

# High cloud type:

WMO code 0509: Clouds of genera Cirrus, Cirrocumulus and Cirrostratus.

- / - cirrus, cirrocumulus & cirrostratus invisible owing to darkness, fog, blowing dust or sand, or other phenomena, or more often because of the presence of a continuous layer of lower clouds
- 0 - no cirrus, cirrocumulus or cirrostratus clouds
- 1 - cirrus in the form of filaments, strands or hooks, not progressively invading the sky.
- 2 - dense cirrus, in patches or entangled sheaves, which usually do not increase & sometimes seem to be the remains of the upper part of a cumulonimbus; or cirrus with sproutings in the form of small turrets; or cirrus having the appearance of cumuliform tufts
- 3 - dense cirrus, often in the form of an anvil, being the remains of the upper part of cumulonimbus
- 4 - cirrus in the form of hooks, filaments, or both, progressively invading the sky; they generally become denser as a whole.
- 5 - cirrus (often in bands converging towards 1 point or 2 opposite points of the horizon) and cirrostratus, or cirrostratus alone; in either case, they are progressively invading the sky, and generally growing denser as a whole, but the continuous veil does not reach 45 degrees above the horizon.
- 6 - cirrus (often in bands converging towards 1 point or 2 opposite points of the horizon) and cirrostratus, or cirrostratus alone; in either case, they are progressively invading the sky, and generally growing denser as a whole; the continuous veil extends more than 45 degrees above the horizon, without the sky being totally covered.
- 7 - veil of cirrostratus covering the celestial dome
- 8 - cirrostratus not progressively invading the sky and not completely covering the celestial dome.
- 9 - cirrocumulus alone, or cirrocumulus accompanied by cirrus or cirrostratus, or both, but cirrocumulus is predominant