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"xargon" <[pankajdaga@xxxxxxxx](mailto:pankajdaga@xxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
[news:1127657484.983966.85010@xx](mailto:news:1127657484.983966.85010@xx)  
> I have recently developed an interest in astronomical photography.  
> However, I am at a loss as to the instruments that I should get.

Get an equatorial mount that can track the sky for at least 2 minutes with little to no tracking error.

Start with a fast scope and a DSLR. The options here include expensive F5-ish apochromatic refractors and inexpensive small F5 reflectors.

That said, it is helpful to know where to find the astronomical objects you wish to image. If you don't have this knowledge, you either need to develop it, or you need to get a mount that has the ability to get you on target.

Personally, I only got into imaging so that I could see more detail in those objects that are hard to see in my scope. I could simply look them up in a reference that has images, but it's fun to take the pictures, and process them myself. This way I get at least a small sense of discovery. But my point is more that I know where to find the objects I want to image, because I've been trying to see them visually.

At some point however, deep sky imagers will make a move to larger aperture scopes, longer focal lengths, and better mounts with DSCs or GoTo, in order to target objects that cannot be seen with the eye at all.

Hope that helps,  
Stephen

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