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Northern Lights over Edmonton

Two nights ago I witnessed a rather unremarkable occurrence of the Aurora Borealis (northern lights). The show was far less than spectacular. The sightings are usually rather colorful and much brighter than what I saw that night but I decided to try photographing it anyway. As you can see, only the greens seem to have shown up. The photograph was taken at ISO 100, F/2.8 with an exposure time of about fifteen seconds. Exposure time guessed from experience. I tried ISO 1600 but the long-ish exposure time produced a lot of noise which did not look very pleasant. Camera used was the Fuji S2 Pro. I'll try shooting another northern lights show with the D2X seeing that the D2X has a noise reduction feature that reportedly does a great job controlling noise during long exposures. This photograph was taken in my back yard. I'm guessing that the lights would have been visible from all parts of the city had it not been for the light pollution of the more populated areas of our municipality.

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