2026 OzSky "Classic" Star Safari

The New Generation of Smart Telescopes

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The modern fleet of smart telescopes ignore light pollution, are very portable, and are controlled with a smartphone app. They produce astonishing images from urban back yards that would have been considered “impossible” a decade ago.

Dwarf Labs Dwarf 3

Vaonis Vespera 2

Vaonis Vesprea Pro

ZWO Seestar

Unistellar Eqinox 2

Celestron Origin

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As amazing as these new telescopes are, there is a catch....no eyepiece.

These only produce photos on an IOS or Android phone or tablet.

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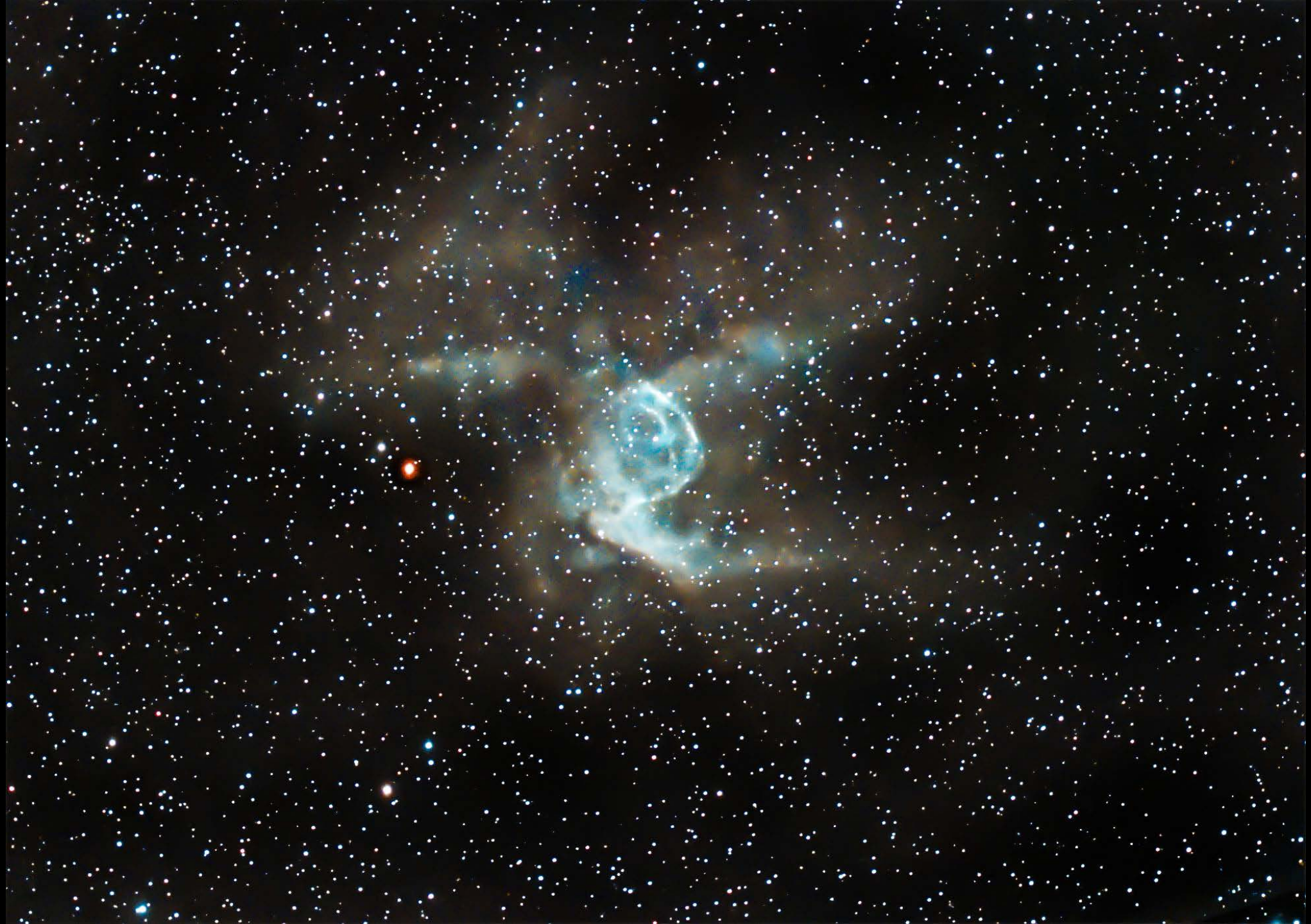
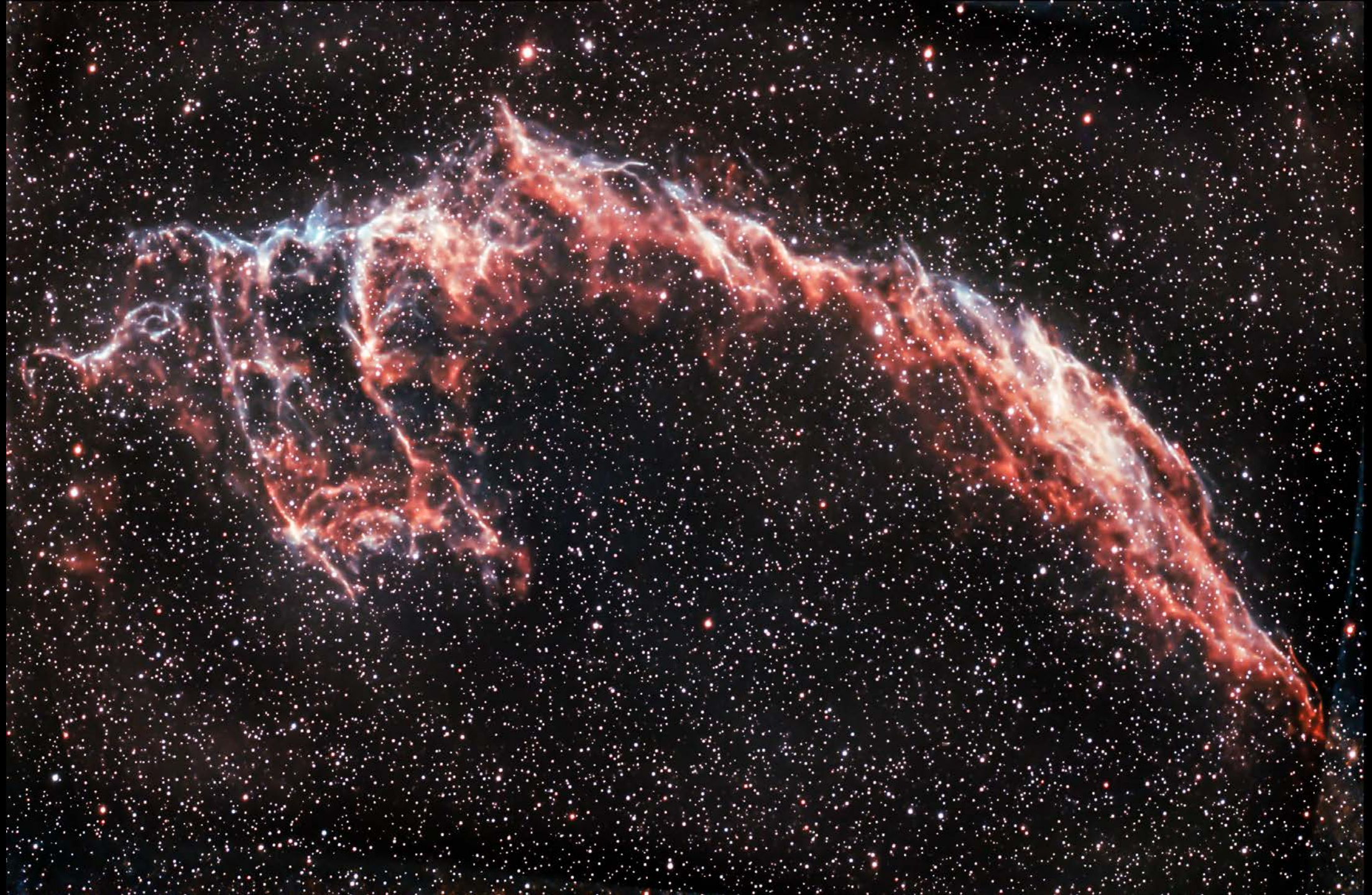
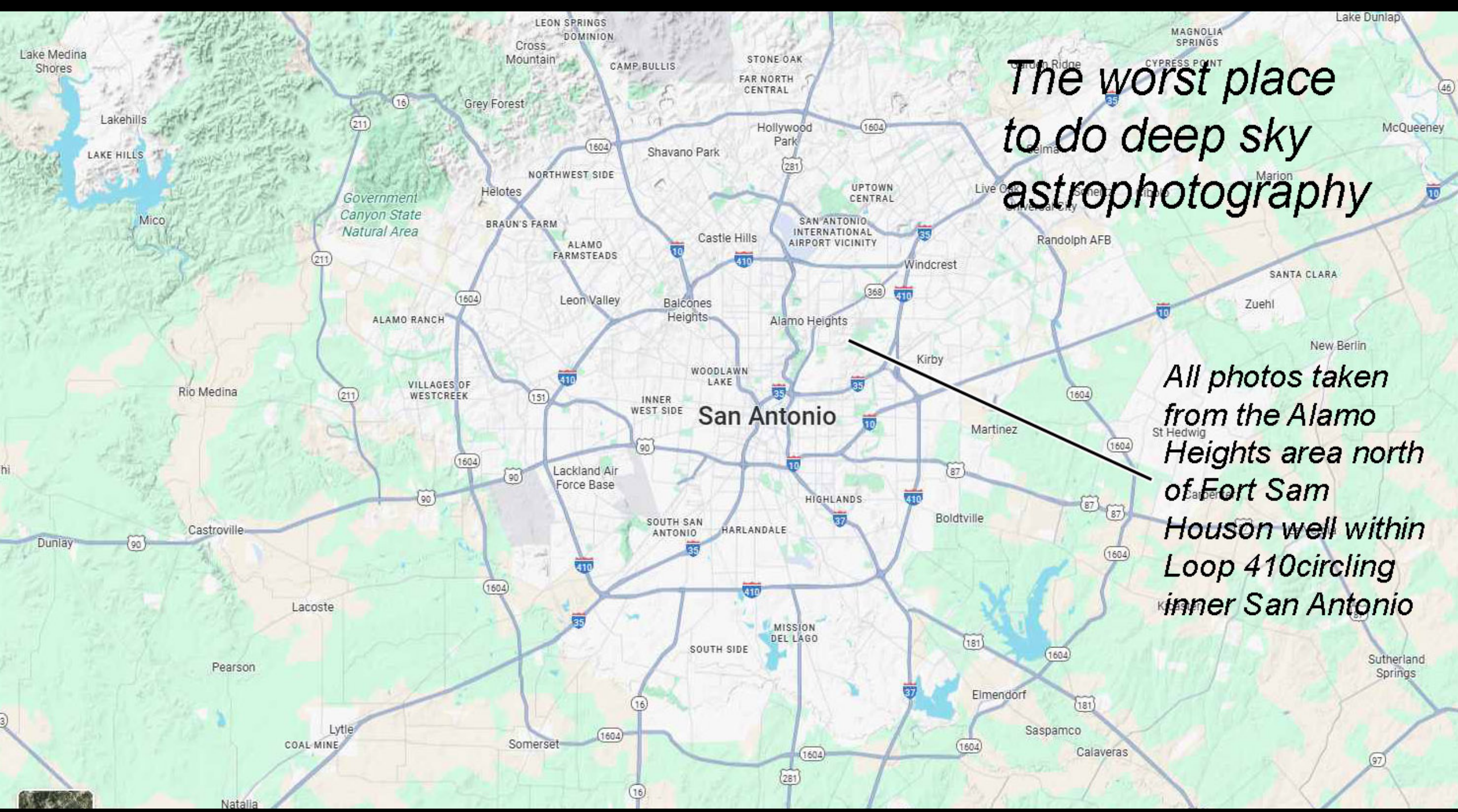
	Seestar 30 Seestar 50	$399 (Amazon) $575 (Amazon)	EQ	1.65 Kg 2.5 Kg	30mm f/5 50mm f/5	150mm fl 250mm fl	1.2 x 2.13 deg 0.7 x 1.7 deg
	Dwarf 3	$549 (Dwarf)	EQ	1.8 Kg	30mm f/5	150mm fl	1.7 x 2.9 deg
	Vespera 2	$1690 (Vaonis)		5 Kg	50mm f/5	250mm f/	1.4 x 2.5 deg
	Unistellar Equinox 2	$2799 (B&H)		7 Kg	114mm f/4	450mm fl	34.2 x 45.6 arc sec
	Vespera Pro	$2990 (Vaonis)		16.7 Kg	50mm f/5	250mm fl	1.6 x 1.6 deg
	Celestron Origin	$3999 (Celestron)	EQ	12.5 Kg	152mm f/2/2	335mm fl	0.85 x 1.27 deg

