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Fun fact: the Sun is made of mostly hydrogen and helium. If you could put it in a very big pool, it would float!









Objects in the Sky

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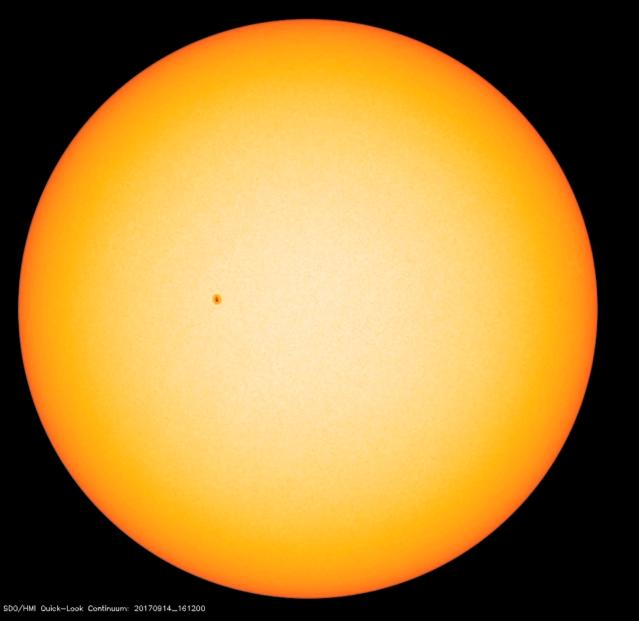




What is a star?

- Stars are the most numerous objects in the night sky!
- Stars usually twinkle
 - Planets don't
- Stars can look bluish, or reddish, or just white
 - White stars are like our Sun
 - Blue stars are hotter
 - Red stars are cooler





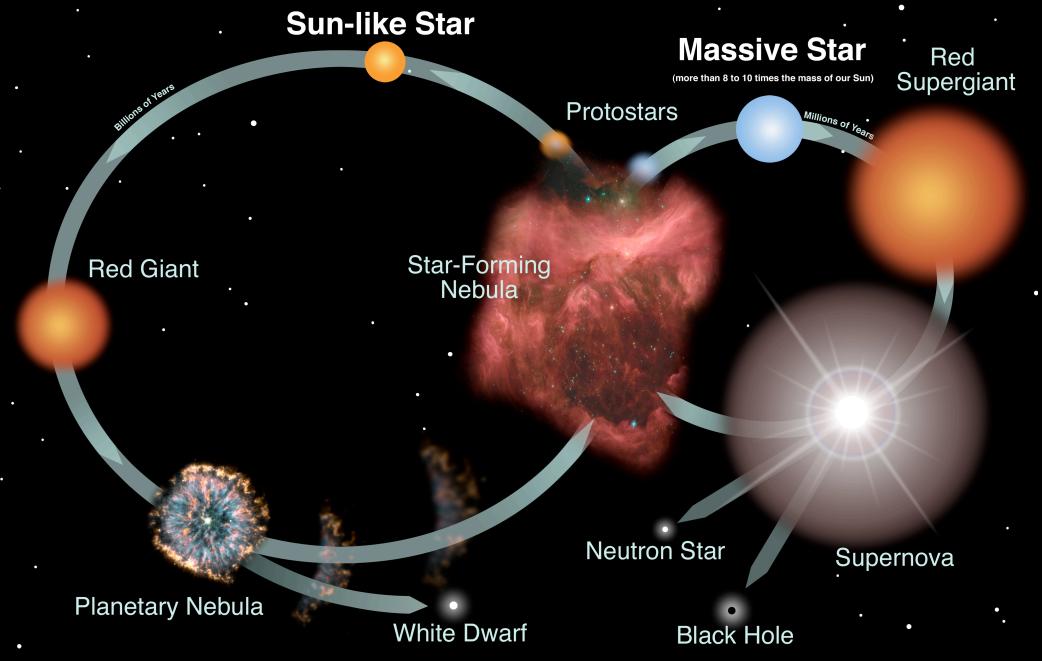
The Sun

- The only star we can see during the day
- Usually a very active surface
- Over one billion Earths could fit in the Sun!









Credit: NASA and the Night Sky Network



Other night-sky objects

- Planets don't twinkle
 - Mars
 - Jupiter
 - Saturn
 - Uranus and Neptune also cool!
- Transient objects (only in the sky for a short time)
 - comets
 - meteors
 - satellites





Astronomy and me!

- When I was in first grade, I wanted to study fish!
- In high school, I liked chemistry and physics more than biology
- I study **baby stars** and the areas in which they are born
- My favorite parts of my job are telescopes and teaching



Big ideas

- 1. There are so many **stars** in the sky that we can't count them all!
- 2. The **Sun**, our star, drowns out the light of other stars that are much further away.
- 3. The **color** of a star tells us about how hot the star is.
- 4. **Astronomy** is a really cool science!





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Thank you!

I am happy to answer any questions you have!

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