

# Forest Ecosystem

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A tree is a tall plant with a hard trunk, branches, and leaves. When you find a large group of trees, you may have found a forest. Forests can be fun to explore, but they are much more than just a group of plants.



Within each forest ecosystem, there are many different types of plants and animals. Trees, bushes, moss, and mushrooms grow together to make a forest ecosystem.

Not all forests are the same. Some forests have a lot of different types of plants and animals.

Some forests are in warm climates. They receive a lot of sunlight and thrive in the heat.

Most of the forests in the world experience all four seasons.

The last type of forest is a temperate evergreen forest. The animals include fox, bears, and moose.

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In a forest ecosystem, all the plants and animals work together. The plants gather their nutrients from the soil. They soak up water through their roots.

As the plants shed their leaves and petals, these items fall back to the soil. Over time, they become part of the ground. Their nutrients seep into the earth to feed the plants again.

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Animals also play a big part in the ecosystem. They can eat the berries, nuts, and bugs that are found there. They also make their homes in the trees or ground there.

When the animals eat, they leave droppings. These droppings seep into the earth. This helps provide more nutrients for the plants.

Bugs are another part of this process. They provide food for the animals. They also help pollinate the plants in the forest.

The forest ecosystem is an amazing process that helps the plants and animals who live there. The r

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- 5) Which two details are included in the text?
- a) The droppings that animals leave don't serve any purpose.
  - b) The forest ecosystem is a community of trees, bushes, animals, and bugs that work together to help make a place where they thrive.
  - c) The forest ecosystem is the process of all organisms working together and helping one another.

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**Trees, bushes, moss, animals, and bugs**

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**The plants get their leaves and petals, they provide a home for animals.**

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**Animals that live in the forest provide nutrients to the soil.**

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