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## Astronomy

# The northern lights go south

The dazzling aurora borealis, or northern lights, seen in much of the northern hemisphere on 10 May was caused by the sun blasting out plasma that led to a geomagnetic storm. The lights ventured to much lower latitudes than usual, including Tucson, Arizona (pictured). Further auroras are possible in the coming months as the sun approaches the peak of its 11-year cycle of activity.

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