

ASSA ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY SECTION ANNUAL REPORT (2024-2025)

THE STATE OF ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY AND IMAGING

The Astrophotography Section aims to coordinate and promote astronomical imaging technology and collect images created by amateur astronomers. Amateur astronomers from across Southern Africa are increasingly contributing images and data to professional astronomers worldwide. Both amateur and professional photographers in Southern Africa are steadily producing higher-quality astronomical images.

MEMBER ACTIVITY

The Astrophotography Section actively encourages amateur photographers to submit their images to our Flickr image archive. We feature these photographs on the ASSA website under the Gallery section, categorised by photographer and subject. Only images captured by Southern African photographers or taken in Southern Africa qualify for submission. Photographers do not have to be ASSA members to contribute. Our primary goal is to promote and encourage astrophotography in the region.

INITIATIVES

Selected images submitted to the ASSA Flickr Gallery may be published in the annual ASSA Sky Guide.

THE 2025 ASSA ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The 2025 ASSA Astrophotography Competition is generously sponsored by Celestron. We will announce the winners at the ASSA AGM on 11 August 2025. The top three entries will feature prominently in the Sky Guide and other media.

ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

Martin Heigan currently serves as the Section Director.