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Conference on European Tornadoes and Severe Storms

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Some accounts of Russian tornadoes have appeared previously (e. g., Nalivkin (1969), Peterson (1981), Rowe (1987) et al.). While tornadoes have been reported in many regions, the greatest frequency of devastating events appears to be across the central portions of the Russian Plain. (A particularly severe storm occurred on 9 June 1984 resulting in extensive damage and upwards of 400 deaths!) Waterspouts have often been reported over the large Russian seas.

Although the number of published accounts limits the formulation of a climatology, there are indications of a June-September peak (Peterson (1984), Rowe (1987)), similar to that found for the Baltic countries. Too little research has been carried out to identify the associated synoptic events.