


# Bizarre Rain

Usually, rain is transparent. But in some places, there are downpours of coloured rain. Red rain happens when red dust or sand is blown into the atmosphere. Strong winds carry the coloured grains into clouds. The grains mix with water droplets. They fall to the ground as red rain. Pollen carried by the wind can make yellow rain. Coal dust can make black rain.

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When there is rainfall in the desert, sometimes the rain is red or dust-coloured.



A photograph of a waterspout, a column of water falling from a cloudy sky into the ocean. The sky is filled with white and grey clouds, and the ocean is dark. A yellow curved border is on the left side of the image.

A waterspout occurs over water. It forms from the clouds above.

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Sometimes small animals such as fish, frogs and snakes can fall from the sky. Scientists believe whirling waterspouts suck the animals up into the clouds. Strong storm winds then carry the animals along and dump them onto astonished people. If the animals survive, the frogs and snakes can escape. The fish aren't so lucky. They often end up in a cooking pot.