

RAINFOREST TROPICS



TYPES OF RAINFORESTS

- **Did you know there are two types of Rainforest -- the **temperate** and the **tropical**? Tropical rainforests are found close to the equator. Temperate rainforests are found along coasts in the temperate zone, such as the Pacific Northwest of the USA. Both are endangered!**
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- **Montane forests** are found in mountainous areas and may contain plants such as oaks, rhododendrons, and pines, which are characteristic of temperate deciduous forests. At higher altitudes, temperatures are cooler. Even close to the equator, frost and snow can occur.
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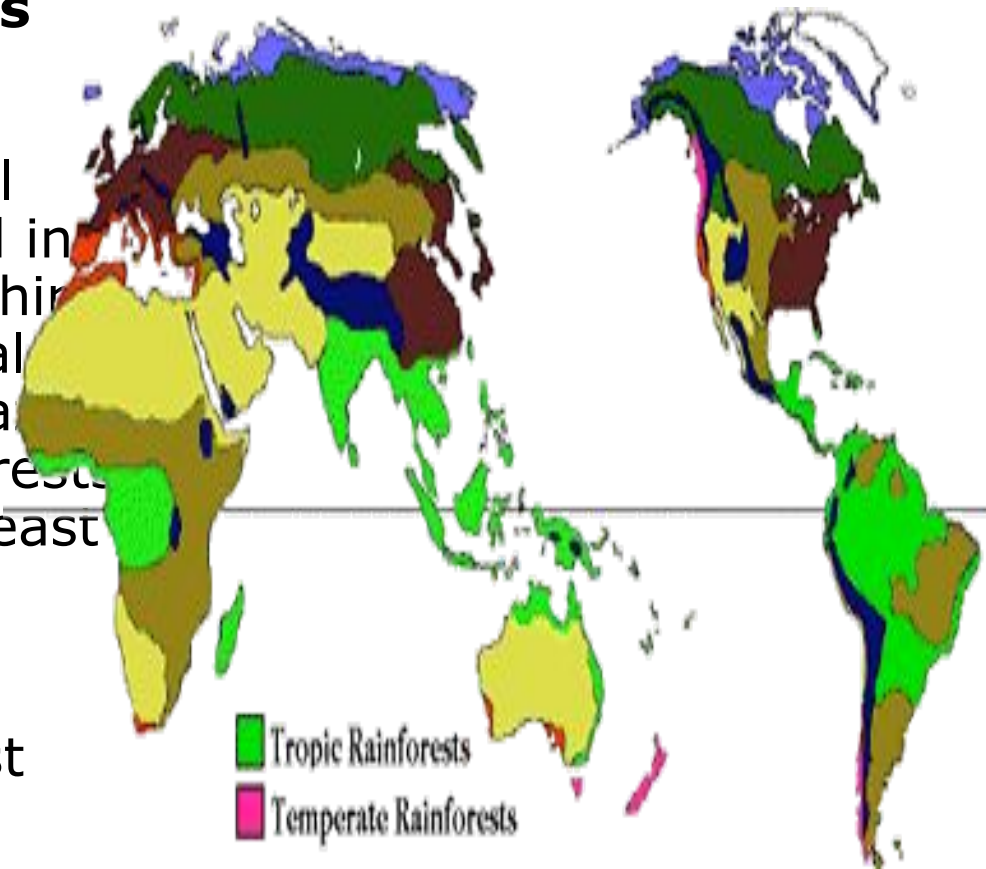
□ **Precipitation and Climate**

Both tropical and temperate rainforests are very lush and wet. Rainfall falls regularly throughout the year. The tropical rainforest receives 80-400 inches of rainfall per year. It rains a lot in the temperate rainforest, too -- about 100 inches per year. And even more moisture comes from the coastal fog that hovers among the trees.

- Tropical rainforests are warm and moist; while temperate rainforests are cool
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WHERE ARE RAINFORESTS LOCATED?

- **Tropical rainforests** are located near the equator. Fifty seven percent of all tropical rainforests are found in Latin America. One third of the world's tropical rainforests are in Brazil. Other tropical rainforests are located in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands (25% of the world's tropical rainforests) and West Africa (18%).



CLIMATE

- **Temperate rainforests** are found along some coasts in temperate zones. The largest temperate rainforests are found on the Pacific coast of North America. They stretch from Oregon to Alaska for 1,200 miles. Smaller temperate rainforests can be found on the southeast coast of Chile in South America. There are a few other coastal strips with temperate rainforests, including small areas in the United Kingdom, Norway, Japan, New Zealand, and southern Australia.
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EXPLORING TROPICAL RAINFORESTS



*Group dwarfed by trees
in Quinault Rainforest*



*Like tropical rainforests, temperate
rainforests are lush and green!*

Bearded Pig and Brazilian Tapir

