

Is It a Bird? Is It a Plane?

When a new alien movie hits the big screen, reports of alien activity often increase. A new book on aliens can have the same effect. Many of these reported sightings happen at night, or when the person is driving along a deserted road.

During World War II, many British and American pilots said they saw bright shining balls near their aircraft. They called them 'foo fighters', after a comic that was popular then.

Between 1947 and 1969, the United States Air Force studied 12,618 UFO sightings in 'Project Blue Book'. They discovered that only 701 of



This photo of a Japanese fighter plane, taken in 1945, is said to show two 'foo fighters' in the distance.

the sightings were really unidentified. The rest were explained as aircraft and satellites, weather balloons, the planets Venus or Jupiter, meteors, or unusual clouds. Some were also put down to very good imaginations!

Alien File 1

Date
Name
Location
The Claim

30 November 1989
Linda Napolitano, housewife
New York City, United States
Linda Napolitano said that she was asleep in her 12th floor apartment when aliens came to visit her.



She said she floated out of her apartment and up into the alien spaceship. There she was examined medically by the aliens, who then returned her home safely. At least three other people claimed they saw Napolitano being taken by the aliens.

Alien File 2

Date
Name
Location
The Claim

5 November 1975
Travis Walton, logger
Arizona, United States
Travis Walton said that he saw a flying saucer hovering above the road.



He approached it but was knocked backwards by a blue-green beam of light. Then he was abducted by aliens. Five days later he was returned—thin and unshaven. Doctors hypnotised him to see if they could find out where he had been! Under hypnosis, Travis said he had seen short aliens with large heads and eyes.