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Astronomy

A blazing green comet is coming

This beacon of light haring through the night sky is comet 12P/Pons-Brooks, glimpsed from outside Tromsø, Norway. It is one of the brightest comets known and orbits the sun every 71 years. Recorded sightings of 12P/Pons-Brooks by Chinese and European astronomers date back to at least 1385. The comet may be visible to the naked eye in the coming weeks from both hemispheres of the planet.