

COMET ALCOCK, 1963 b.

April 4, 1963, a.m. E.S.T. 01:15 E.S.T.

There was no sign of the new comet in the 7x50's or in my 4½" f11.3 reflector which I later dug out of the basement. Finally I brought out just the tubeto the 8" reflector, and leaning it against a chair, I managed to glimpse the comet & pinpoint it so that I could see it in the 4½". I still could not see it in the binoculars although stars of 7½ magnitude were faintly visible. In the 8", no tail was visible & no pronounced stellar nucleus.

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