

Cloud genera

Identifying the genus

(Section 2.7.2.1)

The classification of clouds is essentially based on ten main groups called genera. These are mutually exclusive.

The ten genera are:

Low level clouds

Stratus
Stratocumulus
Cumulus
Cumulonimbus

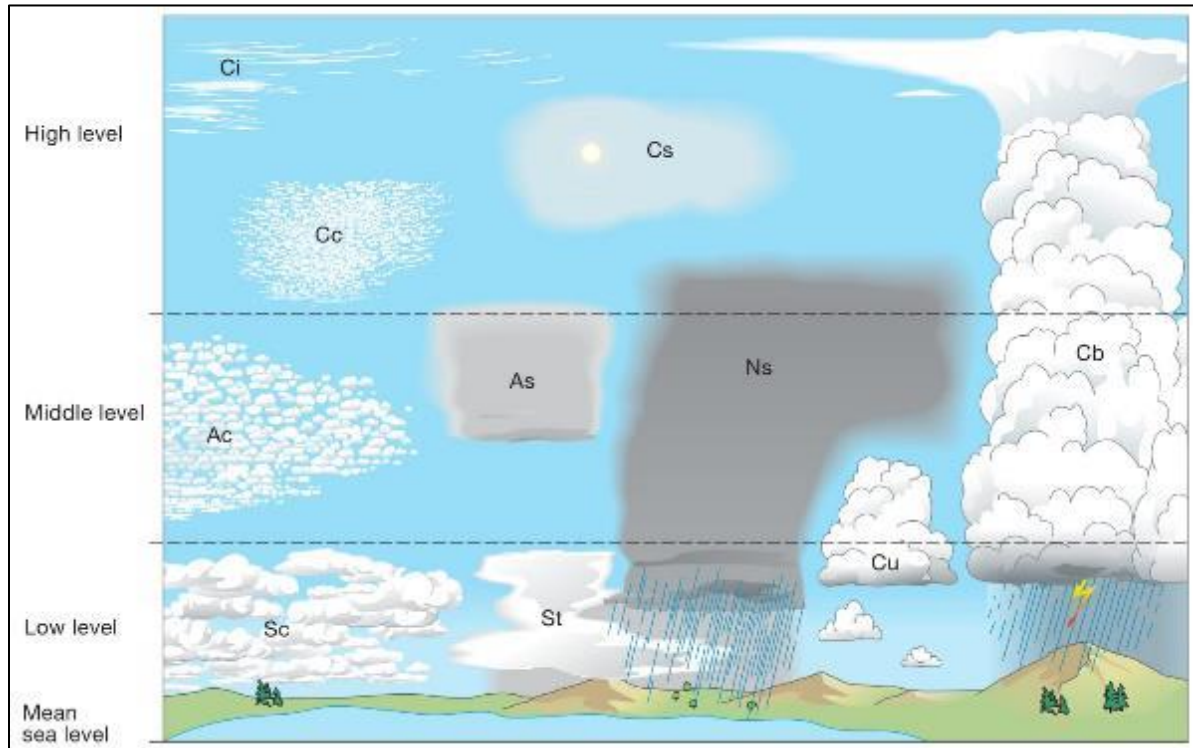
Middle level clouds

Altostratus
Altostratus
Nimbostratus

High level clouds

Cirrus
Cirrostratus
Cirrocumulus

Clouds are grouped according to the height above ground at which they develop.



The 10 genera within their allocated level or levels