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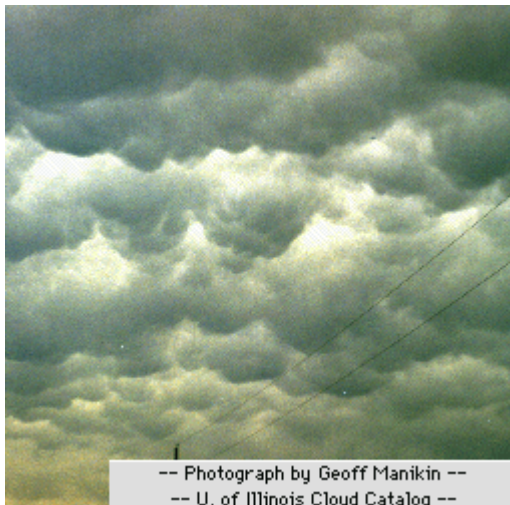
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Mammatus Clouds

sagging pouch-like structures

Mammatus are pouch-like cloud structures and a rare example of clouds in sinking air.



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-- U. of Illinois Cloud Catalog --

Sometimes very ominous in appearance, mammatus clouds are harmless and do not mean that a [tornado](#) is about to form; a commonly held misconception. In fact, mammatus are usually seen after the worst of a thunderstorm has passed.

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