

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

High thin cirrus clouds overhead at sunset drifting from NW to SE. Light wind from W.

Seeing is poor, sky is steady, stars are fat circles.

NGC 3636 9:55 PM 134x (19mm)- 2 small galaxies near each other with bright field star between them and to right. 3636 is a small, round dim glow with a tiny, bright stellar nucleus. 3637 is larger and round glow with tiny bright stellar nucleus in center. Both easy to see. 3636 above and to above left and nearer to field star and 3637 to lower left and a bit farther away. Nice pair.

NGC 3672 10:01 PM 134x (19mm)- Nice, larger oval glow. Maybe linear in shape. Pretty uniformly lit. Maybe central bulge with drawn out ends. Pretty dim. Best seen with AV.

NGC 3732 10:07 PM 134x (19mm)- Small, round easy to see glow. Has larger brighter core with small amount of halo around it.

Seeing is improving with stars more like pinpoints now.

NGC 3892 10:17 PM 134x (19mm)- Round dim glow with a larger nucleus area that is mottled. Most of what can be seen is nucleus.

NGC 3887 10:24 PM 134x (19mm)- Larger, round, maybe flattened oval, dim, uniformly lit glow of light.

NGC 5084 10:42 PM 134x (19mm)- Long, linear cigar shape. Easy to see. Seeing soft in the south. Has brighter, larger nucleus with hint of a halo glow around it.

NGC 5134 10:45 PM 134x (19mm)- Oval in shape. Dim. w/AV see a hare brighter, large nucleus.

NGC 5068 10:49 PM 134x (19mm)- Large, very dim round uniformly lit glow.

NGC 5087 10:49 PM 134x (19mm)- Small, round easy to see. Has larger, brighter nucleus glow with hint of a circular halo around it.

NGC 5018 10:55 PM 134x (19mm)- Small, bright, easy to see round glow with brighter, small compact core. Large amount of halo surrounds this nucleus glow.

NGC 5037 11:04 PM 134x (19mm)- Long linear sliver of light. Uniformly lit.

NGC 5044	11:04 PM	134x (19mm)- Round, brighter glow with small, brighter, almost stellar nucleus seen with AV.
NGC 4984	11:08 PM	134x (19mm)- Oval in shape. Most of it is a very dim halo glow, with small, brighter nucleus. w/AV there is a stellar point on a small, nucleus glow.
NGC 4902	11:18 PM	134x (19mm)- Small, round, dim easy to see uniformly lit glow.
NGC 5077	11:47 PM	134x (19mm)- Small, elongated oval with tiny, almost stellar brighter nucleus. Halo seen around this tiny core.

Seeing is soft in the south.

NGC 5595 NGC 5597	00:00 AM	134x (19mm)- 5595 is a very dim, round glow. Its small. Hint of a hare brighter nucleus area. To its right is 5597, a bit dimmer and smaller than 5595 and is uniformly lit.
NGC 5605	00:07 AM	134x (19mm)- Very dim, round smudge of light. Limit of what can be seen tonight. Sky is soft in the south and can barely see it now.
NGC 5728	00:12 AM	134x (19mm)- Very dim, long linear smudge of light. Is basically up and down in FOV. At bottom part of glow are 2 very tiny stars on glow. Best seen w/AV. Pretty uniformly lit.
NGC 5426 NGC 5427	00:18 AM	134x (19mm)- 5426 is a dim, long oval, pretty uniformly lit with hint of hare brighter core area. Right next to it on right is a smaller, bit dimmer galaxy. Its more elongated and is perpendicular to 5426. In between them is a very faint field star.
NGC 5493	00:23 AM	134x (19mm)- Small, round, bright stellar core surrounded evenly by tiny halo. Looks more like a planetary nebula than a galaxy.
NGC 5506	00:28 AM	134x (19mm)- Small, flattened oval with bright, tiny core in center of halo glow.
NGC 5507	00:28 AM	134x (19mm)- A long, linear smudge of light, uniformly lit and almost parallel to 5506. In same FOV. Is a bit dimmer than 5506.

NGC 5861 00:36 AM 134x (19mm)- A large, dim oval glow. Hint of mottling present, but very subtle. For most part, its uniformly lit.

NGC 5812 00:40 AM 134x (19mm)- Small, round easy to see. Large bright core surrounded by a tiny bit of very dim halo.

Sky is OK. 48 degrees. Light wind from NW.

NGC 5750 1:16 AM 134x (19mm)- Small, round glow. Mottling seen on glow. Pretty uniformly lit and then dims quickly at edge.

NGC 5813 1:21 AM 134x (19mm)- Nice, bright and round. Larger nucleus glow with tiny bit of dimmer halo around it.

NGC 5806 1:21 AM 134x (19mm)- In same FOV with 5813. This is a flattened oval, uniformly lit and dim. Nucleus is mostly what can be seen and dims quickly at edges.

NGC 5831 1:25 AM 134x (19mm)- Small, round. A larger, bright nucleus with very bright star like center is surrounded by a tiny bit of halo.

NGC 5838 1:30 AM 134x (19mm)- Nice. A large, tilted oval with nice, bright large core that dims slowly into halo which fills approx ¼ FOV. Nice and large and easy to see.

NGC 5854 1:32 AM 134x (19mm)- Nice edge on linear shaped. Large bright core in middle of cigar and dims quickly on each side into an extended halo area.

NGC 5850 1:36 AM 134x (19mm)- Small, dim round glow with tiny core, a bit brighter than halo and also a tiny stellar dot on this core seen right in the middle.

NGC 5846 1:36 AM 134x (19mm)- This is a bit larger and more round than 5850. Uniformly lit.

NGC 5864 1:42 AM 134x (19mm)- A small, dim, oval cigar shaped galaxy. The core is brighter than halo and is most of what can be seen and dims quickly into halo arms.

NGC 5775 1:48 AM 134x (19mm)- Nice edge on. Linear. Slender. Pretty uniformly lit with maybe a hint of a dust lane bisecting center of glow.

NGC 5668	1:54 AM	134x (19mm)- A medium sized, round, uniformly lit glow. A tiny bright field star is at bottom edge of halo glow.
NGC 5638	1:56 AM	134x (19mm)- A small, round galaxy. Most of what is seen is a brighter, mottled core surrounded by a tiny bit of dim halo.
NGC 5970	2:01 AM	134x (19mm)- A small, oval galaxy with brighter core that dims evenly to edges of halo.
NGC 6070	2:10 AM	134x (19mm)- A larger, tilted oval. Pretty uniformly lit. Dim.
NGC 6106	2:32 AM	134x (19mm)- A medium sized, round, very dim glow.
NGC 5878	2:52 Am	134x (19mm)- A nice, edge on tilted oval with fatter middle, slightly brighter nucleus. But overall, its dim.

Its 44 degrees. Sky is OK yet still a bit soft. Nice time on my birthday.