

TUNDRA

The tundra biome is a cold and treeless plain where harsh conditions make it hard for plants and animals alike to survive. Around 20% of the Earth's land surface is covered with tundra.



■ Tundra Seasons

The tundra has two distinct seasons: a long winter and a short summer. The tundra has long nights in the winter and long days in the summer.

The winter lasts around 8 months and is extremely cold. In the middle of winter the sun may not rise for weeks. The tundra is frozen and often covered with snow during the winter and will reach temperatures of -60 degrees F.

The summer is shorter. In the middle of summer the sun will be up for 24 hours. During the summer the temperatures may reach 50 degrees

Plants in the Tundra

Plants that grow in the tundra include grasses, shrubs, herbs, and lichens. They grow in groups and stay low to the ground to stay protected from the icy winds.



Animals in the Tundra

There are some animals that have adapted to winter in the tundra. Some of them change coats from brown in the summer to white in the winter so they can blend in with the snow. These include the arctic hare, the ermine, and the arctic fox.





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