

Two asteroids passed close to Earth Wednesday

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These are not the two asteroids that passed by Earth on Wednesday -- but is an illustration of a binary asteroid. Credit: ESO/L. Calçada

Earth got a double dose of close asteroid flybys on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. Two newly discovered small asteroids both passed within the distance of the Moon.

[2011 GW9](#) (10 meters wide) came within half the distance to the [Moon](#),

about 192,000 km 12:53 a.m. EDT and [2011 GP28](#) (6 meters wide) came within 77,000 km (.2 LD) at 3:36 p.m. EDT.

Spaceweather.com said the size of these asteroids are two to three times smaller than the Tunguska impactor of 1908, and assured there was no danger of a collision with Earth.

Source: [Universe Today](#)

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