

WHAT KIND OF CLOUDS ARE THOSE?

Can you predict the weather?



Cirrocumulus

Clouds are small, rounded puffs of clouds that seem to ripple across the sky in rows, like fish scales. **They usually indicate fair weather.**



Cirrostratus

Thin sheets of high clouds that spread across the whole sky, creating a *hazy sky*. They form a ring around the sun but still cast shadows on the ground. They usually appear 12-24 hours before rain or snow.



Cumulonimbus

Thunderheads with low-lying dark bottoms that rise into giant rounded tops and an anvil-shape. **They could have rain, snow, hail and lightning.**



Altostratus

Huge sheets of grayish clouds that fill the sky. Only a dim outline of the sun shows through and casts no shadows on the ground. They are often formed ahead of rain or storms.



Cumulus

Cottony puffs that form as shapes as they rise in a blue sky. They have darker, flat bottoms and rounded tops and **are fair weather clouds.**



Cirrus

Seen high up in the sky where the wind blows them into long wisps called *mares' tails*. They are a sign that good weather will follow.