

A Lucky Imaging search for stellar companions to transiting planet host stars^{*}

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ABSTRACT

The presence of stellar companions around planet hosting stars influences the architecture of their planetary systems. To find and characterise these companions and determine their orbits is thus an important consideration to understand planet formation and evolution. For transiting systems even unbound field stars are of interest if they are within the photometric aperture of the light curve measurement. Then they contribute a constant flux offset to the transit light curve and bias the derivation of the stellar and planetary parameters if their existence is unknown. Close stellar sources are, however, easily overlooked by common planet surveys due to their limited spatial resolution. We therefore performed high angular resolution imaging of 49 transiting exoplanet hosts to identify unresolved binaries, characterize their spectral type, and determine their separation. The observations were carried out with the Calar Alto 2.2 m telescope using the Lucky Imaging camera AstraLux Norte. All targets were imaged in i' and z' passbands. We found new companion candidates to WASP-14 and WASP-58, and we re-observed the stellar companion candidates to CoRoT-2, CoRoT-3, CoRoT-11, HAT-P-7, HAT-P-8, HAT-P-41, KIC 10905746, TrES-2, TrES-4, and WASP-2. We deduce from the stellar density around all sources that *two* companion candidates out of the targets with the first position measurement (CoRoT-11, HAT-P-41, KIC 10905746, WASP-14 and WASP-58) are probably unbound. In addition, we re-analyse the influence of the sources close to WASP-14 and WASP-58 on the planetary parameters given in the literature and find no significant changes.

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1. Introduction

Since the first detection of a transiting planet around a main-sequence star in 2000 (Henry et al. 2000), many hundreds of giant planets have been found by transit surveys. Interestingly, a vast number of these planets are located close to their host star with semi-major axes smaller than 0.5 AU. In addition, many of them are not in circular, well aligned orbits, but show a variety of eccentricities and orbit inclinations. In fact, about 30% of the investigated systems have been found to be on orbits that are misaligned with respect to the stellar equator (see Southworth 2011, for a list of investigated systems).

Giant planets are, however, believed to form beyond the ice line in a well-aligned circumstellar disk at several AU from their host star. This means that they have to move inwards at a later stage. Several mechanisms have been discussed to explain the findings. First of all, migration, which is the interaction of the embedded planet with the surrounding disk (see Baruteau et al. 2013, for a review), can cause inward-spiraling of the planet. Yet, disk-planet interaction in a planetary system with only one massive planet tends to damp the planet's eccentricity and inclination and cannot account for eccentric or inclined close-in orbits. Planet-planet interaction in multiple planetary systems can, however, excite the eccentricities and inclinations of the planetary orbits as has been shown in numerical simulations (e.g. Ford & Rasio 2008). Similar but stronger effects are caused by a companion star that may interact with the planets around the primary via the Lidov-Kozai mechanism (Naoz et al. 2011). It has been shown in simulations that both tight and wide binary companions can strongly perturb the formation and evolution of planetary systems (Bouwman et al. 2006; Fabrycky & Tremaine 2007; Malmberg et al. 2011; Petrovich 2015). In addition, the

tidal field of the Milky Way induces a pseudo-random walk of the pericenters of wide binaries leading to strong perturbations of the planets in the system (Kaib et al. 2013). It is thus crucial to look for close and wide stellar companions and correlate their properties with those of the close-in giant planets to understand the influence of binarity on the evolution of planetary systems. A fair number of transiting exoplanet host stars (TEPs) have already been subject to high angular resolution studies (e.g. Daemgen et al. 2009; Lillo-Box et al. 2012; Adams et al. 2012; Bergfors et al. 2013; Faedi et al. 2013; Ginski et al. 2013; Law et al. 2013) and a couple of gravitationally bound companions has been found. The increasing number of transiting exoplanet detections enables, however, a more thorough analysis of planetary systems in binaries.

