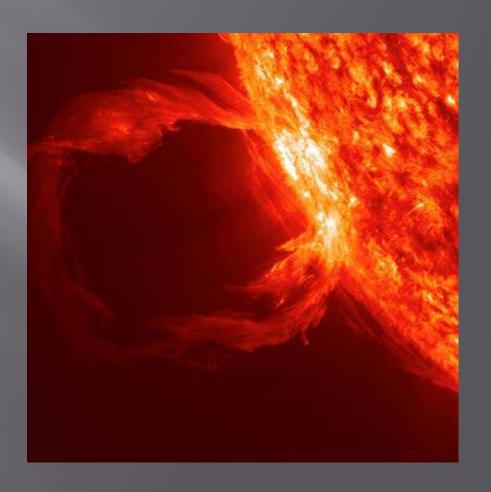
What are Solar Flares

They are explosions of hot gases that creates a flareup (Prominence) of intense light waves, along with x-ray, U.V. IR and gamma radiation.



Coronal Mass Ejections

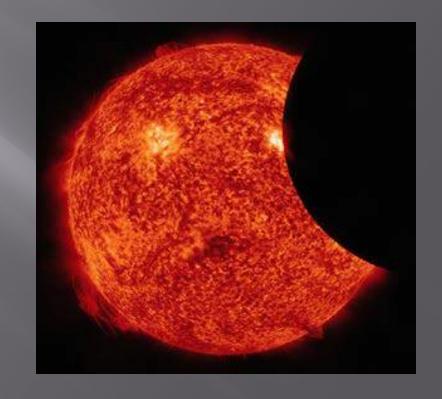
CME's eject huge
 quantities of matter and
 electromagnetic
 radiation into space.
 Also called Solar Wind.

 It can cause radio and electrical disturbances on the Earth.



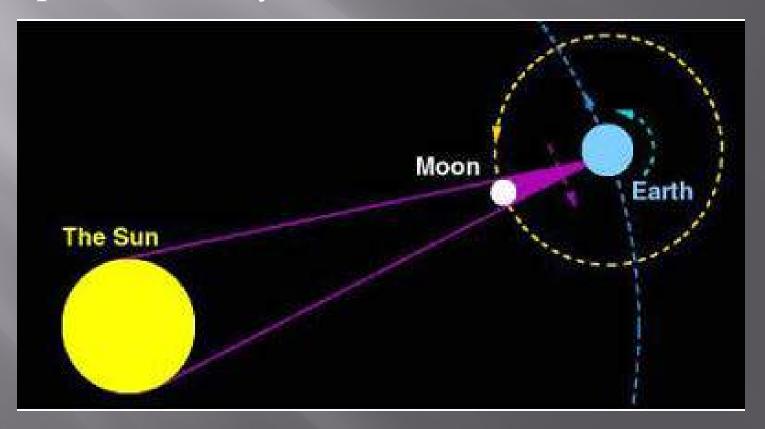
More Sun Facts

- It is roughly 400 times larger than our Moon and 400 times further away than our Moon.
- This conveniently makes the Moon about the same apparent size as the Sun which allows occasional Total Solar eclipses.



What is a Solar Eclipse?

 A Solar Eclipse occurs when a new moon passes directly between the Earth and the Sun



Types of Solar Eclipses

The first type of Solar Eclipse is a <u>Partial</u> <u>Eclipse</u> which occurs when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, but not directly centered.