	Seestar 30 Seestar 50	1.2 x 2.13 deg 0.7 x 1.7 deg	IMX 462	1080 x 1920
	Dwarf 3	1.65 x 2.93 deg	IMX 678	2160 x 3840
	Vespera 2	2.1 x 2.5 deg	IMX 585	2160 x 3840
	Unistellar Equinox 2	0.34.2 x 0.45.6 deg	IMX 347	1520 x 2688
	Vespera Pro	1.6 x 1.6 deg	IMX 676	3536 x 3536
	Celestron Origin	0.85 x 1.27 deg	IMX 178LQJ	2000x 3096






The worst place to do deep sky astrophotography
All photos taken from the Alamo Heights area north of Fort Sam Houson well within Loop 410circling inner San Antonio
San Antonio
Lake Medina Shores
Lakehills
LAKE HILLS
Mico
Government Canyon State Natural Area
LEON SPRINGS DOMINION
Cross Mountain
CAMP BULLIS
STONE OAK
FAR NORTH CENTRAL
Grey Forest
Hollywood Park
Shavano Park
NORTHWEST SIDE
Helotes
BRAUN'S FARM
ALAMO FARMSTEADS
Castle Hills
UPTOWN CENTRAL
SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VICINITY
Windcrest
Randolph AFB
MAGNOLIA SPRINGS
CYPRESS POINT
Lake Dunlap
McQueeney
Marion
SANTA CLARA
Zuehl
New Berlin
Kirby
Leon Valley