Another important aspect of the search for stellar companions is the dilution of the light curve by a blended companion, no matter if it is bound or not. An unresolved faint secondary star within the photometric aperture dilutes the measured transit or occultation depth by the fraction $F_{\text{bright}}/F_{\text{total}}$. For example, Crossfield et al. (2012) showed that an M dwarf near WASP-12 diluted the planet's infrared emission spectrum by up to 15%, an effect substantially larger than the previously quoted uncertainty on the planet's emission. Daemgen et al. (2009), Narita et al. (2010), Bergfors et al. (2013) have reported optical imaging of stars located near several transit systems whose hot Jupiters have well-characterized spectra: HAT-P-7, TrES-2, TrES-4, WASP-2, and WASP-12.

In this paper, we present the results of our photometric and astrometric Lucky Imaging study of another 49 TEPs, which complements the study of Daemgen et al. (2009) and Bergfors et al. (2013). Besides the derivation of i and z magnitudes, photometric spectral types, and the relative position of the companion candidates, we discuss the probability of physical

* Table 1 is available in electronic form at <http://www.aanda.org>

Table 2. Candidate binary systems and their properties.

Name	Sep ["]	PA [°]	$\Delta i'$ [mag]	$\Delta z'$ [mag]	Date of obs.
CoRoT-2	4.090 ± 0.005	208.6 ± 0.2	3.38 ± 0.05	3.00 ± 0.05	26 Jun. 2013
CoRoT-3-south	5.209 ± 0.006	174.7 ± 0.2	3.24 ± 0.06	3.10 ± 0.06	26 Jun. 2013
CoRoT-3-east	4.995 ± 0.156	92.2 ± 1.6	5.53 ± 0.13	5.38 ± 0.17	26 Jun. 2013
CoRoT-11	2.545 ± 0.006	307.2 ± 0.2	2.34 ± 0.05	2.68 ± 0.06	26 Jun. 2013
HAT-P-7	3.843 ± 0.034	89.8 ± 0.4	7.58 ± 0.17	6.88 ± 0.20	26 Jun. 2013
HAT-P-8	1.034 ± 0.067	139.2 ± 1.2	7.34 ± 0.10^1	6.68 ± 0.07^1	27 Jun. 2013
HAT-P-41	3.619 ± 0.005	184.1 ± 0.2	3.65 ± 0.05	3.40 ± 0.05	26 Jun. 2013
KIC 10905746	4.075 ± 0.006	98.7 ± 0.2	2.42 ± 0.1	2.31 ± 0.1	28 Jun. 2013
TrES-2	1.106 ± 0.005	136.3 ± 0.2	3.83 ± 0.04	3.37 ± 0.05	25 Jun. 2013
TrES-4	1.596 ± 0.017	0.0 ± 0.6	4.49 ± 0.08	4.16 ± 0.09	25 Jun. 2013
WASP-2	0.711 ± 0.019	105.1 ± 0.5	3.51 ± 0.04	3.26 ± 0.06	25 Jun. 2013
WASP-14	1.423 ± 0.034	102.2 ± 1.0	5.35 ± 0.11	5.45 ± 0.16	26 Jun. 2013
WASP-58	1.275 ± 0.015	183.2 ± 0.4	5.64 ± 0.18	5.09 ± 0.13	25 Jun. 2013

References. ⁽¹⁾ Bergfors et al. (2013).

companionship of the observed sources and the effect of the flux contribution a companion candidate has on stellar and planetary parameters.

2. Observations and data reduction

2.1. Lucky Imaging with AstraLux

The 49 TEPs were observed at the 2.2 m telescope at Calar Alto in June 24–28, 2013. We imaged each target with the Lucky Imaging camera AstraLux Norte (Hormuth et al. 2008) in SDSS i' and z' -passband. Lucky Imaging enables nearly diffraction-limited observations by taking a series of many short exposures of the target and combining only the least distorted frames to the final image. Depending on the target brightness, we obtained between 20 000 and 60 000 individual frames with exposure times of 15 ms each. The 10% of images with the highest Strehl ratio were then shifted and added to produce the final image. The field of view of the final image was about $12'' \times 12''$ with the transiting exoplanet system at the centre. As indicated by the *1st epoch* flag in Table 1, we observed 42 of the 49 stars with Lucky Imaging for the first time.

