

It's Raining Fish!

Weird Weather That's Real



Northern Territory, Australia is a desert. It is hot and dry.

At the start of the rainy season, it began to rain. But this was no ordinary rain.

It was raining fish! Fish fell on rooftops, roads, cars, and everywhere. People ran around trying to catch the fish. But where did the fish come from? The closest lake was 200 miles away!

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Waterspouts are small tornadoes that start over water. They can start over oceans or lakes. A waterspout can suck up all the water in a lake. It sucks up the fish along with the water.

The waterspout rises high into the sky, taking the water (and the fish) along with it. Wind and temperature keep the water (and the fish) high in the sky. From there, the water may get blown hundreds of miles away from the lake. The fish go along for the ride.

What goes up, must come down. Eventually, the water will fall back down to the earth in the form of rain. The fish will fall down to the earth, too. This is what happened in Northern Territory, Australia in 2010. A waterspout took water and fish from a faraway lake. The wind carried them for hundreds of miles. Then the water dropped back down earth together with the fish.

