

Small, harmless asteroid burns up in Earth's atmosphere over the Philippines

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In this photo grabbed from a video, a space rock dubbed 2024 RW1 is seen over Progressive village, Gonzaga, Cagayan province, Philippines, early Thursday September 5, 2024. Credit: Allan G. Madelar via AP

A small asteroid discovered on Wednesday harmlessly burned up in

Earth's atmosphere the same day, NASA said.

The asteroid—about 3 feet (1 meter) across—was spotted by astronomers in Arizona and broke apart over the coast of the Philippines hours after the discovery.

This [space rock](#), dubbed 2024 RW1, is only the ninth to have been spotted before its impact. Asteroids around this size hurtle toward Earth about every two weeks without posing any danger.

The asteroid was discovered through the Catalina Sky Survey, which is run by the University of Arizona and funded by NASA.



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