Sightings of fiery streak across S. Calif. sky

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Southern Californians from Santa Barbara to San Diego have reported seeing a fireball that forecasters said was most likely a meteor streaking across the sky.

The National Weather Service says the sightings reported starting at about 8 p.m. Wednesday night are most likely associated with the South Taurids (TOHR-ids) meteor shower that has been especially active in early November. Astronomers say the Taurids don't bring big numbers of visible meteors but a high percentage of extremely bright ones that look like fireballs.

Twitter lit up with reports of the sightings, though few if any were able to capture the streak on photo or video.

Comedian Eli Braden tweeted that he "just saw an absolutely INSANE meteor in the sky above Glendale, CA ... Either that or the alien invasion has begun."

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