



A Monster Dust Devil Stalks the Martian Landscape

A dust devil the size of a terrestrial tornado towers above the Martian surface in this late springtime afternoon image of Amazonis Planitia. The length of the shadow indicates that the dust plume reached a height of 20 kilometers above the surface! Despite its gargantuan height, the plume is only 70 meters in diameter, giving it a snake-like appearance.