

CLOUD IDENTIFICATION CHART

[Cirrus Illustration]

High Altitude (20,000ft+)

Cirrus

Thin, wispy strands often referred to as "mare's tails." Made of ice crystals.

- Delicate appearance
- Indicates fair weather
- Signals changing winds

[Cumulus Illustration]

Low Altitude (6,000ft)

Cumulus

Fluffy, white cotton-like clouds with flat bases and rounded tops.

- Distinct outlines
- Often isolated
- Usually fair weather

[Stratus Illustration]

Low Altitude (0-6,000ft)

Stratus

Uniform, featureless grayish layers that cover the entire sky like a blanket.

- Horizontal layering
- May produce light mist
- Low visibility