

COMET HUMASON

August 29, 1962.

Comet hard to pick up in 7 x 50's and 4" reflector. It seems to be fading instead of getting brighter. Maybe this is caused by its southerly direction. Tonight it seemed about 7.0 mag. I could not definitely see any tail although I sometimes seemed to glimpse a very faint extension behind the nucleus.

August 30, 1962.

Comet Humason was barely visible in 7 x 50's and 4" reflector, and no tail could be noticed. There was some ground haze tonight.

September 1, 1962. 21:50 EST

Could easily be seen and its tail seen about $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ long. A very clear night.

September 3, 1962. 01:30 EST

Very difficult to see using 7 x 50's and 4" reflector. Could not see any tail.

September 3, 1962. 21:40 EST

Very hard to find tonight, even though I knew exactly where to look (7 x 50's and 4" refl.). To me the comet seems definitely fainter -- much dimmer than the predicted 6.3 mag.

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