Astrometric reference stars in the globular cluster M 13 were observed at the beginning and the middle of each night to calibrate the detector rotation and pixel scale. The plate scale and detector rotation was deduced from the measured detector position of five stars of M 13 with the image reduction and analysis facility IRAF using the task imexamine. We calculated the separation and rotation angle of the five stars pairwise and compared these values to data from high-quality astrometric HST/ACS observations. This analysis yielded a plate scale of 23.48 ± 0.01 mas/px and a detector rotation of $1.7^\circ \pm 0.1^\circ$ west of north. Additionally, twilight sky-flats and bias were obtained in both filters at the beginning of each observing night.

2.2. Photometry and astrometry

In our sample of 49 TEPs we found 13 companion candidates by visual inspection of the reduced Lucky Imaging frames; they are listed in Table 2 and the z' -band frames are depicted in Fig. 1. Eleven of them were previously known: CoRoT-2 (Alonso et al. 2008), CoRoT-3 (Deleuil et al. 2008), CoRoT-11 (Gandolfi et al. 2010), HAT-P-7 (Narita et al. 2010), HAT-P-8 (Bergfors et al. 2013), HAT-P-41 (Hartman et al. 2012), KIC 10905746 (Fischer et al. 2012), TrES-2 (Daemgen et al. 2009), TrES-4 (Daemgen et al. 2009), and WASP-2 (Collier Cameron et al. 2007). The candidate companions to WASP-14 and WASP-58 have not been reported in the literature so far.

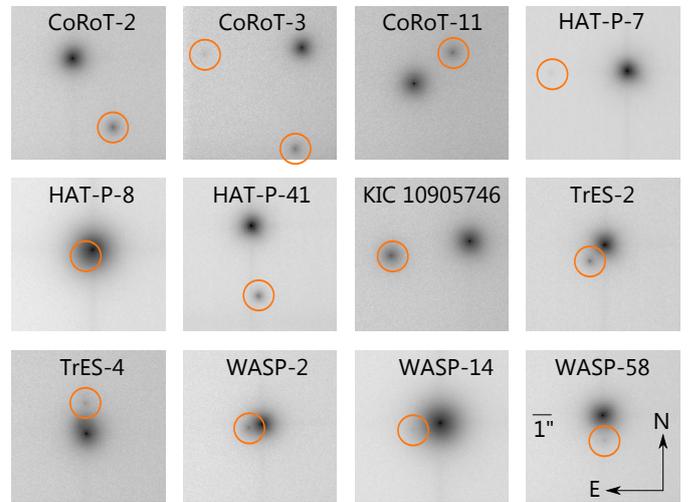


Fig. 1. z' filter images of the 12 exoplanet host stars for which companion candidates have been detected. The image scale is logarithmic. The size and orientation is identical for all images and indicated in the lower right image.

We obtained the positions of the two stellar components by fitting a model psf to the data. The theoretical psf is built from the ideal point spread function without atmospheric turbulences and telescope aberrations, which is then convolved with a Gaussian blurring function. Finally, a Moffat profile is added to the blurred theoretical profile (see Wöllert et al. 2014, for more information on the procedure). The separation and position angle given in Table 2 is the average value from our i' and z' measurements; the uncertainties are determined to take the position uncertainty in every single image into account, as well as the uncertainties in pixel scale and instrument rotation. For the very faint companions to HAT-P-8 and WASP-14 the algorithm did not converge and we estimated the position by eye. The companion of HAT-P-8 is itself a binary (Ginski et al. 2013; Bechter et al. 2014), which causes an elongation of the psf and might be the reason for the non-convergence.

