

A. Bald Eagle



B. Black Bear



C. Northern Saw-whet Owl



D. Harlequin Duck



E. Coho Salmon



Rainforest Friends

Canada's coastal rainforest is the habitat of pretty cool species! Can you link the animal on the left to a fun fact about them?

F. Sandhill Crane



G. Grey Wolf



H. Banana Slug



I. Pacific Chorus Frog



- 1 I spend most of my life in saltwater, but I am born in freshwater and migrate all the way back to it at the end of my life to mate.
- 2 I need the many wetlands of the rainforest to lay my eggs, but I spend most of my time climbing in the plants around me where I can hide.
- 3 Many of my species living elsewhere in Canada fly south for the winter. I stick around the rainforest all year long.
- 4 I nest in lonely trees surrounded by bogs so that predators don't reach my nest. There I can also find a lot of tasty snakes and mice to eat.
- 5 I seem pretty defenseless, but beware! The slime I produce makes me hard to eat.
- 6 The coastal rainforest is the place to be if you want to see me in white fur! Then I'm called "Kermode".
- 7 I spend my winters in the sheltered areas of the coast, but during the summer, you're more likely to see me floating around in the rainforest's small rivers.
- 8 Others of my species don't normally do this, but I like to eat fish! Mmmm, tasty salmon!
- 9 I like to nest in very old or dead trees, and my small size enables me to find shelter in cavities abandoned by other birds.

(ANSWERS: A3, B6, C9, D7, E1, F4, G8, H5, I2)

Things you can do

to help Canada's Coastal Rainforest and other natural spaces

- Find out more about our Coastal Rainforest and the species that call it home by visiting HWW.ca
- At home, at school and at work, ask for and use climate-friendly forest products such as lumber and paper from certified sustainable sources, and re-use and re-cycle as much as you can
- When visiting a rainforest or other wild space, leave no trace! Walk on designated paths, leave no litter, and keep campfires small and extinguish them before leaving
- Observe wildlife at a distance and take only photographs and memories home with you!

Learn more at HWW.ca and CanadianWildlifeFederation.ca

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Canada's Coastal RAINFOREST



Rainforests cover a small portion of world's land surface, less than 10 per cent. While the surface it occupies is quite small, on the global scale, their impact is great: rainforests can be some of the most productive areas on Earth. Countries like Madagascar, Brazil, Peru, and Indonesia are home to tropical rainforests, but did you know that Canada has rainforests of its own? British Columbia's coastal rainforest is a temperate rainforest, meaning that it is cooler, dryer and contains less biodiversity than in the tropics. Still, it is one of Canada's most fascinating ecosystems!

Fun Facts

- The world's rainforests have been described as the "lungs of the Earth".
- As many as more than half of the world's species could live in rainforests!
- Canada's coastal rainforest has more coniferous trees, or trees that have needles as leaves, like hemlocks, firs, cedars and spruces, than other rainforests.
- Our coastal rainforest is home to many species at-risk, from mosses and ferns to large mammals.
- Canada's rainforest is one of the wettest non-tropical areas in the world!
- In North America, about 350 vertebrate species — like fish, amphibians, birds and mammals, hundreds of plant species, and thousands of invertebrate species — like insects and molluscs inhabit the coastal rainforest.
- Some trees in the coastal rainforest are 1000 years old!



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