The Small Objects of the Solar System

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Planetary Rings
SHOWING THE CHANGING ASPECTS OF SATURN'S RINGS FROM 2002 TO 2017

IN LATE 2009 THE RINGS WILL APPEAR ALMOST EDGE ON WHEN VIEWED FROM EARTH
Shepherd Moons
The rings of Uranus were discovered during an occultation study of Uranus using the Kuiper Airborn Observatory (an airplane) in 1977 by James Elliot, Edward Dunham and Douglas Mink.

They were then imaged by Voyager 2 in 1986 and Hubble Space Telescope in 2005.
Jupiter and Neptune also have rings, but they are much harder to see, being more dusty than icy. They were imaged by Voyager.