We used the psf-subtracted images to calculate the 5σ -contrast curve for every target with or without companions; a list of all observed targets and their sensitivity limits at $r = 0.25'', 0.5'', 1.0'',$ and $2.0''$ can be found in Table 1, the average z' -passband sensitivity can be found in Fig. 2. The noise of each pixel was estimated using the standard deviation of the residual signal in a box of 5×5 pixel around it. This value was then compared to the flux of the star in a 5×5 pixel box centred

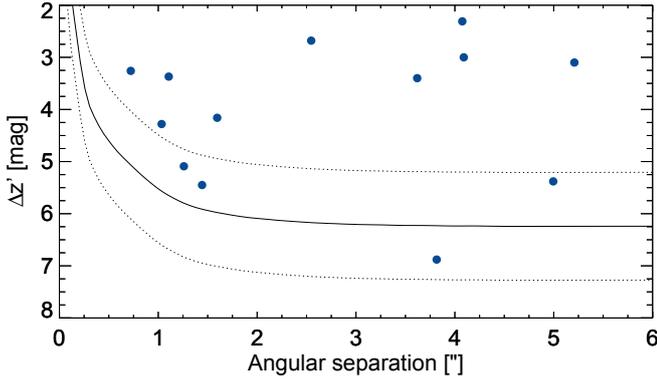


Fig. 2. Average sensitivity of the survey (solid line). The dashed lines corresponds to 1σ deviations of the contrast curves. The blue circles indicate the detections.

on the peak. The contrast at a specific angular separation range was calculated as the median of the contrast of all pixels in the corresponding distance.

The brightness difference of the components in the i' and z' passbands was determined by aperture photometry using the IDL routine APER. We chose an aperture radius of 4.5 pixel centred on the stars to ensure that most of the flux is covered. The sky background was measured in an annulus from 6 pixel to 8 pixel. The error bars in magnitude differences are propagated from the photometric errors estimated with APER.

3. Companion properties

3.1. Spectral types

The spectral types of the companion candidates are derived from the observed magnitude differences in SDSS i' and z' -band between the host and the companion, and by assuming negligible foreground extinction. The latter is justified as the TEP are located off the Galactic plane and not in the direction of any nearby molecular cloud. The i' and z' magnitudes of the host stars in turn are estimated from the spectral types given in the literature or, if not known, from 2MASS JHK -photometry (Cutri et al. 2003) (HAT-P-41) or from the $V - J$ colour (KIC-10905746). To convert the spectral type to i' and z' brightness, we use the $ugriz$ stellar spectral energy distribution models for main-sequence stars from Kraus & Hillenbrand (2007). We assume an uncertainty of 0.10 mag in both filters to consider the flux uncertainty in i' and z' due to our estimate. We neglect the small magnitude differences, which arise from the conversion from i, z to i', z' ; they are of the order 0.01 mag in both filters for the spectral types of our host stars. Knowing the primaries i' and z' colours we calculate the i' and z' magnitude of the companion candidate. For the companion candidates we do not neglect the differences in the photometric system because of their redder colour and we use the conversion formulas on the SDSS webpage to get i and z magnitudes. Since the r' magnitude is needed to convert i' to i , we use a rough estimate of r' based on the measured $i' - z'$ colour. This is sufficient since the two photometric systems only deviate strongly for very late sources that we did not detect.

Assuming a physical association between TEP and companion candidate, we compute absolute i and z magnitudes of the secondary. With the exception of the binary companion candidate to CoRoT-3-east, the absolute magnitudes and the spectral types based on the $i - z$ colour are consistent within the uncertainties (Table 3). Our spectral type estimates also agree with the values in the literature that are given for some of the targets. The spectral types of the other companion candidates to HAT-P-41,

KIC-10905746, and WASP-58 are most likely late-type as expected for a fainter associated companion; for CoRoT-11 and WASP-14 the photometric spectral typing points at early-type stars not at the same distance as the TEP. This makes physical companionship unlikely, but further measurements are needed to give a final answer.

