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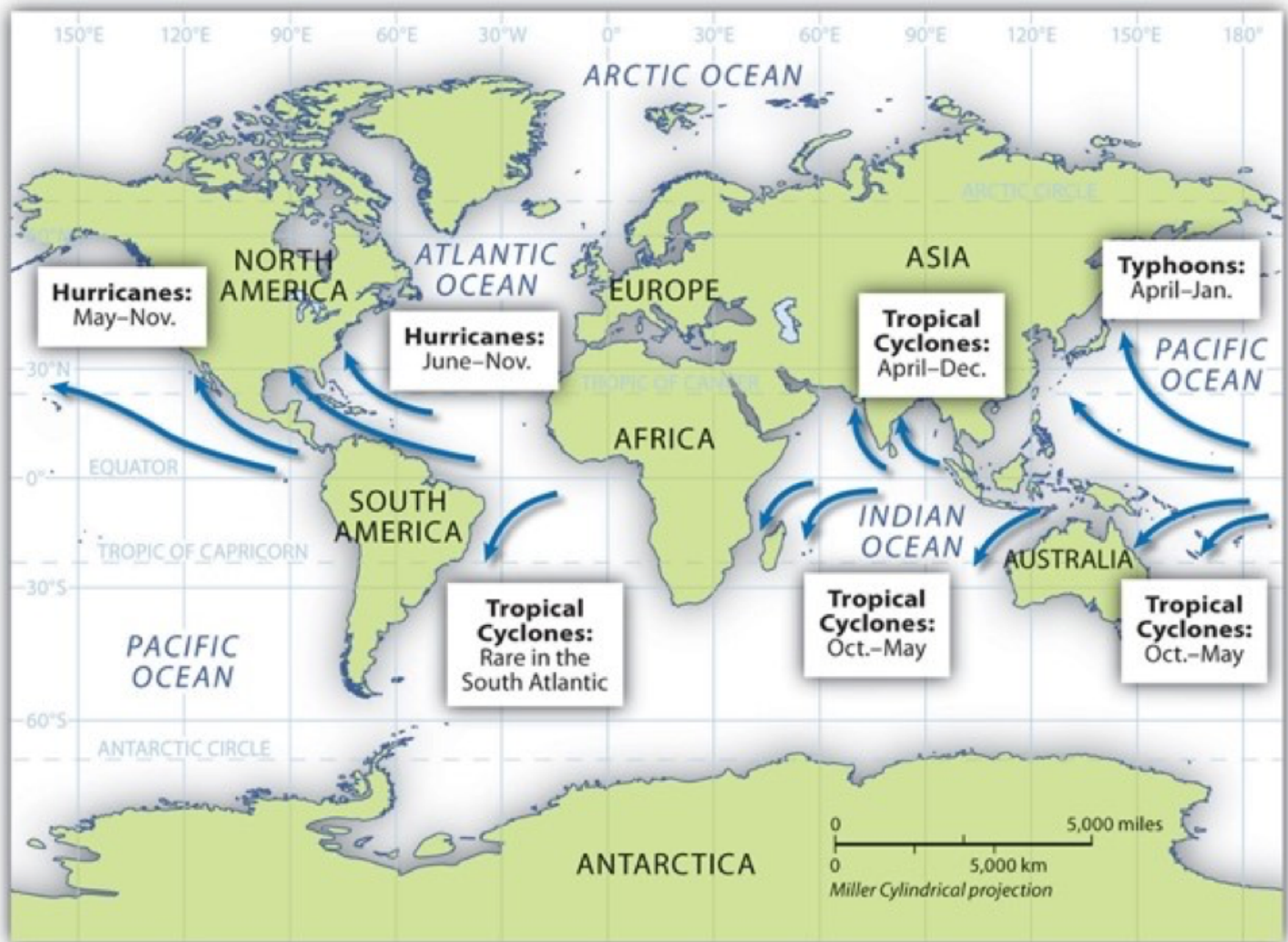
NEWS FEATURE: THE HISTORY OF HURRICANE NAMES

OCTOBER 31, 2021 | NATALIE KIM | 25 COMMENTS

Hurricane Ida hit Louisiana on August 26, 2021. While public focus was probably on the victims of the hurricane, and rightly so, few know why the hurricane was called Ida. Or, for that matter, how hurricanes are named in the first place.

The term “hurricane” is used for storms that develop off the coasts of the U.S. and South America, while the terms “typhoon” and “cyclone” describe storms in the east Asian coast and the Indian Ocean and Australia, respectively. Technically, a tropical storm is named when it has sustained winds of 39 mph, but

it doesn't become a hurricane until its winds reach 74 mph, so a named tropical storm doesn't necessarily develop into a full-fledged hurricane.



<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/atd-herkimer-worldgeography/chapter/5-5-tropical-cyclones-hurricanes/>

The purpose of naming hurricanes is straightforward: to distinguish the storms. It also minimizes confusion for ships. “In the past,” states an article from the National Hurricane Center, “confusion...[has] arisen when storm advisories...were mistaken for warnings concerning an entirely different storm located hundreds of miles away.” Before the naming system, which is relatively new, hurricanes were referred to as their latitude and longitude coordinates, which was confusing to the public.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is an agency under the United Nations that monitors the “state and [behavior] of the Earth’s atmosphere” internationally. The WMO established a universal method for naming hurricanes in the early 1950s. The Switzerland-based group created alphabetized lists of 21 names, one for each letter of the alphabet (excluding Q, U, X, Y, and Z). These names were exclusively female, which points to the history of sexism that is integrated even in weather.

