

Technical Observation Report: UAP Cluster Sighting (1999)
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Date of Event: April–May 1999 (Approx. 13:00–14:30 AEST)
Location: Cressy Road, North Ryde, Sydney, NSW, Australia

1. Witness Profiles

- * Primary Observer: Steve S. Massey. Professional background in telescopic observations, astronomical imaging, and authorship.
- * Secondary Observer: Ellen Schumann (Visitor from Holland).
- * Corroborating Party: Ron, brother of Primary Observer (contemporaneous report recipient).

2. Object Characteristics

- * Quantity: Four (4) distinct units.
- * Morphology: Ovoid / Ellipsoid (non-winged, no visible control surfaces).
- * Surface: Highly reflective, metallic appearance; specular highlights from direct sunlight.
- * Apparent Size: Indeterminate due to lack of reference objects, though clearly visible to the naked eye at high altitude.
- * Luminosity: Passive reflection (Albedo consistent with polished metal).

3. Observational Data & Environment

- * Sky Conditions: Clear, "Sydney Blue" sky; presence of light high-altitude cirrus clouds.
- * Atmospheric "Seeing": Objects exhibited slight edge-softening/haze, indicating significant slant range and high-altitude placement within the troposphere.
- * Acoustics: Total silence; no internal combustion, turbine, or rotor noise detected despite suburban ambient levels.

4. Flight Dynamics & Manoeuvres

- * Initial State: "Diamond Formation" cluster; apparent hovering/station-keeping.
- * Transition: Controlled dispersal from a central point.
- * Vectors: * Two (2) objects departed on a Southbound trajectory (toward Sydney CBD).
 - * One (1) object departed on an Eastbound trajectory.
 - * One (1) object departed on a Northbound trajectory.
- * Acceleration: Gradual increase from drift to "moderate traveling speed" (comparable to light aircraft).
- * Duration: Approximately 3 to 5 minutes of visual tracking before objects moved out of sight/disappeared.

5. Observer's Conclusion

As a highly experienced daytime and night-time telescopic observer, the Primary Observer concludes that the objects did not conform to any known 1999-era technology (e.g., weather balloons, formation skydiving, or conventional aircraft). The simultaneous multi-vector dispersal and silent propulsion remain the primary anomalies.

6. Observer comments and supporting graphic



Above: Best effort, simulated graphic (AI generated) approximating the sky conditions, object shapes, appearance and positions relative to one another prior to moving apart.

Primary witness comments:

"We witnesses 4 metallic ovoid objects grouped together and seemingly quite high up. There was an apparent, hovering motion to them. The sky was perfectly clear blue with high cirrus cloud and the bright sun was reflecting off their shiny metallic surfaces. The day was calm...light breeze. We observed them for about 3 to 5 minutes or so (too long ago to recall now).

The group then started to disperse. Two headed off to the south (top and right UAP), the lower one in the image headed to the east and the left object to the north. They didn't shoot off at high-speed just a moderate traveling speed like a small fast plane would move. They simply then disappeared from view.

As a highly experienced night sky and daytime sky telescopic observer, I feel well qualified to know what is what in our skies. These were like nothing I'd encountered first hand before.

I recall well my deep sense of disappointment (at myself) at the time not having my optical zoom camcorder on hand to capture and study closer

Further, I somehow regret now, my own personal fear of potential ridicule by colleagues and also the numerous opportunities to tell the media what I had seen during many radio interviews and subsequent questions from the public that I did over the years. Therefore I have published this sighting for the record and hope that it may provide some vindication to the recent rise of similar sightings by others world-wide.

Perhaps, like other credible eye-witness accounts, this will be classed in the "lack of proof UAP / UFO sighting" category, however, it was real and this is my hand on heart testimony."

Steve S Massey - March 2026