

CLOUD IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Observer: _____ Date: ____ / ____ /20__ Location: _____

[Illustration: Wispy/Feathery]

Cirrus

High altitude, delicate white filaments. Made of ice crystals.

HIGH LEVEL | FAIR WEATHER

[Illustration: Cotton Balls]

Cumulus

Individual, puffy clouds with flat bases and rounded tops.

LOW LEVEL | VERTICAL GROWTH

[Illustration: Gray Blanket]

Stratus

Uniform grayish layer covering the entire sky like a sheet.

LOW LEVEL | OVERCAST

[Illustration: Towering Anvil]

Cumulonimbus

Dense, towering vertical cloud associated with thunderstorms.

MULTI-LEVEL | STORMY

[Illustration: Small Ripples]

Alto cumulus

White or gray patches shaped like rounded masses or rolls.

MID LEVEL | SHIFTING WEATHER

[Illustration: Thin Veil]

Cirrostratus

Transparent, whitish veil clouds that often create a halo effect.

HIGH LEVEL | INCOMING RAIN

Field Observations & Sketches