3.2. Probability of chance alignment

For the newly discovered companion candidates, we only measured one epoch and can make no clear statement on whether these stars are physically bound or unbound objects. We can, however, make a statistical argument on how many candidates of our whole sample are likely to be unrelated field stars. First, we estimate the density of field stars ρ_i around each target by selecting all stars brighter than $m_K = 14$ mag within $30'$ of the target in the 2MASS PSC (Cutri et al. 2003). These criteria ensure that the stars are visible with AstraLux and are a good approximation of the mean stellar density around the source. We then assume that the stars are Poisson distributed and we calculate the probability of detecting one or more field stars $\overline{P}_i(0)$ (i.e. the complement of finding zero stars) with the maximum angular separation Θ :

$$\overline{P}_i(0) = 1 - \exp(-\pi\Theta^2 \cdot \rho_i). \quad (1)$$

The probability of finding one or more field stars within our FoV of $6''$ ranges between 0.9% and 38%; for the observed companion candidates with first epoch measurements, we find 38% for CoRoT-11, 14% for HAT-P-41, 4.4% for KIC 10905746, 0.9% for WASP-14, and 3.2% for WASP-38. The average probability of finding a field star is 4.7%. For the whole survey of 42 stars with first relative position measurement our expectation is thus two unrelated field stars. This means that out of our five objects one or two are likely not bound. Good candidates are CoRoT-11 and WASP-14 because of their early spectral type. In addition, the stellar density around CoRoT-11 is rather high. The seven follow-up targets with previous AstraLux epochs and previously known companion candidates (see Table 1) were excluded from this analysis to avoid introducing any bias.

3.3. System parameter changes of WASP-14 and WASP-58

The newly discovered companion candidates will, if they are within the photometric aperture, contribute a constant flux offset that affects the stellar and planetary parameters derived from the depth and shape of the transit light curve: R_p/R_* , b , a/R_* and ρ_* . The additional flux contribution from a stellar companion has the greatest effect on the planet-to-star radius; assuming no limb darkening and flat-bottomed transits, this parameter is directly proportional to the depth of the transit (see Seager & Mallén-Ornelas 2003),

$$\Delta F = (F_{\text{no transit}} - F_{\text{transit}})/F_{\text{no transit}} = (R_p/R_*)^2. \quad (2)$$

We account for the secondary star flux using the relation between ΔF_{old} , assuming only the flux from the brighter planet host, and ΔF_{new} , including the companion flux (see Daemgen et al. 2009),

$$\Delta F_{\text{new}} = (1 + 10^{-\Delta z/2.5}) * \Delta F_{\text{old}}, \quad (3)$$

where Δz is our measured magnitude difference between the planet host star and the companion candidate in z -band (see Table 2). We calculate new planet-to-star ratios for the WASP-14 and WASP-58 systems using ΔF from the planet discovery papers by Joshi et al. (WASP-14b; 2009) and Hébrard et al. (WASP-58b; 2013). The new companions are both >5 mag

Table 3. Spectral type estimates of the candidate companions from $(i - z)$ colour.

