

AFRICAN VEGETATION ZONES

Physical Geography Study Reference

Tropical Rainforest	Hot and humid year-round; high annual rainfall (over 80 inches).	Teak, mahogany, ferns, orchids. Gorillas, chimpanzees, colorful birds.	Congo Basin, Gulf of Guinea coast.
Savanna (Tropical Grassland)	Distinct wet and dry seasons; warm temperatures throughout.	Tall grasses, scattered acacia trees, baobabs. Lions, elephants, zebras.	Serengeti Plains, Sahel transition belt.
Desert	Extremely arid; less than 10 inches of rain. Extreme temp fluctuations.	Cacti, succulents, date palms (near oases). Camels, fennec foxes, scorpions.	Sahara (North), Namib and Kalahari (South).
Mediterranean	Mild, rainy winters and hot, dry summers.	Cork oak, olive trees, scrub brush (maquis), grapes. Small mammals, reptiles.	Northern coast (Maghreb), Southern tip (Cape Town).

**Montane
(Highlands)**

Cooler
temperatures;
varies significantly
with altitude.

Bamboo forests,
heathers, unique
alpine plants.
Mountain gorillas,
eagles.

Ethiopian
Highlands, Mt.
Kilimanjaro,
Atlas
Mountains.

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