

The star of the show this week was the sun! Not only did we get to see a great partial solar eclipse this morning (Friday 20th March 2015), we also had a couple of nights of fantastic Aurora display! Tuesday night being one of the best for a good few years!



## Solar Eclipse:

We had been told for the last few days by the local weathermen, not to expect to be able to see the eclipse as there would be too much cloud cover! For most of N.Ireland, it seems they were correct, but thankfully not for us! Our event was held at Belfast Zoo and started at 8.20am. When we arrived the sun was totally covered by the cloud but we had high hopes that would change soon and we were correct! At approx. 8.40am the sun broke through the clouds and there was a scurry of activity as everyone put on their solar glasses, which we had supplied for free. Our telescopes, 7 in total, were aligned, focused and off we went.





Photo of high altitude in the sky by NASA/ESA and ESA/ESA





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Wendell Smith and Jennifer Smith of the local radio station WJLA-TV were on hand to report on the eclipse and to help the public see it.



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