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# Mother Nature's Weather Signs

Presented in this little leaflet are 100 time-tested signs of rain. These signs are not mere superstitions, but are the result of years of observation on the part of people who had to depend on Mother Nature rather than a newspaper to tell them what the weather was going to do.

Back of almost every sign is a common-sense explanation. For instance, fish leap from the water and birds skim close to the ground just before a rain in order to catch insects forced down by the moisture in the air. Smoke hangs low before rainy weather because held down by moisture; a cow attempts to scratch its ears because flies are more troublesome when rain is approaching, and shoe strings become difficult to untie because moisture-laden air has caused them to swell.

Thus these signs will be found to be largely dependable, and you are urged to memorize as many as you can so that you can surprise your friends by accurately predicting rain even though the sun may be shining brightly.

1. **ANIMALS**—When animals huddle together in open fields, expect rain soon.
2. **ANTS**—When ants travel in lines, or are unusually active, look for rain.
3. **AURORA BOREALIS**—A display of "Northern Lights" is generally followed by rain.
4. **BATS**—When bats cry much, or attempt to fly into the house, it portends rain.
5. **BEES**—When more bees enter than leave the hive, rain will soon fall. It is said that a bee never gets caught in a shower.
6. **BELLS**—When distant bells sound close, they warn of rain.
7. **BIRDS**—When birds skim close to the ground, rain is not far off.

8. **BOILING WATER**—When boiling water evaporates more rapidly than usual, it is a sign of approaching rain.
9. **BRANCHES**—When dead branches fall to the ground in calm weather, rain may be expected.
10. **BUBBLES**—When bubbles rise from marshy ground, or appear on pools of stagnant water, they foretell rain.
11. **CALM**—There is almost always a calm before a rainstorm.
12. **CAMPHOR GUM**—Camphor gum dissolved in a bottle of alcohol forms feathery crystals before a rain.
13. **CANARIES**—When canaries dress (oil) their feathers, or are wakeful at night, rain usually falls before long.
14. **CATS**—When cats sneeze, lie with their heads on the floor, or wipe themselves behind the ears, rain is in the offing.
15. **CENTIPEDES**—Many centipedes mean rain, according to an old saying.
16. **CHAIRS**—When your chairs begin to creak, get ready for rain.
17. **CHICKENS**—When chickens huddle together outside the hen house instead of going in to roost, rain will fall shortly. An ancient adage says: "If fowls roll in the sand, rain is at hand."
18. **CLEAR AIR**—When distant objects look close, expect rain. Weather lore has it that "The farther the sight, the nearer the rain."
19. **CLOUDS**—Heavy clouds in the west indicate rain. Also, cloud streamers pointing upward are a sign of rain.
20. **CLOVER**—The clover always contracts its leaves before a rain.
21. **COFFEE**—If coffee bubbles cling to the cup instead of floating in the center, rain may be expected soon.
22. **CORNS**—When corns are more painful than usual, anticipate rain.
23. **COTTONWOOD TREES**—When cottonwood trees turn the under sides of their leaves upward, you can count on rain.
24. **COWS**—Says an old book about weather: "When a cow attempts to scratch its ear, it means a shower is very near." A cow thumping its ribs with its tail is also a sign of rain.
25. **CRABS**—When crabs leave the water and remain on land, it is an indication that rain will fall before long.
26. **CREAM AND MILK**—When cream or milk sours during the night, a thunderstorm may be expected shortly.
27. **CRESCENT MOON**—It is said that a new moon with horns tilting downward can't hold water and that rain will speedily ensue.
28. **CRICKETS**—When crickets chirp louder and more persistently than usual, it forecasts rain.
29. **CROWS**—Loud and continued cawing by crows is an indication of rain. Also, a crow flying alone warns of rain.
30. **CURLS**—When curly hair becomes more unruly than usual, rain is not far distant.
31. **DANDELIONS**—Dandelions always close their blossoms before a rain.
32. **DEW**—Complete absence of dew in the morning means rain by night.
33. **DOGS**—When dogs eat grass, or are uneasy and change position frequently while lying down, anticipate rain.
34. **DONKEYS**—A donkey scratching itself against a wall is said to be a good sign of rain.
35. **DOORS**—Whenever doors begin to stick in fair weather, prepare for a change to rain.
36. **DUCKS**—Unusually loud quacking by ducks is a sign of rain.
37. **DUST**—Dust whirling along the street is a forerunner of rain.
38. **EARS**—A ringing in the ears is often a warning of coming rain.
39. **EARTH WORMS**—When worms appear in large numbers on the surface of the ground, get out your umbrella.
40. **EAST WIND**—An east wind is an almost certain sign of rain within 36 hours.
41. **FIRES**—When grate fires crackle and throw sparks to a greater degree than usual, look for rain very soon.
42. **FISH**—Fish jumping from the water, or swimming close to the surface, are a reliable indication of rain.
43. **FLOORS**—When oiled floors "sweat," get ready for rain.

