

Your goals:

- Record the night sky at **60 fps**
 - Detect **satellites, meteors, and anomalies**
 - Stay **under \$150** total if possible
 - Use hardware that works with your existing code (OpenCV-compatible)
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COMPLETE “TO BUY” LIST (with explanations)



1. Main Computer — Raspberry Pi 4 (4 GB)

- **Purpose:** Runs your detection code, processes frames, and can stream video.
- **Why:** The 4 GB version handles 60 fps camera input + OpenCV smoothly.
- **Price:** \approx \$60–70
- **Example:** Raspberry Pi 4 Model B (4 GB)



You don't need another PC. This one device will record, analyze, and stream.



2. Camera — Raspberry Pi Camera Module 3 Wide NoIR

- **Purpose:** Captures low-light video (night sky).
- **Why:** “NoIR” version removes the infrared filter, so it sees more light at night; “Wide” lens gives a big sky field.
- **Specs:** 12 MP Sony IMX708 sensor, up to 100 fps (at lower resolutions), manual exposure.
- **Price:** \approx \$35–40

- **Example:** Camera Module 3 Wide NoIR
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3. Power Supply — Official Raspberry Pi 4 Power Adapter (5 V 3 A, USB-C)

- **Purpose:** Stable power, avoids reboots under high CPU load.
 - **Price:** ≈ \$10
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4. MicroSD Card — 64 GB (Class 10 / A1)

- **Purpose:** Stores the OS, code, and captured frames.
 - **Recommendation:** SanDisk Ultra 64 GB A1 microSDXC
 - **Price:** ≈ \$10
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5. Tripod or Mount

- **Purpose:** Aim the camera at the sky and keep it stable.
 - **Recommendation:** Small table tripod or camera clamp.
 - **Price:** ≈ \$10
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6. Protective Case or Weatherproof Enclosure (Optional)

- **Purpose:** Keeps electronics safe outdoors.
- **Options:**
 - Acrylic dome case for Pi + Camera (DIY)

- IP65 plastic box with a clear window
- **Price:** ≈ \$10–15


7. HDMI Cable + Monitor (optional)

- **Purpose:** For first-time setup; afterward you can SSH remotely.
- **Price:** \$0 – \$10 (you might already have one)

8. (Optional Add-ons for Advanced Features)

Item	Purpose	Est. Price
USB GPS dongle	Tag detections with coordinates/time	~\$15
External SSD (or large USB stick)	Extra video storage	~\$20
IR-pass filter (1 ¼")	Improve contrast under city lights	~\$8

Estimated Total Cost

Item	Cost (USD)
Raspberry Pi 4 (4 GB)	\$65
Camera Module 3 Wide NoIR	\$40
Power Supply	\$10
microSD Card	\$10
Tripod / Mount	\$10
Optional enclosure	\$10
TOTAL	≈ \$135–145 USD 



Quick Summary of What You'll Get

Feature	Result
Frame rate	60 fps @ 720p
Night sensitivity	Excellent (NoIR + manual exposure)
Field of view	~102° diagonal (wide lens)
Processing	Runs OpenCV/YOLO locally on the Pi
Expandability	Can stream RTSP or send detection data to cloud

1. Raspberry Pi 4 (4GB)

- **Purpose:** Acts as the main computer for running the camera, video analysis, and streaming.
- **Option 1:** [Raspberry Pi 4 Model B \(4GB\)](#) – €78.05 at Mouser Spain
- **Option 2:** [Raspberry Pi 4 Model B \(4GB\)](#) – €47.30 at Mouser Spain

2. Raspberry Pi Camera Module 3 NoIR Wide

- **Purpose:** Captures high-quality night-time footage with a wide field of view.
- **Option 1:** [Raspberry Pi Camera Module 3 NoIR Wide](#) – €46.75 at RaspberryPi.dk
- **Option 2:** [Arducam 12MP IMX708 Autofocus Wide Angle Camera Module 3 NoIR](#) – €16.50 at DigiKey Spain

3. Power Supply (5V 3A USB-C)

- **Purpose:** Provides stable power to the Raspberry Pi 4.
- **Option 1:** [Raspberry Pi Official USB-C Power Supply](#) – €12.83 at PcComponentes
- **Option 2:** [5V 3A USB Type C Adapter for Raspberry Pi 4 Model B](#) – €4.55 at BEEP

4. microSD Card (64GB, Class 10/A1)

- **Purpose:** Stores the operating system, code, and captured data.
- **Option 1:** [SanDisk Ultra UHS MicroSDXC Memory Card](#) – €13.95 at Fnac
- **Option 2:** [Samsung EVO Select 64GB microSD Card](#) – €10.69 at Amazon.es

5. Tripod or Mount

- **Purpose:** Stabilizes the camera for clear, shake-free footage.
- **Option 1:** [Manfrotto Element MII Aluminium Tripod](#) – €109.00 at Amazon.es
- **Option 2:** [192cm Trípode Cámara Compacto con Cabeza Esférica](#) – €31.34 at K&F Concept

6. Protective Case for Camera

- **Purpose:** Protects the camera module from dust and physical damage.
- **Option 1:** [sb Components Raspberry Pi Camera Case](#) – €5.35 at Amazon.es
- **Option 2:** [Arducam Camera Enclosure Case](#) – €5.35 at Amazon.es