

COMET HUMASON

September 5, 1962.

Difficult to see in 7 x 50's. Approx. mag. est. 8.0.

September 6, 1962.

Still harder to see in 7 x 50's.

September 7, 1962

Not easy in 8" f8 reflector at 63x.

September 18, 1962. 21:45 EST

It was very faint -- a dim roughly circular patch, barely distinguishable from the background sky. I estimated its brightness at a full magnitude fainter than the globular cluster M55, which was about 6° west and 2° north of the Comet. Its position seemed to be: RA 19h 58m, Dec -32° 40'. It seems to be much fainter than predicted.

September 19, 1962.

Comet Humason spotted with 4" reflector. It is very faint --- more so than in the 8" last night. Tonight is much clearer than last night, M55 being just visible in 7 x 50 binoculars.

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