

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199302782**

**Piper Aircraft Corp  
Cherokee Six**

**05 September 1993**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199302782    **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Longreach  
**State:** QLD    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Sunday 05 September 1993  
**Time:** 1042 hours    **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Piper Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** PA-32-260  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-TAT    **Serial Number:** 32-318  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Birdsville QLD  
**Departure Time:** 0810 EST  
**Destination:** Longreach QLD

**Crew Details:**

<u>Role</u>	<u>Class of Licence</u>	<u>Hours on Type</u>	<u>Hours Total</u>
Pilot-In-Command	Private	15.0	170

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The pilot was landing with a crosswind from the left of 10-15 kt. As the aircraft touched down, the left wing lifted, causing the right wingtip to contact the ground. The aircraft veered right for a short time before the propeller struck the ground, causing extensive damage to the nose section of the aircraft.