

Biomes

Environmental biologists interested in biomes (especially those interested in Earth's life) often disagree on the exact number of biomes, however, not all scientists agree on the number of biomes and several focus on the six major biomes which are: **Tropical Rainforest**, **Deciduous Forest**, **Forest**, **Savanna**, **Tundra**, and the **Polar**. Each biome has its own characteristic plant and animal species, both of which are influenced by communities of weather, plants, and animals which affect its own specific biomes. Biologists use ecological communities identified by both living and non-living components. However, biologists have discovered that biomes are defined by all temperature, precipitation, and soil characteristics.

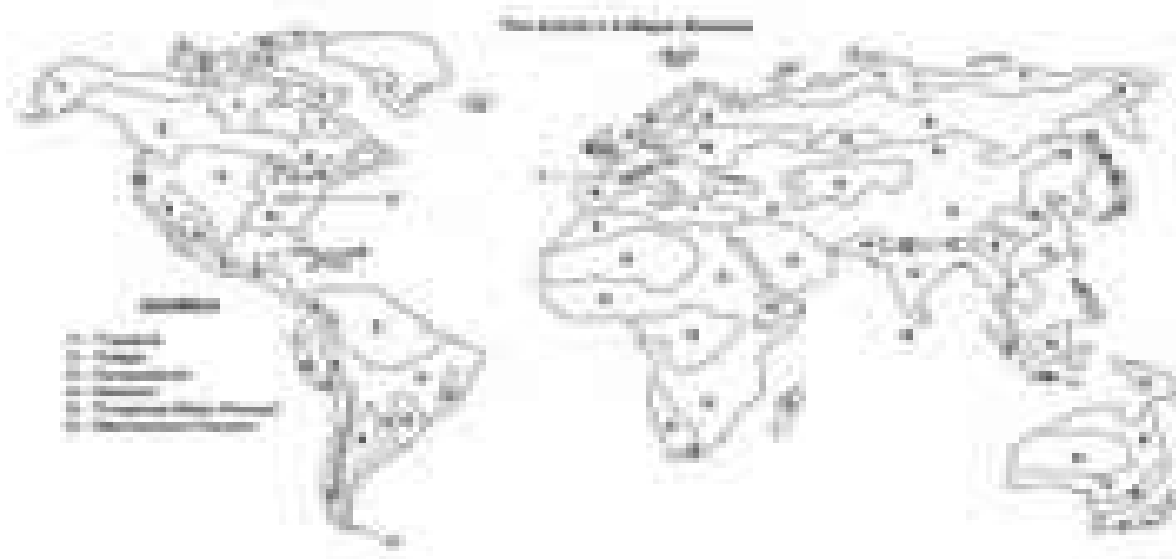


Figure 1. Major Biomes and Climate Zones