

Types of Biome

Match the description to the biome with a line

Very little rain - no more than 10 inches of rain a year.

Home to a surprising number of plants and animals suited to dry conditions.

Covers over one-fifth of the world's

The world's coldest biome. Almost no trees can survive. There are three types of tundra: Arctic and Antarctic, which are cold due to their latitude, and alpine tundra which is cold due to its altitude

Mostly covered with conifers. Taiga is the largest land biome, making up 27% of the world's forests. The largest area of taiga lies between the tundra to the north and the deciduous forests and grasslands to the south. Animals include the snowy owl and caribou

Exposed to warm and cold air masses, causing this biome to have four seasons. The temperature varies widely with the seasons. Plants become dormant to survive the cold winters, while summer birds fly south, and many mammals hibernate because food is scarce.

Tropical and temperate conditions. Found closer to the equator where it is warm. More than half of the world's estimated 10 million species of plants, animals, and insects live in the tropical rainforests.

Open, fairly flat areas of grass. Covers one quarter of the world's land. Found on every continent except Antarctica. Grass savanna, are hot and they receive only small to moderate amounts of rain. Temperate grasslands have warm summers and cold winters.

RAINFOREST

CONIFEROUS FOREST

DESERT

TUNDRA

GRASSLAND

TAIGA