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Artist's visualization of Sedna

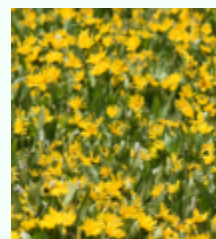
**Sedna** is a [trans-Neptunian object](#) with the [minor-planet number](#) 90377. It was discovered on November 14, 2003, by the astronomers [Michael Brown](#), [Chad Trujillo](#), and [David Rabinowitz](#). As of 2023, Sedna is 84 [astronomical units](#) (AU) from the [Sun](#), which is almost three times the distance between [Neptune](#) and the Sun. Sedna's [orbit](#) is an [ellipse](#) and its [aphelion](#) is approximately 937 AU (140 billion km). For most of its orbital period, Sedna is farther from the Sun than any known [dwarf planet candidate](#) of its size. Sedna is one of the reddest objects in the [Solar System](#). It is mostly composed of frozen water, [methane](#), and [nitrogen](#) with [tholins](#).

It may have formed within the same [open cluster](#) where the Sun was born as some astronomers suggest that Sedna is a celestial body captured by the Sun from another star system. Brown considers Sedna to be the most important trans-Neptunian object ever discovered, because its unusual orbit may yield information about the origin and early evolution of the Solar System. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that the [FBS](#) college football player [Tre Harris](#) set his school's single-game record for most



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**November 14:** [World Diabetes Day](#); [Dobruja Day](#) in Romania

- **1680** – German astronomer [Gottfried Kirch](#) discovered the [Great Comet of 1680](#) (pictured), the first [comet](#) to be discovered by telescope.
- **1941** – [World War II](#): German troops, aided by local auxiliaries, murdered nine thousand residents of the [Ślonim Ghetto](#) in a single day.
- **1960** – [Ruby Bridges](#) and the [McDonogh Three](#) became the first black children to attend an all-white elementary school in Louisiana as part of the [New Orleans school desegregation crisis](#).
- **1991** – [Croatian War of Independence](#): Croatian naval commandos attacked the Yugoslav patrol boat [Mukos](#), starting the [Battle of the Dalmatian Channels](#).
- **2015** – [A train derailed](#) in [Eckwersheim](#), France, while performing trials on the high-speed rail line [LGV Est](#).



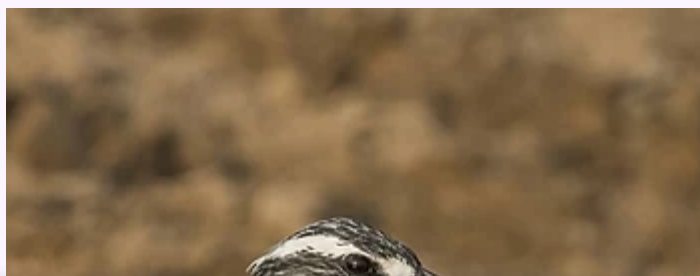
Great Comet of 1680 over Rotterdam

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- **Reference desk** – Ask research questions about encyclopedic topics.
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