

Friday, March 4, 2005

Went to Pawnee Grasslands. At 6:38 PM, the winds were calm, it is 38 degrees. There is a light haze overhead with P/C to the North. There were clouds in the low south all night as well to the north.

NGC 2196 7:41 PM Small, round, very dim glow. Faint even with AV.
Just to the east of a line of 3 stars.

M47, M47 8:00 PM Nice OCs. PN in M47 stands right out. Two faint stars seen
on PN glow. PN was large and oval.

Sky is steady, yet a bit soft. 33 degrees now.

NGC 2374 8:18 PM Small, somewhat compact. OC. Approx 30 blue-white stars
of approx same magnitude plus several more of a dimmer
magnitude. Very bright FS to the west at edge of FOV.
More stars on this side (west side) of center than other side.
Nicely fills FOV of 19 mm..

NGC 2359 8:40 PM Tried to find 2359. I see a faint glow w/ OIII and nothing
w/o in area its supposed to be in. Need to relook at this area
again.

NGC 2367 8:51 PM Forms an upside down Y with 8 or so brighters blue stars
with on a close double. There are 3-4 fainter stars and then
a glow in the bowl of the Y.

NGC 1778 9:22 PM 8-10 bright blue white stars makeup this OC. Very loose
and boxy in shape. Matches picture in Night Sky, pg 53,
Fig. 5.7.

NGC 2192 9:35 PM Boxy oval in shape. 15-20 very faint stars shine on top of
this dim glow. 3 much brighter field stars to left side with
top most star a red colored star.

NGC 2331 10:04 PM 20 blue white stars of 2 magnitudes makeup this very loose
OC. Almost fills FOV. On bottom right side there is a
ringlet of 6 stars. Very nice.

With more galaxies to find and none sticking out of the muck, I spent time with Tom Teters scope. I also looked at M104, M51 and M13, NGC 4361, the PN in Corvus, Jupiter and Saturn.

Turned in at 11:50 PM with the temperature at 25 degrees.