA, Massachusetts, Dorchester: Aug. 27, 1954, 1 pm. Witness: E.A. Srazdes. Seven large, white, teardrop-shaped objects turned blue. Flew in line formation and increased speed during the 2 minute sighting.
- USA, Massachusetts, Newburyport: Feb. 26, 1954, 2:30 pm. Witnesses: architect R.M. Pierce, marine engineer George Avery and one other person. One silver disc, with a white trail, made a loud roar for 30-60 seconds.
- USA, Minnesota, from 400 miles south to Minneapolis: June 1, 1954, 9 pm. Witnesses: crew of USAF B-47 jet bomber at 34,000' altitude. One object with running lights flew at 24-44,000' altitude for 1 hour.
- USA, Mississippi, Gulfport: Dec. 3, 1954, 12:12 pm. Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Mellen. One translucent grey, round, flat object rotated on its vertical axis at high r.p.m. for 30 seconds.
- USA, Missouri, Butler: Sept. 4, 1954, 3 am. Witness: J. Faltemeier, CAA communications specialist. Twenty-thirty lights, as if on a string, flew straight and level for 1.5 minutes.
- USA, Missouri, Butler: Sept. 5, 1954, 12:23 am. Witness: J. Faltemeier, CAA communications specialist. One silver or white object with a slightly swept-back leading edge and a following exhaust, flew straight and level, then veered southwest to south after 30 seconds.
- USA, Missouri, Marshfield: Sept. 22, 1954, 9 am. Witnesses: private pilot J.N. Williams, E.J. Ash. A thin, translucent tan asymmetrical boomerang-shaped object

revolved, then tumbled down behind some trees. Marks were found in the dirt. Sighting lasted 15 minutes.

- USA, Missouri, Normandy: July 18, 1954, 8:40 pm. Witness: A.T. Chamblin. One greenish-white disc was seen for 30 minutes.
- USA, New Hampshire, Concord: May 31, 1954, 10:15 am. Witness: Mrs. L.K. Stevens. One very white, elongated object flew very, very fast, and then blinked out after 8-10 seconds.
- USA, Ohio, Indian Lake: June 25, 1954, 5:05 pm. Witnesses: experienced private pilot John Mark, flying Navion light plane; radar at Dayton, Ohio airport, tracked very fast target at same location. One silver or aluminum round object with a flat bottom, raised front edge, inverted cone on top, and a diameter of about 60'. Flew horizontally, hovered, made a high-G pull up and then a steep climb into an overcast sky. Sighting lasted 3-5 minutes.
- USA, Ohio, Westlake: Aug. 2, 1954, 5:17 pm. Witness: ex-AAF B-17 gunner (19 missions) N.E. Schroeder. One thin, bright ellipse, like polished metal, hovered for 5-8 seconds, dropped down 3,000' in 3 seconds, hovered again and faded out after a total of 20 seconds in view.
- USA, Oklahoma, Kingfisher: Oct. 15, 16 and 17, 1954, 8:45 pm. Fifty objects with illuminated bottoms were seen flying in a V-formation, very fast, on successive nights. Only data is on summary card.
- USA, Orego, Corvallis Nov. 19, 1954, 4:15 pm. Witness: P.J. Gunn, assistant professor of art at Oregon State University, and ex-U.S. Navy aviation cadet. One bright white light hovered 8.5-9 minutes, then crossed 20 of sky in 3 to 3.5 minutes.
- USA, Pennsylvania, vicinity of Harrisburg: March 2, 1954, 10 pm. Witness: research engineer R.C. Swengel. Three objects, each with two lights, flew straight and level at medium speed for an unknown length of time.
- USA, Tennessee, Gatlinburg: Sept. 23, 1954, 9:45 am. Witness: Dave Owenby. Two bright silver, wheel-shaped objects flew from north to south in trail for 2 minutes.
- USA, Texas, Estacado: June 10, 1954, 9:09 pm. Witness: USAF pilot Capt. Bill McDonald, in flight. One white light descended at 45° from great altitude, passed under his aircraft, made two 360° turns and went out after 30 seconds.
- USA, Texas, San Antonio: Aug 6, 1954, 6 pm. Witness: mechanical engineer L.H. Horner. One intensely white elliptical light changed to yellow, then orange, then pink, four or five times while flying straight and level for 5 minutes.
- USA, Texas, San Marcos: Aug. 15, 1954, 10:20 pm. Witnesses: USAF Maj. W.J. Davis, Capt. R.D. Sauers, flying a C-47 transport plane. One dark blue oblong object paced the C-47, veered away, then crossed in front of it. Five minute sighting.

- USA, Texas, Texarkana: June 8, 1954. 1 am or 2:30 am (file not clear). Witness: L.T. Prewitt, employee of Red River Arsenal. One golden yellow light flew over his house, making a “shhh” or buzzing sound for 2 minutes. Also, 9:09 p.m. Witness: USAF pilot.
- USA, Virginia, Danville: Aug. 26, 1954, 6:15 am. Witness: Rev. W.L. Shelton. Two domed ellipses, 20’ long, 8’ thick, 10’ at ends; glowing silver or orange. Hovered, then climbed side-by-side while getting brighter. Observed for 2 minutes.
- USA, Washington, DC. May 11, 1954, 10:45 pm. Witnesses: three USAF air policemen at Washington National Airport. Two bright lights were seen on three occasions to fly straight and level, make 90’ turns and fade. Each sighting lasted about 45 seconds.

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