

(12159) Bettybiegel = 1142 T-2

Discovered 1973 Sept. 29 by C. J. van Houten and I. van Houten-Groeneveld on Palomar Schmidt plates taken by T. Gehrels.

Rebekka A. "Betty" Biegel (1886–1943) studied astronomy in Leiden, obtained her doctorate in Zürich, pursued psychology in Utrecht and developed psychological instruments for testing people. She committed suicide by cyanide rather than allow herself to be transported to Auschwitz. The name was suggested by W. R. Dick.

(12161) Avienius = 1158 T-2

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Postumius Rufius Festus Avienius, who lived in the second half of the fourth century, was a Latin poet from Etruria. He composed didactic poems on astronomy and geography. His *Aratea* was based on earlier Latin translations of Aratus' *Phaenomena*. The name was suggested by R. H. van Gent.

(12162) Bilderdijk = 2145 T-2

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Willem Bilderdijk (1756–1831) was a Dutch poet and scholar who composed two didactic astronomical poems, *Starrenkennis* (1794) and *De Starrenhemel* (1807). These described the celestial sphere, the Milky Way and the constellations. The name was suggested by R. H. van Gent.

(12172) Niekdekort = 2390 T-3

Discovered 1977 Oct. 16 by C. J. van Houten and I. van Houten-Groeneveld on Palomar Schmidt plates taken by T. Gehrels.

Niek De Kort (b. 1956) has done outstanding work popularizing astronomy. He authored several books, including one about space research and the course book *Modern Astronomy* (1980) for a TV course with an enrollment of 25 000 people. The name was suggested by H. van Woerden and A. v. d. Brugge.

(12358) Azzurra = 1993 SO₂

Discovered 1993 Sept. 22 by A. Vagnozzi at the Santa Lucia Observatory, Stroncone.

Azzurra (b. 2010 Jan. 4) is the grandchild of the discoverer. Her name is a hope for clearer skies.

(13179) Johncochrane = 1996 HU₁₈

Discovered 1996 Apr. 18 by E. W. Elst at the European Southern Observatory.

John Dundas Cochrane (1780–1825) was a Scottish explorer who during 1820–1823 crossed on foot from Russia to Kamchatka. His remarkable journey has been described in *A pedestrian journey through Russia and Siberian Tartary, to the frontiers of China, the Frozen Sea and Kamtchatka* (1829).

(13209) Arnhem = 1997 GQ₄₁

Discovered 1997 Apr. 9 by E. W. Elst at the European Southern Observatory. Arnhem, a name derived from the presence of eagles, is a city near the Rhine river in the eastern part of the Netherlands. It is famous for archaeological evidence of human activity there in the Stone Age, some 70 000 years ago.

(13253) Stejneger = 1998 OM₁₃

Discovered 1998 July 26 by E. W. Elst at the European Southern Observatory.

Leonhard Hess Stejneger (1851–1943) was a Norwegian-born American ornithologist and author of more than 400 scientific publications on birds, reptiles and seals. During a visit to Bering Island he became fascinated by the life of G. W. Steller, about whom he wrote a biography in 1936.

(14046) Keikai = 1995 WE₅

Discovered 1995 Nov. 17 by T. Okuni at Nanyo.

Keikai mountain (height 294 meters) is located in the north of Nanyo-city, Yamagata prefecture. The Nanyo Citizen Observatory is located there.

(14728) Schuchardt = 2000 DY₁₄

Discovered 2000 Feb. 26 by the Catalina Sky Survey.

Maria Schuchardt (b. 1955) is the data manager for the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory Space Imagery Center at the University of Arizona. She is also the LPL photographer and involved in many LPL outreach activities, including support for many NASA spacecraft missions.

(14739) Edgarchavez = 2000 EF₂₁

Discovered 2000 Mar. 3 by the Catalina Sky Survey.

Edgar Chavez (b. 1957) is an engineer who services electron microprobes at research institutions (such as the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona) used to analyze a variety of meteorites, terrestrial rocks and manmade materials.

(15028) Soushiyou = 1998 UL₂₃

Discovered 1998 Oct. 26 by T. Okuni at Nanyo.

Soushiyoukouen is a park on a hill located in the northern part of Nanyo-city, Yamagata prefecture. This park is known for pine wood, cherry trees, roses, chrysanthemums and the Nanyo Citizen Observatory.

(15148) Michaelmaryott = 2000 EM₁₄₁

Discovered 2000 Mar. 2 by the Catalina Sky Survey.

Michael Maryott (1936–2009) was the owner of a company that maintains research microscopes for laboratories at the University of Arizona, especially the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory. He was a prospector, silversmith, photographer, craftsman, musician, scientist, educator and Arizona historian.

(15246) Kumeta = 1989 VS₁

Discovered 1989 Nov. 2 by K. Endate and K. Watanabe at Kitami.

Yasutaka Kumeta (b. 1965) is a well known Japanese amateur astronomer and keen observer and photographer of comets, nebulae, star clusters and lunar eclipses. He has been a member of the Kuroishi Subaru Association since 1992.

(15248) Hidekazu = 1989 WH₃

Discovered 1989 Nov. 29 by K. Endate and K. Watanabe at Kitami.

Hidekazu Yamato (b. 1956), became interested in astronomy through an event in which he participated at the age of 26. Star-field photography is his personal favorite activity.

(15250) Nishiyamahiro = 1990 DZ

Discovered 1990 Feb. 28 by K. Endate and K. Watanabe at Kitami.

Hiroshi Nishiyama (b. 1962) has been a director of the Baienno Sato Observatory since 1998. He was previously a teacher of earth sciences in a high school. His interests include observations of various galaxies, searching for supernovae and astronomical teaching.