

Space station commander captures unprecedented view of comet Lovejoy

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ISS030-E-014406 (21 Dec. 2011) --- Comet Lovejoy is visible near Earth's horizon in this nighttime image photographed by NASA astronaut Dan Burbank, Expedition 30 commander, onboard the International Space Station on Dec. 21, 2011.

(PhysOrg.com) -- International Space Station Commander Dan Burbank captured spectacular imagery of Comet Lovejoy, viewed from about 240 miles above the Earth's horizon on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Today Burbank described seeing the comet as "the most amazing thing I have ever seen in space," in an interview with WDIV-TV in Detroit. Burbank took hundreds of still images of the comet.

The images also were processed into a time-lapse video that will air on NASA TV at 4 p.m. CST.

Provided by JPL/NASA

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