

Explore Cold Climates



Canada and some parts of Asia and Europe are cold forest areas that have short summers and long cold winters.

Temperatures range in the winter from -65 to 30F (-54 to -1C) and in the summer from 20 to 70F (-7 to 21C).

The vegetation there is made of many coniferous trees (with needles) such as pine trees (like Christmas trees). This type of vegetation is called the Taiga.

Life in the Taiga is cold and snowy; food is hard to find especially in the winter.

The Canadian goose, ermine, weasel, howl, moose, red fox and wolverine are typical animals that live in these areas.

Summers are rainy, warm and humid.

Yearly precipitations are between 12 and 33 inches (30-85 cm).

Animals and plants have adapted to the four seasons of the temperate forests: winter, spring, summer, and fall.

Cold climate links and additional information:

-**The taiga** or boreal forest exists as a nearly continuous belt of coniferous trees across North America and Eurasia.

Link:

<http://www.radford.edu/~swoodwar/CLASSES/GEOG235/biomes/taiga/taiga.html>

-**The taiga forests** are found in regions that have an extremely cold winter and a short growing season.

Link: <http://www.aptoshs.net/~agoldenk/Melissa%20Burton/taiga>

-**Taiga** is a Russian word that refers to the northern edge of the boreal coniferous forest and literally means the land of little sticks.

Link: http://www.pfc.forestry.ca/canforest/canf/taiga1_e.html

-**K12 student report** on the coniferous forest or taiga.

Link: <http://ths.sps.lane.edu/biomes/coniferous3/coniferous3.html>

-**Great Taiga Pictures**

Link: <http://www.taiga.org/>

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