Balcones Heights
Alamo Heights
ALAMO RANCH
WOODLAWN LAKE
VILLAGES OF WESTCREEK
INNER WEST SIDE
Rio Medina
Martinez
St Hedwig
Lackland Air Force Base
HIGHLANDS
Boldtville
SOUTH SAN ANTONIO
HARLANDALE
Castroville
Dunlay
Lacoste
MISSION DEL LAGO
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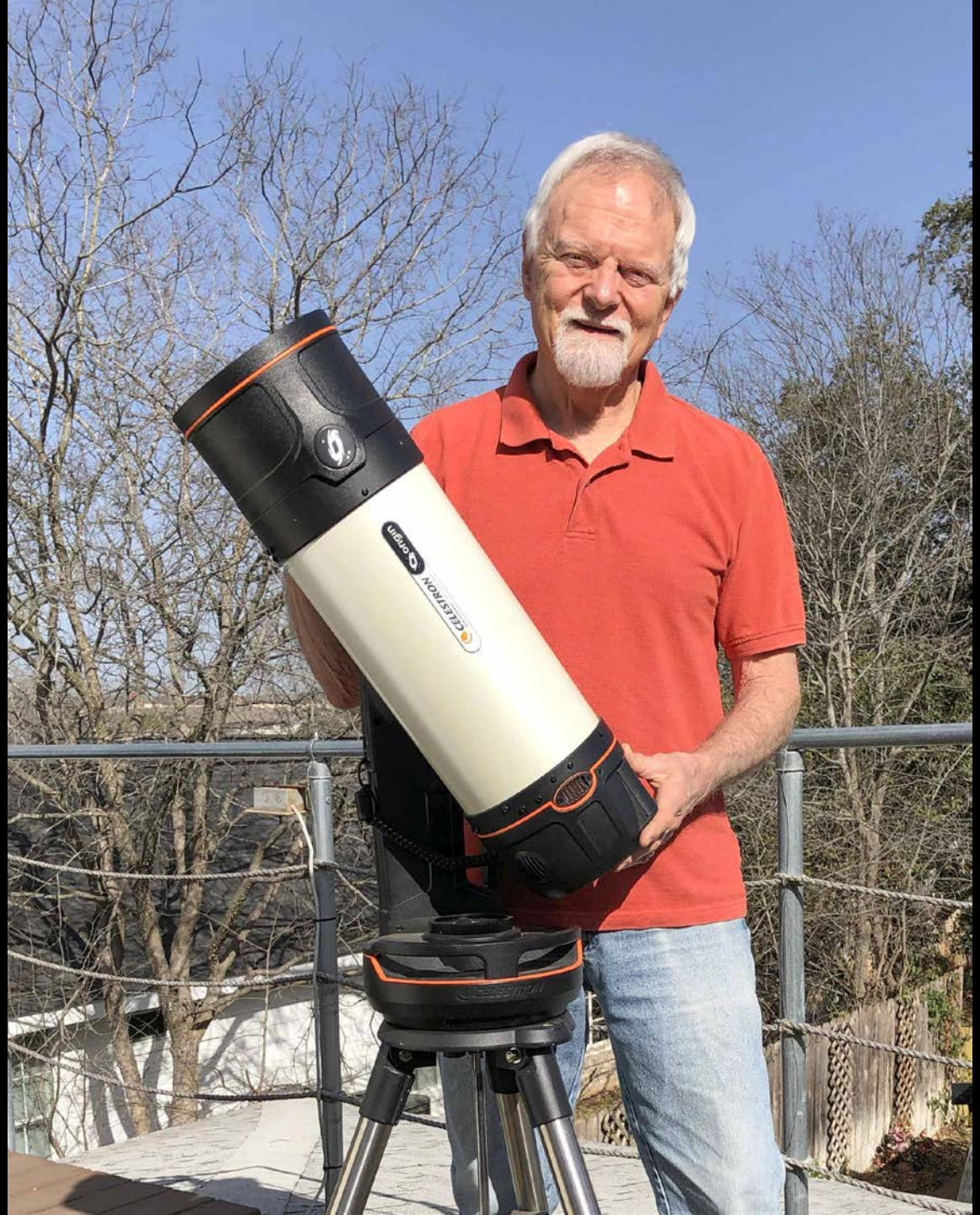
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6" (152mm)
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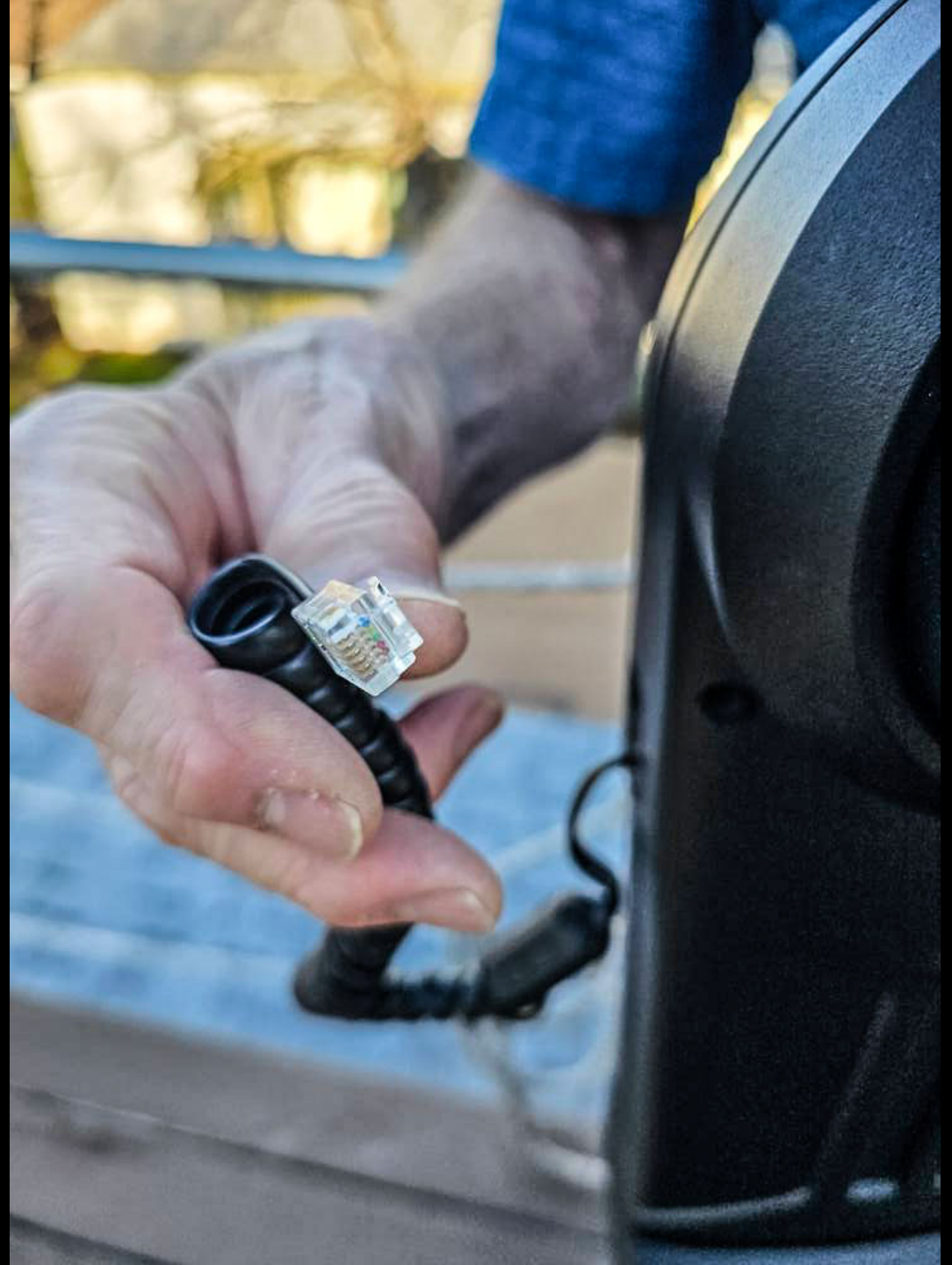

