

# Historic Mars Discovery Changes Everything: Scientists Point to a 'Visitor From Outer Space'

Space exploration continues to shed light on fascinating discoveries once thought to be impossible.

A new report by Fox News documents how NASA's Perseverance rover may have come across an unusual object on Mars. As Fox calls it, the object is a "visitor from outer space." This unlikely find is believed to be a "strange, shiny rock on Mars that scientists think could be a meteorite forged in the heart of an ancient asteroid."

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This ancient and foreign rock has been playfully nicknamed "Phippsaksla" due to the fact that it noticeably sticks out compared to the flat landscape around it. Not only does this rock stand out among the other features on Mars, but researchers found that the rock contains high levels of both nickel and iron. These chemical components of the rock could potentially point to it being a meteorite that slammed into the red planet.

While rovers have likely uncovered other metallic objects on Mars, this is believed to be the very first for the Perseverance rover. NASA also believes that the location of the rock near the Jezero crater could provide insight into how it got to Mars and how it formed.

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The news of this fantastic discovery comes right as NASA released the latest photos of space object 3I/ATLAS. While many have speculated that 3I/ATLAS could indicate alien life, NASA's associate administrator, Amit Kshatriya said that "...all evidence points to it being a comet."

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This discovery on Mars—paired with NASA's renewed focus on mysterious objects like 3I/ATLAS—reminds us how much of the cosmos remains unexplored. With every new find, humanity is drawn deeper into the mystery of what lies beyond our world.

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