

# Nature Card

## *Cloud Watching*

### STEPS:

1. Pick a day when there's clouds in the sky.
2. Go outside, choose an open area and lie down on your back.
3. Describe the clouds you see: their shape, size, number, extent, color and position in the sky.
4. What can they tell you about the weather?
5. What do they remind you of?
6. Draw some clouds in your journal. Predict the forecast based on the characteristics of those clouds.

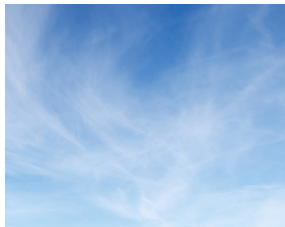


Check out Farmer's Almanac tips on "Reading the Sky" @ <https://www.farmersalmanac.com/learn-to-read-the-sky-17125>

Below, cloud shapes are classified into four principle groups:



Cumulus



Cirrus



Stratus



Nimbus

The following are additional descriptive terms for height:

*Cirro* - high clouds (20,000 feet plus)

*Alto* - middle-level clouds (6,500-20,000 feet)

*principle group name* i.e. *Stratus*, for low clouds (below 6,500 feet)