

# Meteor lights up sky over Georgia, Alabama

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NASA officials say brilliant lights in the sky and loud booms reported in Alabama and Georgia came from a meteor that streaked across the South.

Officials at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., say a baseball-size fragment of a comet entered Earth's atmosphere above Alabama at 8:18 p.m. CDT Monday.

NASA officials say the meteor traveled at a speed of 76,000 mph. They say just three seconds after hitting the atmosphere, it disintegrated 25 miles above the central Alabama town of Woodstock, producing a flash of light.

NASA spokeswoman Janet Anderson says that because it penetrated so deep into Earth's atmosphere, [eyewitnesses](#) heard [sonic booms](#).

Music fans at a Mumford & Sons concert in Pelham, Ala., Monday night also reported seeing a flash of light.

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