

# Biomes

Environmental groups interested in biomes (especially those focused on Earth Day) often disagree on what biomes to focus on. However, not all scientists agree on the number of biomes and exactly how to divide the 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 in turn affected by community of weather, plants, and animals which affect its own specific biomes. Biomes are ecological communities classified by both living and non-living components. The most widely used scheme for biomes was developed by Whittaker (1960) and is based on precipitation, average temperature, and potential evapotranspiration.

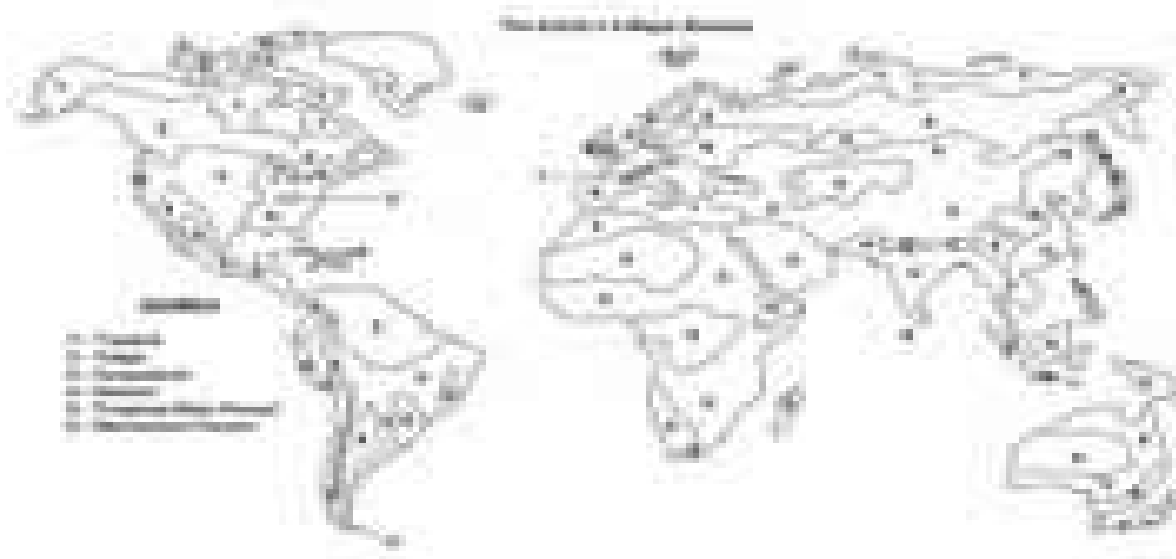


Figure 1. World Biomes and Climate Zones.