

= 1939 Pacific hurricane season =

The 1939 Pacific hurricane season ran through the summer and fall of 1939 . Before the satellite age started in the 1960s , data on east Pacific hurricanes are extremely unreliable . Most east Pacific storms are of no threat to land . However , 1939 saw a large number of storms threaten California .

= = Storms = =

= = = Hurricane One = = =

On June 12 , a hurricane was detected . The lowest pressure reported by a ship was 985 mbar (29 @. @ 1 inHg) . The hurricane was last seen June 13 .

= = = Possible Tropical Cyclone Two = = =

A possible tropical cyclone was located off the coast of Mexico on June 27 . A ship reported a gale and a pressure of 1 @, @ 006 mbar (29 @. @ 7 inHg) . The system was last seen on June 28 .

= = = Tropical Cyclone Three = = =

On July 19 , a tropical cyclone was detected . A ship reported a pressure of 1 @, @ 000 @. @ 7 millibars (29 @. @ 55 inHg) .

= = = Tropical Cyclone Four = = =

On July 29 , a tropical cyclone was located midway between Manzanillo and Acapulco . It moved up the coast , and a ship reported a pressure of 1 @, @ 000 mbar (30 inHg) on July 29 as the cyclone made landfall in the vicinity of Manzanillo .

= = = Tropical Cyclone Five = = =

A small tropical cyclone was detected on August 31 . A ship reported gales and a pressure of 1 @, @ 003 @. @ 3 millibars (29 @. @ 63 inHg) .

= = = Hurricane Six = = =

From September 4 to 7 , the remnants of a hurricane brought heavy rain to Southern California . The storm delivered over a year 's worth of rainfall to Blythe , while Imperial received more than two year 's worth . The flooding caused major damage in Mecca , California , and 3 feet (0 @. @ 91 m) of water swamped Thermal .

= = = Hurricane Seven = = =

A tropical cyclone was first detected south of Acapulco on September 5 . It intensified into a hurricane and moved northwestward . A ship sailing through the eye reported a pressure reading of 948 mbar (28 @. @ 0 inHg) . The tropical cyclone made landfall somewhere along the Baja California Peninsula . It dissipated inland over the northern part of the peninsula on September 12 . Remnants of this tropical storm , in association with a trough , caused rain of up to 4 inches (100 mm) in southern California on September 11 and 12 .

= = = Tropical Cyclone Eight = = =

On September 5 , a tropical cyclone formed off the coast of Costa Rica . It also headed northwest and dissipated over the southern part of Baja California on September 15 . The lowest reported pressure was 1 @, @ 004 mbar (29 @. @ 6 inHg) . From September 19 to 21 , remnants of this tropical cyclone caused rain measuring up to 3 inches (76 mm) in Southern California .

= = = Hurricane Nine = = =

On September 14 , a tropical cyclone formed off the coast of Central America . This tropical storm tracked northwestward and intensified into a hurricane . The sea @-@ level pressure dropped to 975 mbar (28 @. @ 8 inHg) or lower . The hurricane recurved gradually to the northeast and weakened over cool seas . On September 25 , this tropical storm made landfall near Long Beach , California , and dissipated inland .

The tropical storm caught Southern Californians unprepared . It brought heavy rain and flooding to the area , which killed 45 people . At sea , 48 were killed . The storm caused heavy property damage amounting to \$ 2 million (1939 USD) in total , mostly to crops and coastal infrastructure .

= = = Hurricane Ten = = =

On October 23 , a tropical cyclone formed south of Cabo Corrientes . It intensified and headed roughly due north . A steamer , the Nevadan , caught in the eye of this extremely intense hurricane , recording a corrected central pressure of 930 mbar (hPa ; 27 @. @ 46 inHg) . Even with modern tropical cyclone observation techniques available , this reading still qualifies this cyclone as one of the most intense on record . The steep pressure gradient between the Nevadan and the external hurricane conditions off of Manzanillo , Colima caused several tarpaulins to burst . Other shipping was disrupted off the Mexican coast by the intense tropical cyclone .

The hurricane made landfall near Cabo Corrientes on October 25 and dissipated shortly thereafter . Onshore , the storm caused an extensive swath of damage . Homes were destroyed in the towns of Santiago Ixcuintla and Rosamorada in the Mexican state of Nayarit , displacing hundreds of people . In Puerto Vallarta , a strong storm surge flooded a section of the town , destroying several homes . Tobacco , corn , and rice crops in the region suffered considerable damage . The strong winds downed power lines , resulting in the delayed dissemination of damage reports . Although no exact casualty total was documented , reports indicated that the tropical cyclone caused a " few casualties " . After the storm , US \$ 6 @, @ 000 was donated to help aid the displaced in the states of Nayarit and Jalisco , while doctors and nurses were sent to those areas .