The feminization of hurricanes stemmed from the meteorologists' argument that the public would not take male-named hurricanes as seriously and therefore not act as fast to prepare. However, their "concern" for public safety hardly masked their sexism that was so integrated in society. "Some male meteorologists," Galindo states in an article for Action News 5, even "used sexist clichés to describe the behavior of a storm." The image of "female fury," as mentioned by the Washington Post, was said to evoke feelings of fear and a stronger desire to evacuate. Additionally, as written by Women's Media Center, "Weathermen were said to have chosen the names of their [exes] to conjure...rage." This portrayal of females as bringers of destruction infuriated feminists across the nation, including Floridan Roxcy Bolton. Bolton was tired of the association of women with disaster and, beginning in the early 1970s, advocated for the abolition of exclusively female-named hurricanes.

Eventually, names of all genders were integrated into the 1978 and 1979 hurricane seasons. One set of six lists is for the Atlantic Ocean, and the other set is for storms in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. Hurricane season is relatively the same for both regions, occurring from mid-May to late November. Starting with "A" names, hurricanes are then given the following name on that season's list. If there are more than 21 hurricanes in a season, there are backup lists used to name additional storms (WTVN). The lists of names are cycled every six years, meaning this year's names, assuming none are retired, will appear again in 2027.

Hurricane names are retired if their impact is so devastating that using the name again would be insensitive. Examples of retired hurricane names include Katrina, Sandy, and Michael. Retired names are then replaced with other names approved by the WMO.

Climate experts agree that the frequency of hurricanes will increase as climate change worsens, so the system of naming hurricanes is prone to include more names in the future. This year's Atlantic hurricane season is well underway, and at time of this writing, there is only one remaining name – in the Atlantic list: Victor.

25 THOUGHTS ON "NEWS FEATURE: THE HISTORY OF HURRICANE NAMES"



Jan

MAY 21, 2022 AT 6:20 AM

Wonderful views on that!



Eugenio

MAY 22, 2022 AT 12:17 PM

That's a great point

**Aurelia**

MAY 25, 2022 AT 9:17 AM

Wonderful views on that!

**Madeline**

MAY 31, 2022 AT 8:17 PM

Hi there, I enjoy reading through your post. I like to write a little comment to support you.

**Kina**

JUNE 2, 2022 AT 12:37 PM

When I initially commented I clicked the “Notify me when new comments are added” checkbox and now each time a comment is added I get four e-mails with the same comment. Is there any way you can remove me from that service? Many thanks!

**Tamara**

JUNE 3, 2022 AT 4:51 AM

Hmm it seems like your website ate my first comment (it was extremely long) so I guess I’ll just sum it up what I had written and say, I’m thoroughly enjoying your blog. I too am an aspiring blog writer but I’m still new to everything. Do you have any helpful hints for beginner blog writers? I’d definitely appreciate it.

**Christie**

JUNE 3, 2022 AT 2:24 PM

What’s up, yeah this paragraph is in fact pleasant and I have learned lot of things from it on the topic of blogging. thanks.

**Jerry Dorton**

JUNE 17, 2022 AT 7:53 PM

Those are yours alright! . We at least need to get these people stealing images to start blogging! They probably just did a image search and grabbed them. They look good though!

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JULY 1, 2022 AT 2:52 AM

Very nice style and design and excellent subject material, absolutely nothing else we need : D.

**Henry**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 1:14 PM

This piece of writing is actually a nice one it helps new net viewers, who are wishing in favor of blogging.

**Berry**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 1:31 PM

Wonderful website. Plenty of helpful info here.
I'm sending it to several friends and additionally sharing in delicious.
And obviously, thanks in your sweat!

**Latashia**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 2:44 PM

I loved as much as you will receive carried out right here.
The sketch is attractive, your authored subject
matter stylish. nonetheless, you command get got an impatience over that you wish be delivering
the following.
unwell unquestionably come more formerly again since exactly the same nearly a
lot often inside case you shield this increase.

**Aja**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 3:07 PM

Hey there this is kind of off topic but I was wondering if blogs use WYSIWYG editors or if you
have to manually code with HTML. I'm starting a blog soon but have no coding know-how so I want-
ed to get advice
from someone with experience. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

**Aracelis**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 3:36 PM

Genuinely no matter if someone doesn't be aware of after that its up to other users that they will assist, so here it occurs.

**Eloisa**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:14 PM

You are so interesting! I do not suppose I have read anything like this before. So good to find another person with some original thoughts on this topic. Really.. many thanks for starting this up. This web site is something that's needed on the web, someone with some originality!

**Clement**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:21 PM

I just like the valuable information you provide to your articles. I'll bookmark your weblog and test again right here regularly. I'm moderately certain I will learn a lot of new stuff right here!

Best of luck for the next!

**Francisco**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:06 PM

whoah this blog is excellent i love studying your posts. Stay up the good work! You recognize, many people are looking round for this info, you could help them greatly.

**Roseanna**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:33 PM

you're in point of fact a good webmaster. The web site loading velocity is incredible. It kind of feels that you are doing any unique trick. Also, The contents are masterwork. you have done a excellent job on this topic!

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JULY 27, 2022 AT 3:03 PM

Wow, great article post.Thanks Again. Awesome.



will smith and chris rock

JULY 28, 2022 AT 10:14 AM

Major thankies for the blog article.Thanks Again. Much obliged.



샌즈카지노

AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 1:18 PM

Great post.Much thanks again. Cool.



Gamble

AUGUST 20, 2022 AT 5:25 PM

Thanks for the post



Fanculo

AUGUST 21, 2022 AT 11:37 AM

Enjoyed the post



Celsius Network

AUGUST 22, 2022 AT 1:43 AM

Thanks



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SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 AT 11:12 AM

Pretty nice post. I just stumbled upon your blog and wished to mention that I have truly loved browsing your weblog posts. In any case I'll be subscribing to your rss feed and I hope you write once more very soon!