

# Dwarf Planet

A dwarf planet is a spherical object that orbits the Sun, but does not have enough mass to clear the area around the orbit of other objects. Pluto is an example of a dwarf planet because there are asteroids from the Kuiper Belt near its path. There are currently three dwarf planets in our solar system- Pluto, Eris and Ceres. However, many more are likely to be added. The term dwarf planet applies only to objects in our Solar System.