44. **FLOWERS**—When flowers stay open all night, rain usually falls within 24 hours. Also, the perfume of flowers is stronger just before a rain.
45. **FROGS**—When frogs assume a brownish hue, and croak louder and more continuously than usual, they predict rain.
46. **FULL MOONS**—Two full moons in a single month are said to be a sure sign of rain.
47. **GEESE**—When geese are particularly noisy, expect rain.
48. **GLOW WORMS**—If glow worms shine much, rain is about to fall.
49. **GOATS**—When goats bleat a great deal, beware of rain.
50. **GRASS**—If you find your lawn free from dew in the morning, look for rain by night.
51. **GREEN SKY**—A clear sky with a slight greenish hue is an indication of approaching rain.
52. **GULLS**—Whenever sea gulls fly inland, rain may be expected.
53. **HALO**—A halo, or ring, around the moon is a sure sign of rain. "The bigger the ring, the nearer the rain," asserts a book of ancient weather signs.
54. **HAZY TWILIGHTS**—A hazy twilight in summer often portends rain.
55. **HORSES**—Horses sweating in the stable, sniffing loudly and switching their tails violently indicate coming rain.
56. **HOUSE FLIES**—Many flies in the house are a certain sign of rain. Flies also bite harder and oftener than usual just before a rain.
57. **JOINTS**—When your joints begin to feel stiff, look for a shower soon.
58. **LAMPS AND LANTERNS**—When burning lamps and lanterns sputter continuously, rain is in immediate prospect.
59. **METEORS**—A great many meteors, or shooting stars, in one evening are an indication that rain is near.
60. **MICE**—If mice run about more than usual, rain is not far off.
61. **MISTY MORNINGS**—"Three misty mornings in a row bring rain," states an old weather adage.
62. **MOON**—"A pale moon doth rain—a red moon doth blow—a white moon doth neither rain nor blow," says an old-time almanac.



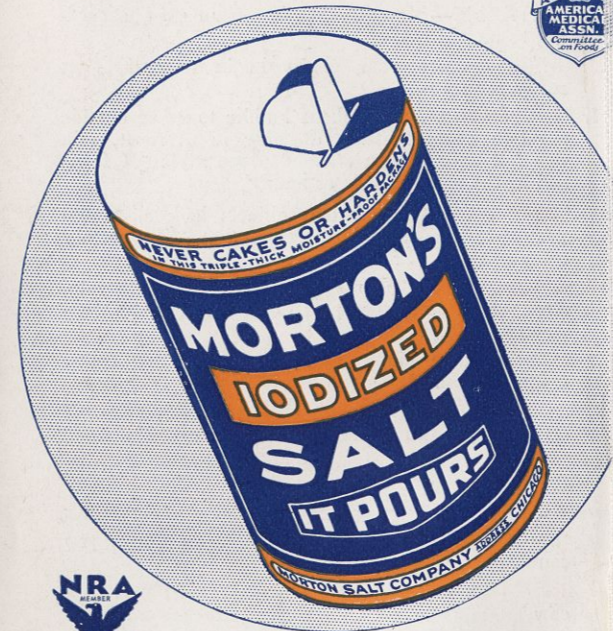
63. **ODORS**—When both pleasant and unpleasant odors are more pronounced than ordinary, rain is about to fall.
64. **PARROTS**—Whistling by parrots which seldom whistle is said to be a good sign of rain.
65. **PIGEONS**—Whenever pigeons return slowly to roost, anticipate rain.
66. **PIGS**—Pigs carrying straw and litter in their mouths foretell rain.
67. **PIPES**—When a man's pipe smells stronger than usual, you can expect a rainstorm soon.
68. **PITCHERS**—"Sweating" pitchers and glasses portend rain.
69. **RAINBOW**—A rainbow before noon means more rain by night.
70. **RED MORNINGS**—"Morning red, of rain's a sign," according to an ancient weather adage. Another old saw is: "Red in the morning, sailors' warning."
71. **RHEUMATISM**—Rheumatic twinges frequently prophesy rain.
72. **ROBINS**—Robins near houses, or singing on the ground, warn of rain.
73. **ROOSTERS**—A rooster crowing at night is a dependable sign of rain. An old couplet says: "If the cock goes crowing to bed, he'll certainly rise with a watery head."
74. **ROPES**—When circus men find their tent ropes growing tighter, they know that rain will fall shortly.
75. **SALT**—When ordinary salt begins to lump, cake and clog the saltcellar, get ready for rain. This is not true of Morton's Salt, however, for it is made in such a way that even "When it rains, it pours" (see back cover).
76. **SHEEP**—When a sheep turns its back to the wind, rain will shortly begin to fall.
77. **SHOE STRINGS**—When shoe strings stick, knot and become difficult to untie, you can depend on rain before long.
78. **SMOKE**—Smoke hanging close to the ground is a good sign of rain.
79. **SNAILS**—When snails come out abundantly, look for rain to come with them.
80. **SOAP**—When you notice your laundry soap beginning to "sweat," expect rain within a short time.
81. **SOOT**—Whenever soot falls down the chimney, it is a reliable sign of approaching rain.

