The Blackeye Galaxy



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NGC 4826 (Messier 64), the Blackeye Galaxy. This galaxy is located some 16 million light years from Earth, and is a spiral galaxy similar to the Milky Way and the Andromeda Galaxy. This type of galaxy comprises a central elliptical core surrounded by a ring of spiral arms. The Sa sub-category of this type of galaxy comprises the tightest spiral, with the Sb and Sc types progressively exhibiting more loosely coiled arms.

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