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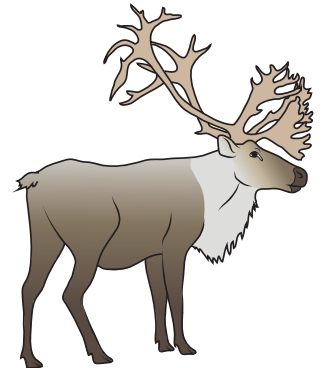
TAIGA



BALD EAGLE

About Taiga:

Taiga is located just south of the tundra in the northern hemisphere, and is mainly made up of coniferous forests. Taiga covers large amounts of North America, Europe, and Asia. It is characterized by very cold winters, and warm humid summers. Many animals that can be found in the tundra can be found in taiga, however, tundra has mainly grasses and lichens, whereas taiga contains many types of coniferous trees, such as fir, spruce, and cedar, as well as poplars and birches. Animals that can be found in taiga include bears, lynx, wolves, foxes, rabbits, eagles, owls, moose, deer, and many migratory animals, especially birds.



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Taiga Stats:

- The word taiga comes from the Russian word for forest.
- 6 months of the year the temperature ranges from -65°F - 30°F. That means that for half the year it is below freezing!
- Taiga receives a moderate amount of precipitation, mostly during the summer in the form of rain.
- Many animals hibernate or migrate to avoid dealing with the harsh taiga winters, when there is often little food to be found.
- During the summer, the taiga is filled with insects, drawing birds from around the world to feed and breed.

Word Search

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GRIZZLY BEAR



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| 2) SNOW | 6) SPRUCE |
| 3) WOLVERINE | 7) MOOSE |
| 4) EAGLE | 8) HIBERNATION |