

TEXARKANA -- Several places in town have fish on the ground after Wednesday's rainstorm.

Among the places that have seen the fish are a tire store on Summerhill Road and Texas High soccer practice.

An Arkansas-side resident and her husband were leaving their home to go out to lunch Wednesday afternoon when they discovered about 20 small fish scattered around the back yard and side yard of their Victorian home.

"There were every bit of 20 fish out here. We were flabbergasted," the woman said.

She asked that she not be identified. By the Texarkana Gazette

"We had no idea where they came from. Somebody could be playing a prank but I've also heard about things like fish or frogs falling from the sky when it rains," she said. "I've heard about it but never seen it."

A rain of animals have been reported throughout history. One hypothesis is that tornadic waterspouts can pick up creatures such as fish and carry them for a distance. However, this phenomenon has never been witnessed by scientists. Another likely explanation is there is no falling and the animals are driven by winds.

The fish are about the size of goldfish and were silver in color.

"They were not here yesterday. My grand kids were here playing in the yard yesterday. They were jumping on the trampoline and we were outside most of the day," she said.

"We just thought it was really weird," she said. "Maybe it's prank but who would go to the trouble of throwing them all out here?"