82. **SPARROWS**—When sparrows begin to chirp louder than usual, get your raincoat out.
83. **SPIDERS**—When spiders desert their webs, it is a sign of coming rain.
84. **SPONGES**—When sponges do not dry out rapidly after using, get ready for a rainstorm.
85. **STARS**—When stars are unusually dim and dull, prepare for rain. A star very close to the moon is also said to be an indication of rain.
86. **STOMACH**—An uneasy stomach is often a sign of approaching rain.
87. **STOVES**—When stoves and other iron objects rust over night in fair weather, rain may be anticipated.
88. **SUDDEN HEAT**—Heat that comes suddenly generally brings rain with it.
89. **SUN**—When the sun sends out distinct shafts of light, sometimes called "The sun's fingers," it is a warning of rain.
90. **SUNSETS**—A white, pale yellow or gray sunset betokens rain. An early weather book says: "If the sun should set in gray, the next will be a rainy day."
91. **TEETH**—When a bad tooth begins to act up, it often foretells rain.
92. **THISTLES**—If the down of the thistle flies about when there is no wind, rain is very likely to fall.
93. **TOADSTOOLS**—If many toadstools spring up over night, rain is sure to come before long.
94. **WALLS**—"Sweating" cellar walls are a trustworthy sign of rain.
95. **WARM NIGHTS**—When the temperature rises instead of falls at night, it will probably rain by morning.
96. **WASH RAGS**—When wash rags remain damp long after using, a shower is likely to occur.
97. **WHISTLES**—When far-off factory or locomotive whistles sound as if they were only a short distance away, it is a sign of approaching rain.
98. **WINDOWS**—When windows become hard to open in fair weather, expect rain shortly.
99. **WOODPECKERS**—When woodpeckers are especially noisy, they are preparing to shelter themselves from coming rain.
100. **WRENS**—If you have a wren house, you can tell whether or not it is going to rain by whether the birds stay in or out.


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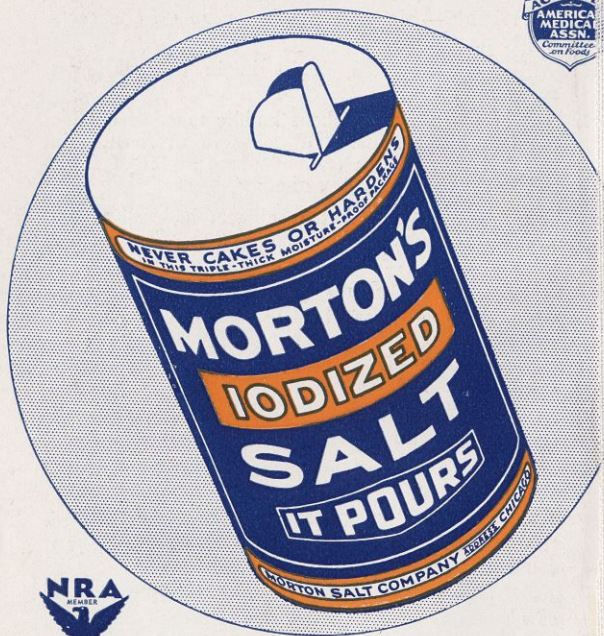
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