

Grade 4 Science
Week of March 8 – March 12

Biomes - Taigas

Taiga, also known as coniferous or boreal forest, is the largest terrestrial biome on earth. It extends in a broad band across North America, Europe, and Asia to the southern border of the arctic tundra.

Much of the taiga in North America was once covered with glaciers.



The Taiga: <https://youtu.be/gjcs2P9PcMg>

Taiga or Coniferous forest has short summers and long winters.

The coniferous trees keep their leaves during the winter months.

Animals include moose, deer, wolf and brown bear.

Plants include cottongrass and fireweed.

Cool Facts:

- Taiga is a Russian word meaning forest.
- The occasional wildfire is good for the taiga as it opens up area for new growth. The trees have adapted to fires by growing tough bark. This will help some of them survive a mild fire.
- These forests are endangered and shrinking due to logging.



Taigas

1. Taigas have _____ summers and _____ winters.
2. During the winter months the trees _____ their leaves.
3. What is one cool fact about taigas or coniferous forests?

4. What is the longest season of the Taiga?
 - a. summer
 - b. winter
 - c. spring
 - d. fall

5. What is the main type of tree that grows in the Taiga?
 - a. deciduous
 - b. coniferous
 - c. broadleaf
 - d. type that loses its leaves

6. Taiga in Russian means:
 - a. tree
 - b. forest
 - c. cold
 - d. plant

7. Which is the largest land biome in the world?

- a. tundra
- b. taiga
- c. grasslands
- d. savanna