Name	SpT(A)	$M_i(A)$	$M_z(A)$	$M_i(B)^*$	$M_z(B)^*$	$M_i(B) - M_z(B)$	SpT(B)	Lit.
CoRoT-2	G7V	4.89 ± 0.10	5.08 ± 0.10	8.28 ± 0.11	8.08 ± 0.11	0.20 ± 0.16	G4-M0	M0 ¹
CoRoT-3-south	F3V	3.27 ± 0.10	3.33 ± 0.10	6.50 ± 0.16	6.44 ± 0.20	0.07 ± 0.26	A2-K7	K4-K5 ¹
CoRoT-3-east	F3V	3.26 ± 0.10	3.33 ± 0.10	8.78 ± 0.12	8.72 ± 0.12	0.07 ± 0.16	F1-K5	
CoRoT-11	F6V	3.88 ± 0.10	3.92 ± 0.10	6.19 ± 0.11	6.62 ± 0.12	-0.43 ± 0.16	early	
HAT-P-7	F6V	3.88 ± 0.10	3.92 ± 0.10	11.53 ± 0.11	10.79 ± 0.11	0.74 ± 0.16	M2-M5	M5.5 ²
HAT-P-8	F5V	4.14 ± 0.10	4.50 ± 0.10	11.48 ± 0.14	11.18 ± 0.12	0.30 ± 0.18^3	–	M1-M3.5 ^{3,4}
HAT-P-41	F9	4.35 ± 0.10	4.36 ± 0.10	8.00 ± 0.20	7.76 ± 0.22	0.25 ± 0.30	F5-M2	
KIC 10905746	K7	6.90 ± 0.10	6.58 ± 0.10	9.34 ± 0.14	8.88 ± 0.14	0.46 ± 0.20	K5-M3	
TrES-2	G0V	4.44 ± 0.10	4.44 ± 0.10	8.30 ± 0.11	7.80 ± 0.11	0.50 ± 0.16	K7-M3	M1-M2 ¹ , K0-M0 ³
TrES-4	F8	4.26 ± 0.10	4.28 ± 0.10	8.76 ± 0.13	8.44 ± 0.13	0.32 ± 0.19	K2-M2	M2 ¹ , K4.5-M1.5 ³
WASP-2	K1.5	5.84 ± 0.10	5.71 ± 0.10	9.36 ± 0.15	8.97 ± 0.19	0.40 ± 0.24	K2-M3	M1V-M4V ³
WASP-14	F5V	3.69 ± 0.10	3.74 ± 0.10	9.03 ± 0.11	9.20 ± 0.12	-0.17 ± 0.16	early	
WASP-58	G2V	4.54 ± 0.10	4.51 ± 0.10	10.20 ± 0.21	9.59 ± 0.16	0.62 ± 0.26	K7-M5	

Notes. ^(*) Assuming physical companionship.

References. ⁽¹⁾ Faedi et al. (2013); ⁽²⁾ Narita et al. (2012); ⁽³⁾ Bergfors et al. (2013); ⁽⁴⁾ Bechter et al. (2014).

fainter than the planet host stars and therefore contribute comparatively little flux. For the WASP-14 system we find that, after accounting for the previously unknown companion candidate, the planet-to-star ratio R_*/R_p increases by 0.3%, which is well within the $\approx 1.4\%$ errors derived by Joshi et al. (2009). Similarly, the companion candidate to WASP-58 only adds 0.5% to the same parameter, therefore not affecting the results by Hébrard et al. (2013).

4. Discussion and summary

A stellar companion to an exoplanet hosting system is expected to affect planet formation and the subsequent dynamical evolution in several ways. Our observations of transiting planet host stars are part of an ongoing effort to find and characterise binary companions using the Lucky Imaging technique. During this run we took high-resolution images of 49 exoplanet host stars, which revealed two previously unknown stellar companion candidates to the sources WASP-14 and WASP-58. Close, undetected sources, whether bound or not, influence the derivation of stellar and planetary properties of the host system. For WASP-14 and WASP-58 we show, however, that their presence only has a minor impact because of their faintness. Apart from these two sources we also measured the astrometric position of CoRoT-11, HAT-P-41, and KIC 10905746 for the first time. We deduce from the mean stellar density around our targets that three out of those five candidate companions are likely to be gravitationally bound. This is also supported by the fact that HAT-P-41, KIC-10905746, and WASP-58 have a spectral type of late K or early M as expected for a fainter associated companion. By contrast, CoRoT-11 is situated in a dense stellar region and the detected source at $2.5''$ most likely has an early spectral type; it is thus unlikely to be bound.

In addition, we did follow-up observations of CoRoT-2, CoRoT-3, HAT-P-7, HAT-P-8, TrES-2, TrES-4, and WASP-2. Our spectral type estimations for these sources agree with earlier observations. The new positional data for CoRoT-2, CoRoT-3, and TrES-2 is not sufficient to decide on common proper motion, which is already known for HAT-P-7 (Narita et al. 2012), HAT-P-8 (Ginski et al. 2013; Bechter et al. 2014), TrES-4 (Bergfors et al. 2013), and WASP-2 (Bergfors et al. 2013).

