

March 25 Severe Weather Event

In the early part of the week of Monday, March 22nd to Friday, March 27th, the storm track began to slowly come south again. This helped create slightly more unstable conditions on Tuesday, March 24th, as light rain and showers came to the area during the morning and moved east by the early evening. As the fast moving weather disturbance north of South Central Texas moved east, it helped a cool front spill across Central and South Central Texas the night of March 24th and early morning of March 25th. During the day of March 25th, the storm track continued to develop further south, as a series of weather disturbances approached from the west. The cool front that moved south of San Antonio, moved north as a warm front in the afternoon of Tuesday, March 25th to near an Austin to south of Llano Line. The cold frontal boundary acted as a focus for thunderstorms to develop rapidly in an unstable environment, that was created by an active storm track over the area. The thunderstorms developed west of Llano and moved east over Llano and Burnet Counties. The thunderstorms increased in area coverage as they moved further east across Williamson, Travis, Lee, Hays, Bastrop, and Fayette Counties in the late afternoon through the early evening. These storms produced strong winds between 40 and 60 mph, and large hail. Hail sizes near 1 to 3 inches was observed. In Travis County the public reported hail sizes as large as 2 to 3 inches.

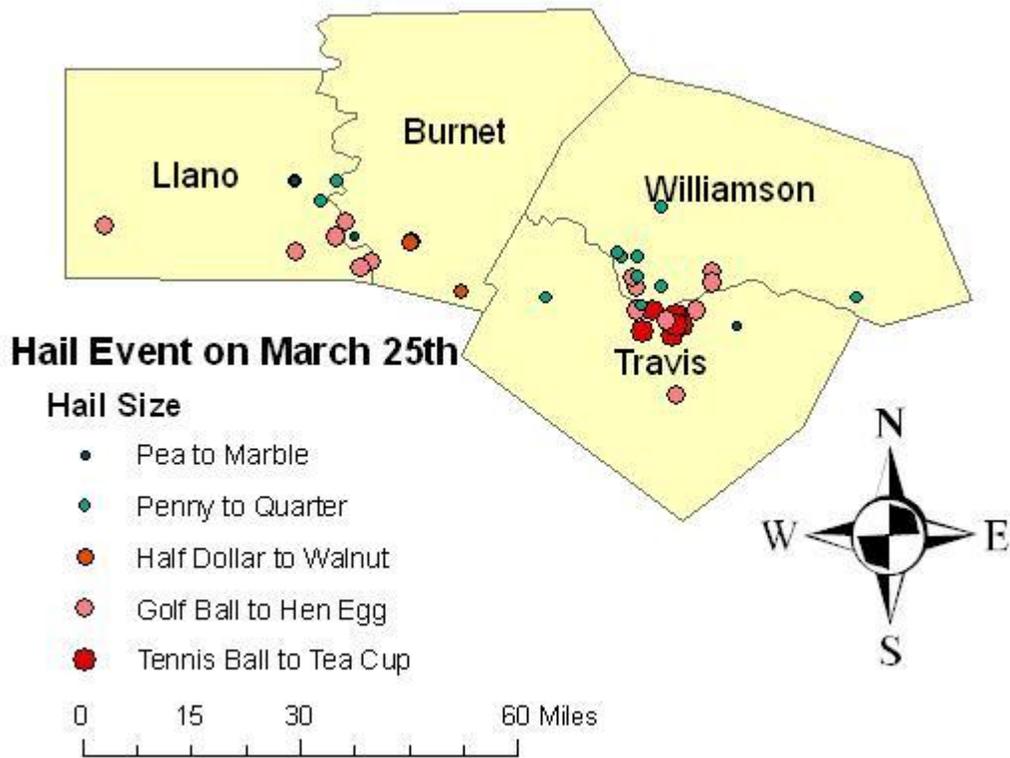
Reports received from the public indicated that the storms caused damage to cars, power lines and some roofs.



Courtesy picture from Troy Kimmel on the northwest side of Austin.



Courtesy picture from Jonathan Steets on the north side of Austin.



Here is a link to the Radar Loop from March 25th.

http://www.srh.noaa.gov/images/ewx/wxevent/march_25_2009.gif