

Unidentifizierbare Flugobjekte über Deutschland und die mutmaßlichen Absichten ihrer Insassen

**Katalog der UFO-Sichtungen Nordwestdeutschlands,
Verhalten und Handlungen der UFO-Insassen
und die interstellare Raumfahrt der UFOs**

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UFO-Sichtungskatalog des nordwestdeutschen Raumes

Sichtungen von UFOs der Klassen A, B und C sowie einiger nicht sicher dem UFO-Phänomen zuzuordnender Lichter, Objekte und Entitäten (776 - 2014)

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„To compile a catalogue is to invite criticism.“

Jacques Vallée¹

„When fraud and nonsense are ruled out, there is still a mass of conflicting data which, like psi, is waiting for some scientist to tie it together with a unifying hypothesis. (...) The theme of the three blind men and the elephant runs through much of ufo-logy. The whole may never be appreciated until all parts are admitted, collated, and put together - this includes much seemingly extraneous odd data, far afield from the unusual flashing lights in the sky. (...) How often occurs the leitmotif familiar to the rest of science, where a researcher starts down one path and then discovers some illuminating material along the byways.“

Berthold E. Schwarz²

Abstract:

UFO Sighting Catalogue of Northwest Germany

This catalogue covers the time period from 776 to 2014 and collects cases from the federal states of Lower Saxony, Bremen, Hamburg, Schleswig-Holstein as well as from parts of North Rhine-Westphalia, Hessen and Saxony-Anhalt and the eastern part of the Netherlands.

The catalogue focuses on cases of the UFO categories A, B and C. Other cases which cannot be easily classified and which may be connected with the UFO phenomenon are also considered. Cases which can be classified as natural phenomena are excluded, as are parapsychological cases that do not seem to be related to the UFO phenomenon.

An exhibition at the Kunstverein Vechta (Lower Saxony) in 2013 formed the starting point of the catalogue. For the exhibition I prepared the first version of the catalogue and map of various UFO sightings in the region. An enhanced version with several additional UFO documents has been exhibited at the Kunstverein Lemgo in 2017. This Lemgo version has been thoroughly checked and extended for this publication. A total of 478 cases have been selected out of several thousand UFO reports from the region.

The aim of this catalogue is to summarise the UFO cases of this region, which are otherwise only available in scattered case collections, and to provide a better overview of the data situation as well as a solidly researched basis for further research. The individual cases are arranged chronologically and marked geographically on a map.

Due to the impossibility of examining cases from the past in more detail and due to missing details in other cases, the present collection contains reports of differing levels of detail and quality (e.g. UFO sightings, encounters with strange entities, animal mutilations, missing time episodes). The decision in favour of this broad framework is based on the consideration that, given our current state of knowledge, important information and connecting lines could be lost or not become visible if the boundaries are too narrow. For it is still not conclusively clarified what the extent of the phenomenon is and which individual phenomena are caused by the 'UFO intelligence'. Perhaps our current knowledge of the UFO phenomenon is not only incomplete, but also based on false premises.

This approach leads to compatibility problems. The information situation and terminology differ greatly from case to case. With this catalogue I have therefore tried to find a compromise between strictly following the form schema of the table and the inclusion of cases that do not fit the schema.

I have limited the data to fit into the general form schema of the catalogue, whenever this was possible without an omission of crucial information. Here I have tried to maintain the consistency of the presentation.

The same goes for the careful handling of all available source information. With regard to the credibility of the witness, the SP Index provides a rough assessment aid.

In the case descriptions, the witness testimony is taken literally, regardless of the credibility of the witness (no relativization of statements such as 'presumable', 'alleged' or 'according to the witness').

I have also tried to categorise the cases throughout. Some cases may be incorrectly classified, as many cases are simply not easily classifiable.