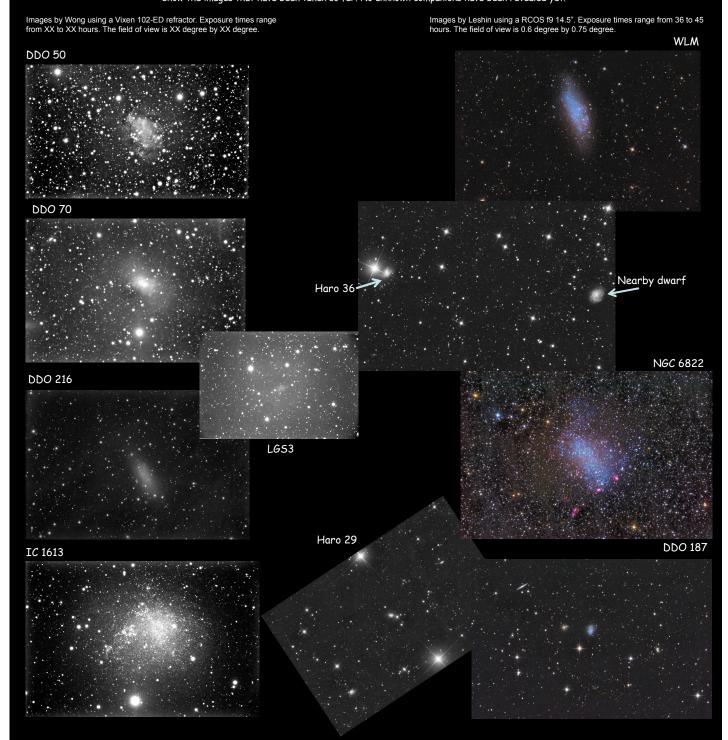


LITTLE THINGS and LARI

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We have assembled a multi-wavelength dataset on 41 relatively normal, nearby, gas-rich dwarf irregular galaxies for the purpose of determining what drives the formation of new stars in these systems. This project is called LITTLE THINGS (Local Irregulars That Trace Luminosity Extremes, The HI Nearby Galaxy Survey). As part of this project, we have enlisted the help of amateur astronomers to obtain deep optical images of these galaxies over a large field of view. The purpose is to determine if there are any companion galaxies that our galaxies are interacting with. This is part of the Lowell Amateur Research Initiative (LARI) that partners amateurs and professional astronomers in collaborative research projects. Here we show the images that have been taken so far. No unknown companions have been revealed yet.



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