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AUX1
AUX2


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Why the name “Origin”?
Built in WiFi
Released with the Evolution
Dew heater and controller
Released as a separate product
Focus motor
Released as a separate product
Starsense autoalign
Released as a separate product
RASA astrograph
Released as a separate product
But all were originally created for the Origin telescope, thus the name “Origin” for all the above products you enjoy
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origin


M 1


M 7


M 8


M 16


M 17


M 20


M 27


M 31


M 33


M 35


M 41


M 42


M 46


M 51


M 57


M 78


M 86


M 97


M 101


M 104

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- *Smart telescopes provide “dark site” performance from an urban back yard.*
- *Smart telescopes ignore light pollution.*
- *Smart telescopes offer automation previously enjoyed only by professional astronomers with advanced equipment.*
- *Smart telescopes span the range of affordability and performance.*
- *Smart telescopes are incredibly easy to use.*
- *Smart telescopes provide a new level of fun and enjoyment in astronomy.*

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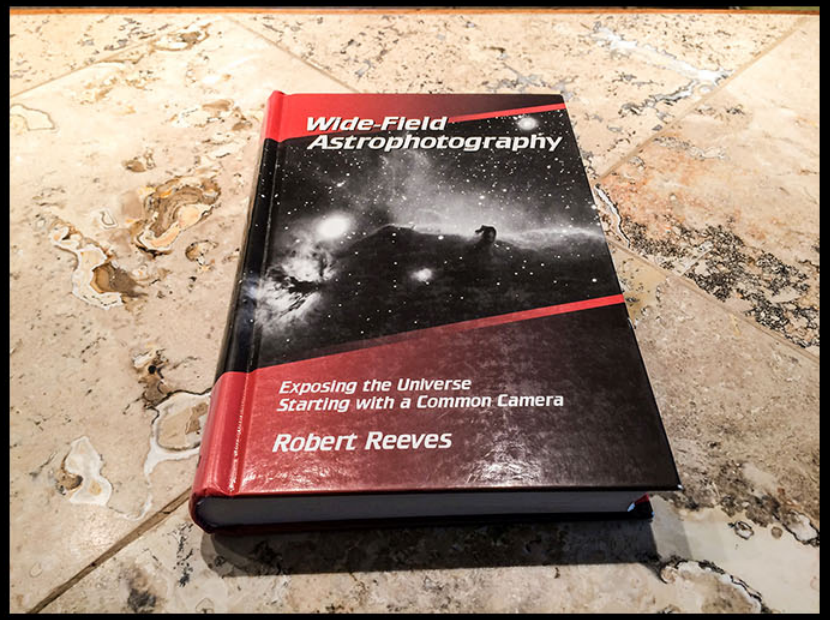
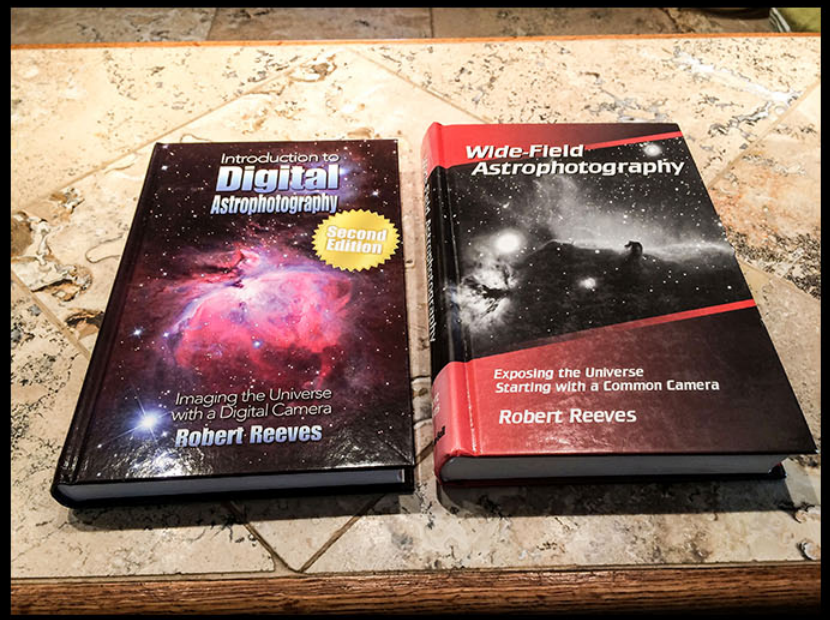


In 2000 I published the book *Wide-Field Astrophotography*.

