

# METEORS

## WHAT IS A METEOR?

A SMALL BODY OF MATTER FROM OUTER SPACE THAT ENTERS THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, BECOMING INCANDESCENT AS A RESULT OF FRICTION AND APPEARING AS A STREAK OF LIGHT.

## WHAT IS A METEOR SHOWER?

A METEOR SHOWER OCCURS WHEN A NUMBER OF METEORS SEEM TO FLASH AND RADIATE FROM THE SAME POINT IN THE SKY.

A METEOR SHOWER IS USUALLY THE RESULT OF DEBRIS FROM A BROKEN COMET.



## METEOR, METEORITE, METEOROID:

A **METEOR** IS A BLOCK OF MATTER THAT HAS DESCENDED INTO EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE.

A **METEOROID** IS A BODY OF MATTER IN SPACE BEFORE IT ENTERS EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE.

A **METEORITE** IS THE NAME FOR THE ROCK THAT REMAINS AFTER A METEOR STRIKE EARTH'S SURFACE.

