

# Russian Astronomer Discovers Comet

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Russian astronomer Leonid Yelenin has discovered his third comet, Gazeta.ru reported Monday.

News of the comet was published on the website of the Minor Planet Center, which is part of the International Astronomical Union. The comet is currently located at a distance of about 0.877 astronomical units from Earth, and about 1.837 astronomical units from the sun. One astronomical unit is the average distance from Earth to the sun, about 149,600,000 kilometers.

The comet's orbit indicates that it will probably not get any closer to Earth, the report said. Yelenin gained fame in 2010 after becoming the first Russian to discover a comet in 20 years.

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