

Animals of the Rain Forest

Tropical rain forests are warm, rainy places. The toucan lives in the leafy trees of some tropical rain forests. Its beak can be different colors. Keep reading to learn about other animals that live in rain forests.

Life in a Rain Forest



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Macaw Macaws live in the tallest trees, which make up the emergent layer.

Tropical rain forests are home to more kinds of plants and animals than any other place in the world. A rain forest has four layers. Read about the layers of the rain forest and some animals that live there.

Emergent Layer

The tops of the tallest trees in the rain forest make up the emergent layer. Macaws live in this part of the rain

forest. Macaws are birds with long tails and strong beaks. They belong to the parrot family.

Canopy

The tops of most of the trees in the rain forest make up the canopy. The canopy blocks sunlight from reaching the areas of the rain forest below.

Spider monkeys live here. Spider monkeys eat fruits, seeds, and other plants. These monkeys hang from trees by their tails and swing from branch to branch.

Understory

The understory of the rain forest is a cool, shady place. Plants that grow here have large leaves. Some anacondas live in the understory. Anacondas are one of the largest snakes in the world, reaching more than 15 feet long. They are nocturnal. That means they are most active at night.

Forest Floor

The forest floor is very dark and wet. Few plants grow on the floor. Many large animals live in this part of the rain forest, such as jaguars. Jaguars are wild cats that live in the rain forests of Central and South America.



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Jaguar Jaguars roam the rain forest floor.