

Natural Americas

There are ten different types of **biome** spread across the Americas.

A biome is an area with certain plants and animals that have adapted to the **climate** there.

Tundra

Climate: Cold and dry all year.
Plants: Small plants that are able to survive the cold, like moss.
Animals: Arctic hares, polar bears, seals.

Alpine

Climate: Cold, windy and snowy all year.
Plants: Tough bushes, which can withstand the climate.
Animals: Animals with thick fur like alpacas and mountain goats.

Temperate Grassland

Climate: Warm summers and cold winters.
Plants: Grasses.
Animals: Bison, foxes, armadillos.

Tropical Rainforest

Climate: Hot and wet all year.
Plants: Thousands of tree and smaller plant species.
Animals: Jaguars, giant otters, frogs, tarantulas.

Deciduous Forest

Climate: Warm summers and cold winters.
Plants: Trees that lose their leaves in winter like oak.
Animals: Raccoons, owls, rabbits, bobcats.

Coniferous Forest

Climate: Temperate (cool summers and cold winters) or polar (cold and dry all year).
Plants: Evergreen trees like spruce and pine.
Animals: Brown bears, owls, squirrels, deer.

Savannah

Climate: Hot all year. Wet for half of the year and dry for the other half.
Plants: Grasses with few trees.
Animals: Rhea, capybara.

Mediterranean

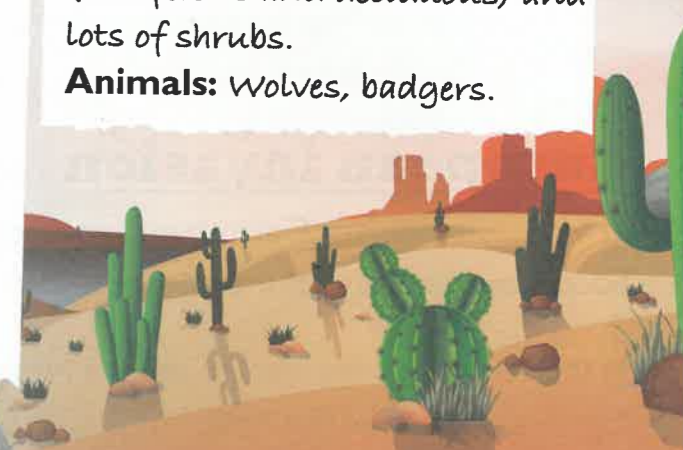
Climate: Hot, dry summers and mild winters.
Plants: Some forests (coniferous and deciduous) and lots of shrubs.
Animals: Wolves, badgers.

Desert

Climate: Hot and dry.
Plants: Small tough plants like cacti that don't need lots of water.
Animals: Lizards, desert fox, coyote.

Polar Desert

Climate: Cold and dry all year.
Plants and Animals: These places are too cold for plants or animals to live.



Which type of biome would you most want to live in?

Which of the animals on this page have you heard of before? Are there any you haven't heard of?

Every biome is unique...

Some have big predators like bears and jaguars, some have dangerous reptiles like poison dart frogs, and some have beautiful birds like parrots and eagles.