

# Expert Cloudspotting



Undulatus clouds look like rows of rows or waves that can be joined-up into a continuous layer.

Undulatus spotted over Nelson, New Zealand by Richard Bacon (Member 51,546).



Undulatus can sometimes have gaps between the rows.



The same undulatus pattern looks big in low clouds like these Stratocumulus.

Stratocumulus undulatus spotted over Valencia, Spain by Jenny Slade (Member 50,659).



And undulatus can look small in high clouds like this Cirrocumulus.

Cirrocumulus undulatus spotted over Pleasant Valley, Vermont, US by Kristina Goslin (Member 38,409).



Surf's up! The rare fluctus cloud is like ocean breakers in the sky.

Fluctus clouds spotted (above) over Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia, US by Amy Hunter and (below) over Vashon Island, Washington State, US by Heidi McWatters.



Your best chance of spotting a fluctus feature is on the top of a Cumulus on a windy day.

Fluctus on the top of Cumulus spotted (above) over Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia by Tania Ritchie (Member 23,514) and (below) over Copenhagen, Denmark by Søren Hauge (Member 33,981).



The horseshoe vortex cloud looks like a twisting horseshoe and it only lasts a few minutes before it breaks up. You have to be an expert cloudspotter to spot one!

Horseshoe vortex cloud spotted (above) over Nurnberg, Germany by Matthias Heigl (Member 45,999) and (below) over Ottawa, Ontario, Canada by Helene Condie (Member 28,830).