June 10, 2002

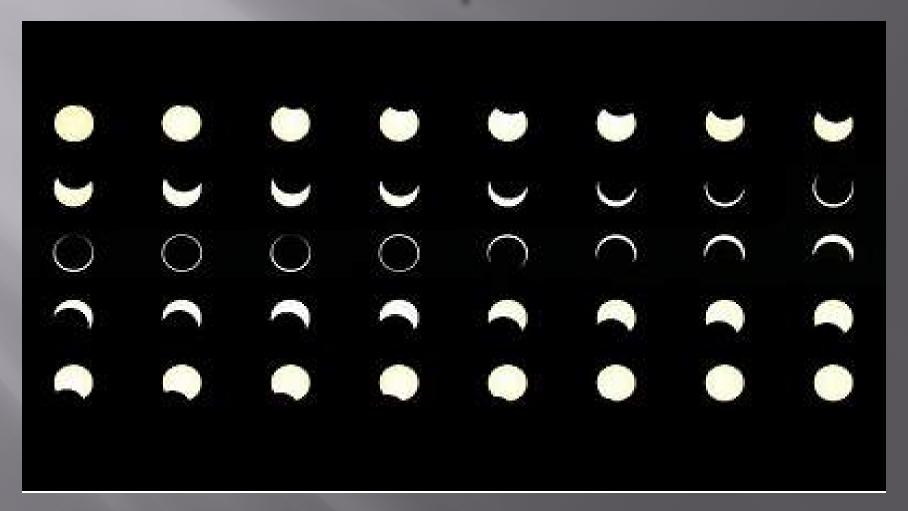
Annular Eclipse "Ring of Fire"

The second type of Solar Eclipse occurs when the Moon passes directly between the Earth and the Sun, but is close to apogee, and therefore not large enough to block out the entire sun.



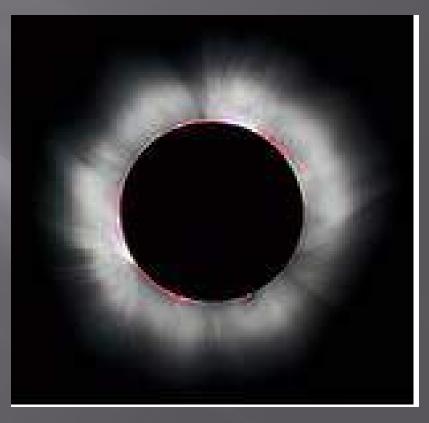
2012 Susanville California

Progression of an Annular Eclipse



Total Solar Eclipse

The Total Solar Eclipse occurs when the moon is at or near perigee and is large enough to block out the entire disc of the sun, but the Suns Corona and Solar Flares can still be seen.



Baily's Beads

Baily's Beads
 occur during a
 total or almost
 complete total
 eclipse when
 the sun shines
 through the
 moons valleys.



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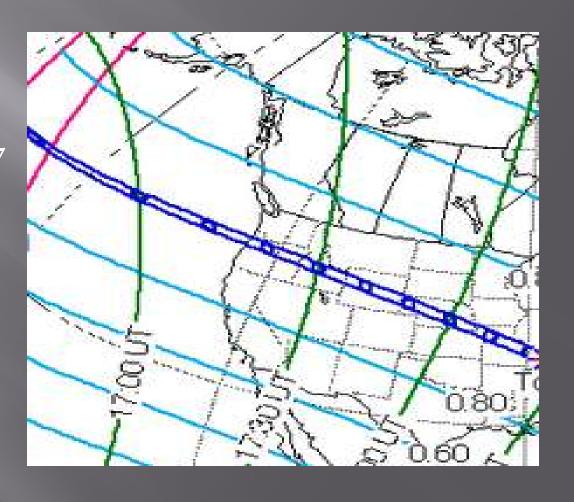
The Diamond Ring Effect

Just prior to full totality and just after totality ends, is when a small corner of the Sun can be seen. This causes the famous " Diamond Ring" effect.



2017 Total Solar Eclipse

There was a total Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017 when the path of totality passed from Oregon all the way to South Carolina.



2017 Solar Eclipse

- This was
- "First
 Contact"
 when the
 limb of the
 moon first
 started to
 enter the
 suns face
- Taken from Canyon City Oregon



2017 Last of partial phase

This was taken just before the moon covered the entire surface of the face of the sun



2017 Total Phase (Full Corona)

This was taken during the total phase of the Eclipse and clearly shows the tendrils and spicules of the Suns Corona.



2017 End of Total Phase

This was taken just seconds after the moon uncovered the edge of the sun which caused the "Diamond Ring Effect"



Total Solar Eclipses are Rare

- The next
 Total Solar
 Eclipse
 Visible From
 the U.S. will
 not be until
 2024.
- It will travel from Texas to Maine.

