

EXPLORERS MISSION IN THE RAINFOREST

Rainforests are forest areas that experience high amounts of rainfall, Tropical rainforests experience the most rain with up to 4 metres a year!

Your mission is to find some of our Rainforest animals in the Reptilarium by solving the clues..

Rainforest Species #1

I live in Central America

I have a scary face on my body

I am not fussy and will eat anything, even poo!

I live in the FOREST FLOOR,

The forest floor, the bottom-most layer, receives only 2% of the sunlight. Only plants adapted to low light can grow in this region. Away from riverbanks, swamps and clearings, where dense undergrowth is found, the forest floor is relatively clear of vegetation because of the low sunlight penetration. It also contains decaying plant and animal matter, which disappears quickly, because the warm, humid conditions promote rapid decay. Many forms of fungi growing here help decay the animal and plant waste.

Rainforest Species #2

I Live in Asia

I am awake at Night, I have sticky feet, and have a strong jaw to bite through rainforest insects

My latin name (in brackets on the information signs) is the same as what i am

I live in the RAINFOREST UNDERSTORY

The understory layer lies between the canopy and the forest floor. It is home to a number of birds, snakes and lizards, as well as predators such as jaguars, boa constrictors and leopards. The leaves are much larger at this level and insect life is abundant. Many seedlings that will grow to the canopy level are present in the understory. Only about 5% of the sunlight shining on the rainforest canopy reaches the understory.

Rainforest Species #3

I live in the Central American Rainforest

I am named after a mythological creature

I live in the RAINFOREST CANOPY

The canopy layer contains the majority of the largest trees, typically 30 metres (98 ft) to 45 metres (148 ft) tall. The densest areas of biodiversity are found in the forest canopy, a more or less continuous cover of foliage formed by adjacent treetops. The canopy, by some estimates, is home to 50 percent of all plant species. The fauna is similar to that found in the emergent layer, but more diverse. A quarter of all insect species are believed to exist in the rainforest canopy. Scientists have long suspected the richness of the canopy as a habitat, but have only recently developed practical methods of exploring it.