The knowledge of gravitationally bound companions can be used to correlate binarity and exoplanet properties in future. This

analysis is, however, hampered by the fact that no orbital motion of the stellar companions is visible so far. Thus, for now the true stellar separation and the relative orientation of the planetary and the stellar orbit remain unknown.

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Table 1. All transiting exoplanet systems investigated, radial detection limits, and y/n flag indicating only if 1st epoch observations are available.

Name	5σ detection limit ($\Delta z'$ [mag])				1st epoch
	0.25''	0.5''	1.0''	2.0''	
Targets without candidate companions					
HAT-P-3	3.84	4.62	5.55	6.20	y
HAT-P-4	3.97	4.74	5.56	6.19	y
HAT-P-12	3.69	4.45	5.22	5.65	y
HAT-P-14	3.99	5.04	6.47	7.32	y
HAT-P-16	4.05	4.88	5.87	6.63	y
HAT-P-17	3.84	4.95	6.29	7.09	y
HAT-P-18	3.64	4.43	5.24	5.56	y
HAT-P-21	3.75	4.35	5.18	5.72	y
HAT-P-22	3.95	4.97	6.12	7.19	y
HAT-P-23	3.50	4.19	5.06	5.43	y
HAT-P-26	3.64	4.59	5.62	6.15	y
HAT-P-27	3.73	4.35	5.20	5.63	y
HAT-P-31	3.98	4.75	5.68	6.16	y
HAT-P-32	3.17	3.91	4.31	4.48	y
HAT-P-34	4.05	5.40	6.80	7.38	y
HAT-P-36	3.63	4.53	5.27	5.64	y
HAT-P-40	3.72	4.45	5.21	5.89	y
HD 97658	3.43	5.03	6.06	7.36	y
Kepler-8	3.19	3.88	4.35	4.49	y
Kepler-17	3.29	3.49	4.29	4.40	y
Kepler-25	4.22	5.30	6.55	7.11	y
Kepler-50	3.95	5.49	6.70	7.23	y
Qatar-1	3.65	4.43	5.27	5.55	y
WASP-10	3.62	4.29	5.04	5.49	y
WASP-21	3.67	4.52	5.34	5.90	y
WASP-24	3.86	4.65	5.56	6.06	y
WASP-28	3.20	3.77	4.43	4.96	y
WASP-37	3.13	3.65	4.20	4.69	y
WASP-38	3.83	5.27	6.96	7.90	y
WASP-39	3.42	4.27	5.08	5.55	y
WASP-47	3.71	4.46	5.36	5.71	y
WASP-48	3.94	5.02	5.84	6.09	y
WASP-52	3.91	4.54	5.39	5.85	y
WASP-59	3.62	4.34	5.27	5.68	y
WASP-60	3.47	4.20	5.04	5.42	y
WASP-80	4.01	5.03	6.11	6.64	y
XO-1	3.97	4.85	5.79	6.46	y
Targets with candidate companions					
CoRoT-2	4.10	4.83	5.73	5.99	n
CoRoT-3	3.69	4.41	5.29	5.81	n
CoRoT-11	3.29	4.17	4.82	5.01	y
HAT-P-7	4.03	5.51	6.86	7.41	n
HAT-P-8	4.24	5.13	6.26	7.11	n
HAT-P-41	4.00	5.48	6.74	7.20	y
KIC-10905746	3.70	4.46	5.26	5.56	y
TrES-2	4.03	5.06	6.14	6.58	n
TrES-4	3.62	4.40	5.32	5.78	n
WASP-2	3.93	4.97	6.00	6.40	n
WASP-14	4.20	4.99	6.14	7.07	y
WASP-58	4.36	5.30	6.19	6.60	y

Notes. HAT-P-17 and HAT-P-32 have been observed as well by [Adams et al. \(2013\)](#) using adaptive optics at the MMT. In agreement with our results they do not see a companion candidate around HAT-P-17, but they find one around HAT-P-32 at $2.87''$, $PA = 109^\circ$, and $\Delta K = 3.4$ mag.