



Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition

To Celebrate, Promote and Protect Dark Skies

Dark Sky Moment – September 2020

On September evenings, clouds in space hold building blocks of the Universe. On mid-summer evenings the Milky Way arches overhead, a faintly glowing path blotchy with clouds of stars too numerous to count and... dark shadowy patches? These dark patches and lanes are caused by clouds of very fine dust between the stars, blotting out the light from the more distant stars behind. This dust is formed in the hot atmospheres of stars and in supernova explosions. It is the stuff of which the Earth and our very bodies are made!

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