

## OBJECTS COMMONLY REPORTED AS UAP

While AARO receives a wide range of reports, many of which remain unsolved due to insufficient data, some common objects/causes reported as UAP include

- Airborne clutter
- Commercial or scientific balloons
- Commercial or military aircraft
- Unmanned aerial vehicles
- Space launches
- Satellites
- Celestial objects



Image of a Starlink 4-34 launch



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## ABOUT AARO

The All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) is leading the U.S. Government's efforts to detect, track, and analyze Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) using a rigorous scientific framework and a data-driven approach.

## UAP

UAP are sources of anomalous detections in one or more domains (i.e., airborne, seaborne, spaceborne, and/or transmedium) that are not yet attributable to known actors and that demonstrate behaviors that are not readily understood by sensors or observers.

“Anomalous detections” include, but are not limited to, phenomena that demonstrate apparent capabilities or material that exceed known state-of-the-art capabilities.

A UAP may consist of one or more unidentified anomalous objects and may persist over an extended period of time.

- UAP result primarily from domain-awareness gaps.
- UAP potentially represent advanced capabilities operating in our domain-awareness gaps.

## MISSION, VISION & FUNCTION

AARO emerged from congressional and U.S. Government recognition that UAP present possible hazards and threats across service, regional, and domain boundaries.

### MISSION:

Minimize technical and intelligence surprise by synchronizing scientific, intelligence and operational detection, identification, attribution, and mitigation of UAP in the vicinity of national security areas.

### VISION:

UAP are effectively and efficiently detected, tracked, analyzed, and managed by way of normalized DoD, IC, and civil business practices; by adherence to the highest scientific and intelligence-tradecraft standards; and with transparency and shared awareness.

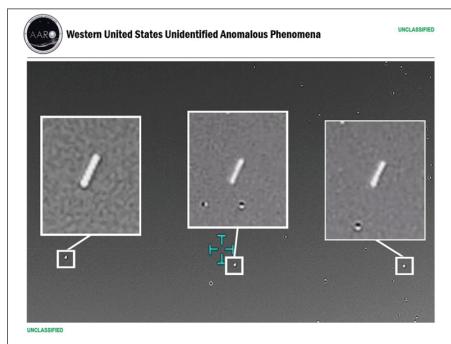


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## CURRENT OPERATIONAL UAP REPORTING

- Military and DoD civilian personnel should report through their command or service in accordance with GENADMIN Joint Staff J3 Washington DC 191452ZMAY23 “Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena Reporting and Material Disposition.”
- Civilian pilots are encouraged to promptly report UAP sightings to air traffic control. AARO receives UAP-related Pilot Reports from the Federal Aviation Administration.

## OTHER REPORTS TO AARO

AARO is accepting reports of U.S. Government programs or activities related to UAP from current or former U.S. Government employees, service members, or contractor personnel with direct knowledge. These reports will be used to inform AARO’s congressionally directed Historical Record Report.

A reporting form is available at [www.aaro.mil](http://www.aaro.mil). The form is intended as an initial point of contact with AARO; it is not intended for conveying potentially sensitive or classified information. Following the submission of your report, AARO staff may reach out to request additional detail or arrange for an informational interview.