It was well received, but photo technology soon changed and this was the last book written about film-based astrophotography.



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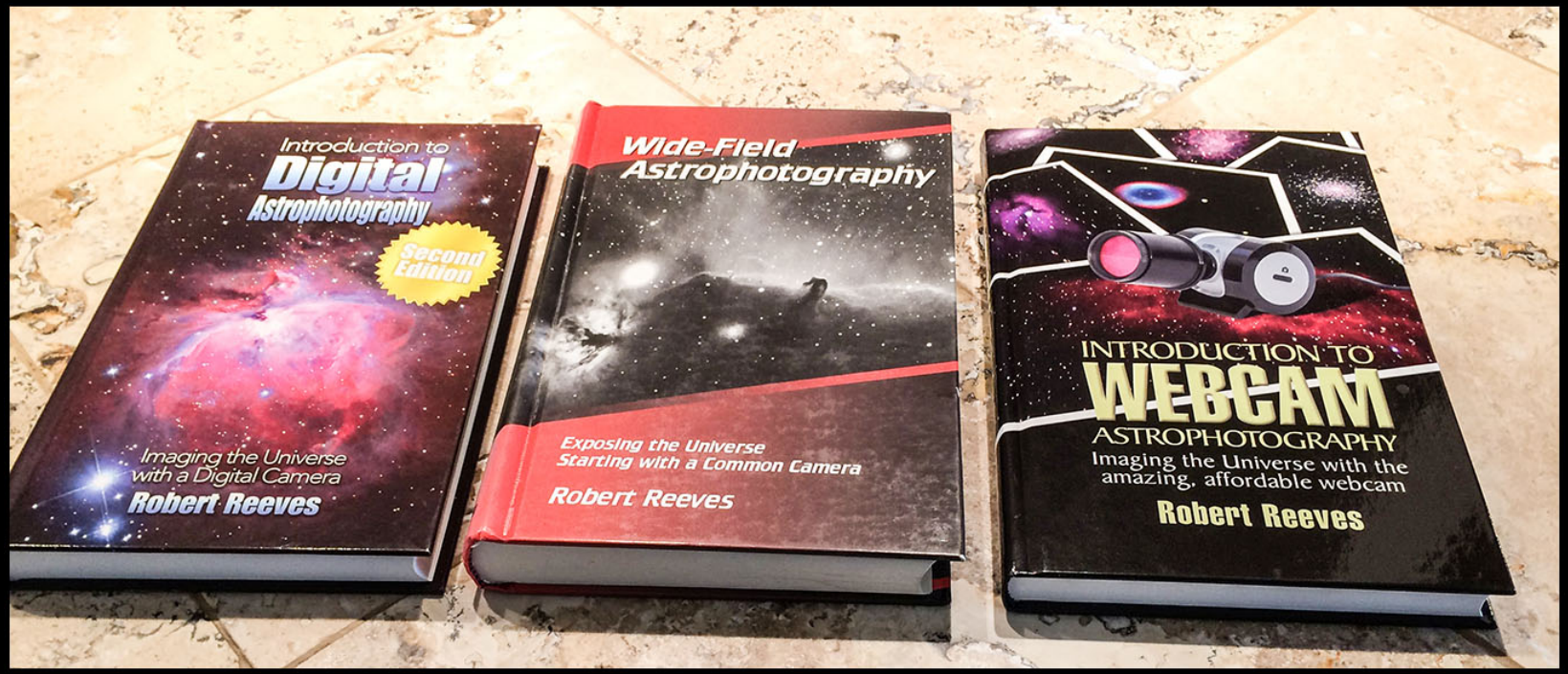

In 2006 I published *Introduction to Webcam Astrophotography.*

The book helped popularize the use of webcam video capture for planetary photography. I like to think it helped launch today's planetary camera industry.