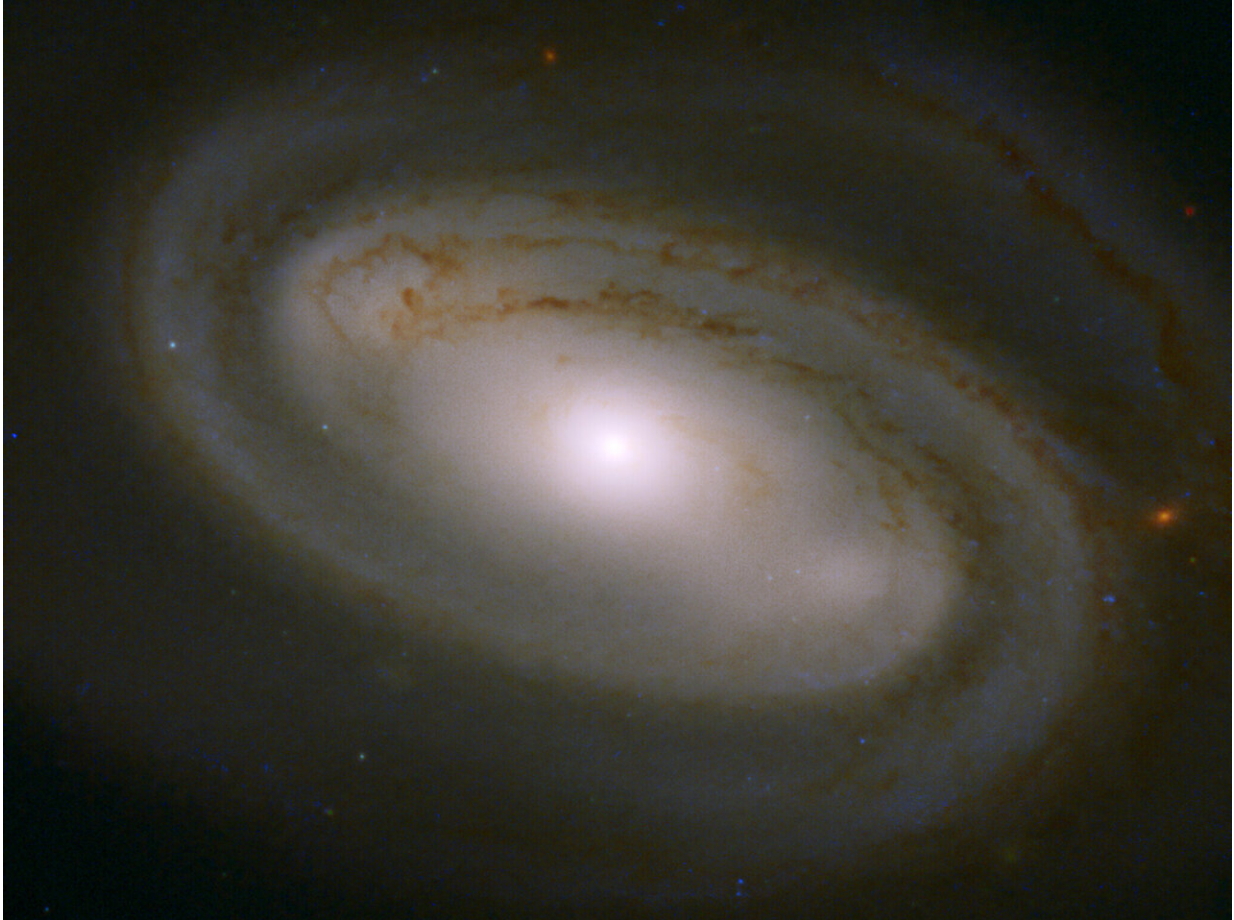


Image: Hubble grabs a stellar latte

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Far away in the Ursa Major constellation is a swirling galaxy that would not look out of place on a coffee made by a starry-eyed barista. NGC 3895 is a barred spiral galaxy that was first spotted by William Herschel

in 1790 and was later observed by the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope.

Hubble's orbit high above Earth's distorting atmosphere allows astronomers to make the [high-resolution observations](#) that are essential to opening new windows on planets, stars and galaxies—such as this beautiful view of NGC 3895.

The telescope is positioned approximately 340 miles above the ground, where it whirls around Earth at over 17,000 miles per hour and takes 95 minutes to complete one orbit.

Provided by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

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