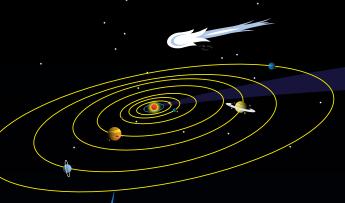
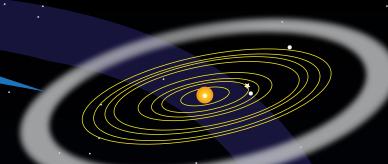
Where does the solar system end?



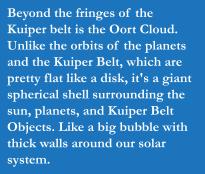


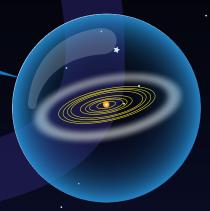
Outside Neptune's orbit is the Kuiper Belt. An almost empty ring around the sun that has icy bodies, almost all smaller than Pluto, making slow orbits around the sun.



The solar system we call home has our sun, eight planets, all their moons, the asteroid belt, and lots of comets.

The Oort cloud is made of icy pieces of space debris the sizes of mountains and sometimes larger. This is where some comets come from.





Oort Cloud



The Voyager 1 spacecraft took 35 years to leave the sun's magnetic influence. It's traveling one million miles each day. At that speed, it will take 300 years to reach the inner layer of the Oort Cloud. Then it will take 30,000 years to get through it all. It's that thick!

