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What is a tropical rainforest habitat?

Tropical rainforests are warm, wet forests. They are also called jungles.

Tropical rainforests grow near the equator. The equator is around the middle of the world.



What animals live in a tropical rainforest habitat?

Rainforests are full of life. Colorful birds like macaws and toucans fly around the trees. Sloths, monkeys, ocelots, and capybaras live in the jungle. Bats, snakes, and frogs live there, too. Some rainforests have chimpanzees, gorillas, or orangutans.

Millions of kinds of insects live in the rainforest. They include ants and butterflies.

Rainforest rivers have deadly fish, anaconda snakes, and caimans. Caimans are similar to alligators.



What plants live in a tropical rainforest habitat?

The jungle is full of tall trees, vines, and beautiful flowers.

Trees like mahogany, teak, and rosewood grow in the forest. So do plants like orchids, bromeliads, ferns, and pitcher plants.

Many foods come from the rainforest! Vanilla, black pepper, bananas, mangoes, cashews, and chocolate come from tropical forests.

There are so many kinds of rainforest plants that scientists have not found them all!



What is the weather like in a tropical rainforest habitat?

Rainforests are warm and wet. They are 68°F to 95°F (20°C to 35°C) all year long.

Most rainforests receive 100 inches (200 cm) of rain per year.

Fun facts about a tropical rainforest habitat

The largest rainforest is the Amazon. It is found in Brazil, Bolivia, and other countries.

Half of the world's plants and animals live in rainforests.

People are harming rainforests. They cut down trees and cause pollution.

Rainforest trees grow very close together. Only 2 percent of the sunlight in a rainforest reaches the ground.

Many rainforest plants are used to make medicines.



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