

# Going Across the Deciduous Forest

Read all about the deciduous forest. Check your knowledge by completing the crossword puzzle below. The first clue has been completed for you.



## About Deciduous Forests:

Deciduous forests are widespread across the globe, and have four changing seasons, including winter, spring, summer, and fall. Many animals that are found in taiga can also be found in these temperate forests, among others. Animals that make the forests their home include deer, elk, mountain lions, bobcats, bears, giant pandas, red pandas, koalas, opossums, foxes, many predatory birds and songbirds, raccoons, boar, snakes, coyotes, and wolves. Common plants include birch, oak, rose, fir, maple, ferns, wildflowers, fungi, and mosses.

### Across:

1. In \_\_\_\_\_, deciduous trees shed their leaves.
3. Some animals that live in deciduous forests \_\_\_\_\_ during winter.
5. Most deciduous forests have warm, mild \_\_\_\_\_.
7. During autumn, deciduous trees lose their \_\_\_\_\_, which causes their leaves to change from green to vibrant yellows, oranges, and reds.
9. Deciduous forests are characterized by well-defined \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Many plants and trees in the deciduous forest produce \_\_\_\_\_ in the spring.
13. Black bears are \_\_\_\_\_, which means they eat plants, insects, and other animals.

### Down:

2. There is a large swath of deciduous forest in \_\_\_\_\_ North America.
4. Deciduous forests have a large variety of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Animals that live in deciduous forests must be able to \_\_\_\_\_ to the changing seasons.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to a plant's ability to shed leaves to better survive the winter season.
10. When a plant or animal dies, fungi and insects \_\_\_\_\_ the nutrients and return it to the soil.
12. Bobcats and deer are animals that do not hibernate and stay \_\_\_\_\_ throughout winter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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