

Vagabonding Green Comet Grows Brighter After Close Pass by the Sun

Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) is headed back out to deep space, but it will pass by Earth on the way in just a few weeks.

The dramatic object was discovered in March by the Zwicky Transient Facility, aka ZTF, in Southern California. It'd been speeding in the direction of the sun up until Jan. 12 when it reached perihelion, or its closest pass by the sun, before beginning a long journey back to the Oort Cloud on the edge of the solar system.

According to Joe Rao from Space.com and New York's Hayden Planetarium, it won't return for roughly 50,000 years.

This makes January and February prime time to try to see it for yourself, perhaps even without the need of a telescope, if it continues to shine ever brighter.

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