

Perth Hailstorm March 22nd 2010

Posted by StormWolf - 2010/08/05 13:23

Couldn't find this anywhere on the Australian forum, I did check!

A huge warm-season storm hit Perth in March this year. I noted a very strong mammatus cloud formation earlier in the day and we had severe weather warnings. The first front to hit made a lot of people scream (I was at work); thunder felt like earthquakes! Had me racing outside to see. Huge hail and trolleys smashing into cars, car alarms going off; was fantastic but also not good for those whose cars were out there.

An immense storm. The second front had a very visible shelf cloud. The first front was a classic storm shape with obvious green in it (I saw it during the lull after it hit us and photographed it; to the north of me was the second front), and some hail recorded was bigger than golf balls. My house had smashed windows. Millions of cars have huge hail dents (they had a huge hail sale later, selling off dented cars for cheaper). The second front wasn't quite as damaging, but the winds were so strong they sent rain horizontally into my shop (had the door shut). Floods and mudslides, people's cars stopped by the roads; this storm had it all. Lightning bolts hitting the CBD buildings.

Google will come up with some beauties, but here are some photos. I had some of my own on the West Australian site but that'd give my full name away so... haha. I found myself and my friend racing outside amidst screaming and fear to catch some of the big hail, which was much bigger ten minutes south of us, but it was still impressive from where I stood. Much excitement for me, but despair when I heard how damaged Perth was; such a powerful storm to keep its energy for so long over the city!

Our insurance company is still repairing damages.

Imagery (A few out of thousands of photos/videos):

[Pictures of hail, car damage, floods](#)

[Insane cloud formations](#)

[Lightning Hits Perth](#)

[Flooding](#)

[More clouds over marina](#)

Youtube 'March 22 2010 Perth storm' will also gain you videos of floods which destroyed the library of the University of Western Australia. Googling it will show plenty of pictures. I've seen lots of other impressive pictures online but I'm tired so it's worth looking into for sheer visual pleasure if anyone has the time. I also saw images of big sheets of ice (probably hail formed) over flooded areas in carpark.

A friend saw funnels swarming at the front of the storm, barely a few hundred metres off the ground.

These are not common events in Perth. Last time one hit, there was so much hail it looked as though it had snowed; it was inches thick!

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Re:Perth Hailstorm March 22nd 2010

Posted by Joanna762 - 2010/08/05 21:26

Hey, I read and saw a bit about this then. Amazing stuff!

Thanks for posting those links to the photos - fantastic cloud formations!!

Always interesting to hear about what goes on way over there! Don't get anything remotely similar here (Jersey, UK).

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Re:Perth Hailstorm March 22nd 2010

Posted by StormWolf - 2010/08/05 23:44

I have a couple of mates who live in Jersey :)

Perth only gets this rarely. We get hail every winter mostly, but usually during the winter, and our tornadoes occur during the winter time as well. Nobody was prepared for this storm.

Thank you for the comments :)

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