

# Small Asteroid Gives Earth a Close Shave, Third in Two Days

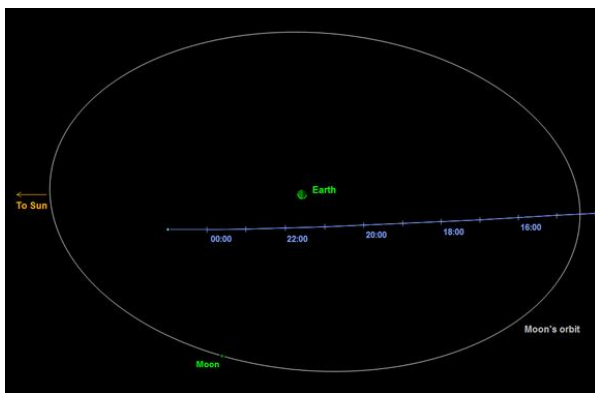
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*Note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.*

A tiny space rock barely missed Earth today (March 6) in the third of back-to-back-to-back asteroid flybys over the past 24 hours, coming six times closer than the orbit of the moon.

The 25-foot-wide (8 meters) [asteroid 2014 EC](#) came within 38,300 miles (61,600 kilometers) of our planet at 4:21 p.m. ET (2121 GMT) today, NASA officials said. For comparison, the moon orbits Earth at an average distance of 239,000 miles (385,000 km).

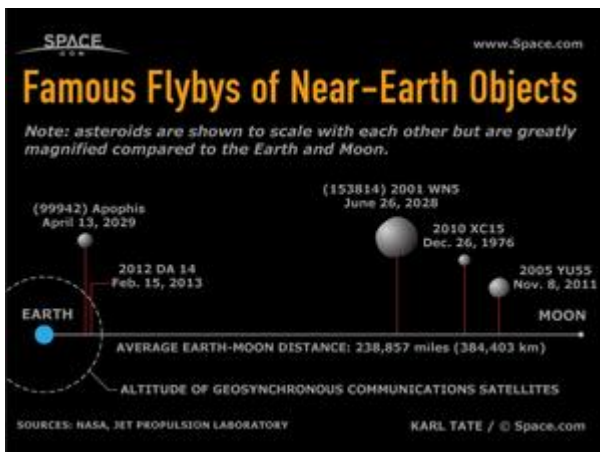
"This is not an unusual event," Paul Chodas, a senior scientist in the Near-Earth Object Program Office at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., said in a statement. "Objects of this size pass this close to the Earth several times every year."



This graphic depicts the passage of asteroid 2014 EC past Earth on March 6, 2014. The asteroid's closest approach is a distance equivalent to about one-sixth of the distance between Earth and the moon. The indicated times are in Universal Time.

Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

But today's close encounter was special in one sense — it came just one day after two other space-rock flybys. On Wednesday afternoon (March 5), the 100-foot-wide (30 m) [asteroid 2014 DX110](#) zipped within 217,000 miles (350,000 km) of Earth.



Credit: By Karl Tate, Infographics Artist

"A third asteroid, 2014 EF, which is closer in size to today's 2014 EC, passed Earth at about 7 p.m. PST (10 p.m. EST) Wednesday, with closest approach about twice as far from Earth as 2014 EC's closest approach," NASA officials wrote ...

*Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: This article states that it is normal to have small asteroids come near the earth, but somewhat surprising to have three in two days.*

Scientists were also surprised when Russia was blind-sided by the Chelyabinsk meteor on February 15, 2013, the same day that the much larger meteor 367943 Duende, also known as 2012 DA, passed within 28,000 miles of earth. Three other smaller meteors also entered earth's atmosphere and were visible between February 15 and 17,

2013, in Deerfield Beach, Florida and San Francisco, California ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L\\_132\\_ckF5Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_132_ckF5Y)).

Scientists have concluded that the Chelyabinsk meteor had no relation to the Duende meteor because their orbits were so different. They also concluded that it was just a coincidence that they both were so close to the earth (one actually hitting) on the same day. The other smaller meteors that put on a show the following two days were also considered to be coincidences.

*As this article now relates, we now have three more “coincidences.” Is there an alternate explanation for the origin of comets, asteroids, and related meteors that would conclude that these events are not coincidence and instead are expected, even in the future?*

*As strange as it may seem, all evidence we have pertaining to asteroids, comets, and meteors supports Dr. Brown’s theory that these bodies originated from the earth. (You can Google on “origin of asteroids” and find Dr. Brown’s theory as the first hit (at [creationsscience.com](http://www.creationsscience.com))). You can read the chapters on asteroids and comets from Dr. Brown’s book on line at:*

*<http://www.creationsscience.com/onlinebook/Asteroids.html> and <http://www.creationsscience.com/onlinebook/Comets.html>.)*

*Dr. Brown theorizes that before and during the global flood of Genesis 6, the subterranean water (water under the crust) steadily increased in temperature and pressure until the crust ruptured. The now supercritical water and associated rock debris jettisoned out of the rupture at velocities that allowed some material to escape from earth’s gravity. He goes on to explain how some of this material (water and rock debris) became comets and some formed into asteroids and meteors.*

*As debris jettisoned from the earth, many rocks would have had identical velocities but greatly varying angles of trajectories. Assuming that rocks with the same velocity would experience similar deep space gravity pulls from other objects (or no pull at all), they would return to the same location in space at about the same time but from varying directions. If Dr. Brown is correct, these rocks are returning to earth after being launched during the flood of Noah, God’s first global judgment. Therefore, these meteor clusters are not unexpected.*

*Governments and scientists are becoming increasingly concerned about the potential for a comet, asteroid, or meteor out in space “with our name on it.” I believe their concerns are valid based on an understanding of how they were formed and what the Bible predicts about events in the last days. For example, in Revelation 6, the Apostle John speaks of so many rocks falling upon the earth that people will hide in caves for protection.*

*Biblical prophecies about Messiah’s first coming were 100 percent accurately and completely fulfilled in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Recently, we have seen the fulfillment of amazing prophecies about the rebirth of the nation of Israel and other events. A thoughtful and wise person would logically conclude that the remaining prophecies dealing with the future “last days” will also come true.*

*For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. [2 Peter 3:5-9 NKJV]*

*Some view as God unloving because He will one day judge the evil in our world. But would a loving judge let criminals go unpunished? Of course not. God’s perfect justice is an expression of His perfect love. Heaven would not be heaven if God allowed entry to those who hate Him and His laws. How tragic it will be when most of the world’s inhabitants actually receive what they want and justly deserve – separation from God, eternally, in hell.*

*Each one of us deserves to be separated from God forever. No one is good enough to stand in God’s holy presence on the basis of their own righteousness. But God loved us so much that He sent Jesus into the world to take the punishment we deserve so that we could be forgiven of our sins, receive Jesus’ righteousness, and enjoy everlasting life. This salvation becomes ours when – and only when – we put*

*our trust solely in Jesus' saving grace. I pray that you, the reader, has already repented of your rebellion against the holy and loving God of the Bible and has embraced Jesus as your Savior and Lord. If you have not, **today** is the day of salvation. Time is short. Jesus is coming again. Are you ready? Contact us if you want to talk to someone about believing in Jesus.*

*To read this article in its entirety, go to:*

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