

Ecoprovinces of British Columbia



Moose + Spruce

Northern Boreal Mountains

Mountains, plateaus, wide valleys and lowlands. Dry summers and long arctic winters. White and black spruce, willow and birch.

Main towns: Atlin, Cassiar & Telegraph Creek

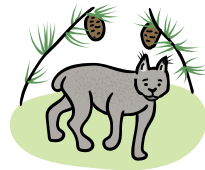


Grouse + Grasses

Boreal Plains

Plateaus, plains, prairies and lowlands. East of the Rocky Mountains. Dry and sunny summers; cold arctic winters. White and black spruce, aspen parklands.

Main towns: Fort St. John & Dawson Creek

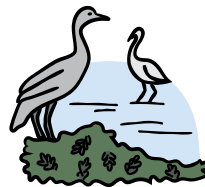


Lynx + Tamarack

Taiga Plains

Large lowland dissected by rivers, streams and muskeg. Long, cold winters; summers of unstable weather. White and black spruce, bogs and wetlands.

Main town: Fort Nelson

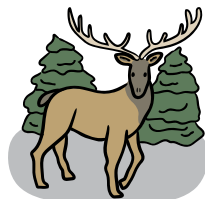


Cranes + Tinnikinnick

Sub-boreal Interior

Broad level plateaus, dry rainshadow, dense coniferous forests. Some mixed forest. Home of the mountain caribou.

Main towns: Prince George, Mackenzie & Quesnel

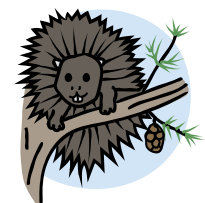


Elk + Evergreens

Southern Interior Mountains

Vast mountain ranges; heavy snow on the western slopes. Dense coniferous forests; some mixed and deciduous forests. Location of large national parks.

Main towns: Cranbrook, Nelson, Revelstoke & Trail



Pines + Porcupines

Central Interior

Flat to rolling plateaus—Chilcotin, Cariboo and Nechako. Influenced by mild flow of Pacific air; cold winters, warm summers. Pine forests with some dry sagebrush & grasslands; many wetlands & small lakes.

Main towns: Williams Lake & Smithers



Salal + Salamanders

Coast and Mountains

Large coastal mountains and lowlands, islands and continental shelf. Shorelines and deep inlets. High rainfall from the Pacific Ocean. Vegetation ranges from western hemlock to alpine tundra and glaciers.

Main towns: Prince Rupert, Terrace, Port Hardy, Kitimat and Queen Charlotte City



Albatross + Algae

Northeast Pacific

Oceanic portion of British Columbia, 300 km west along the continental Slope. Rain and gale force storms in winter; light summer winds.



Oaks + Orcas

Georgia Lowlands

Broad sheltered basin that borders Georgia Strait. Moderate climate. Flat lowlands. Highly populated. Unusual forest habitats of Douglas-fir and Garry oak. Great diversity of wildlife.

Main cities and towns: Vancouver, Powell River, Victoria & Nanaimo



Coyotes + Cactus

Southern Interior

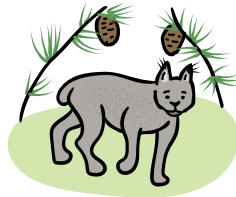
Rainshadow of Coast and Cascade Mountains. Warm and dry, although with outbreaks of cold dense Arctic air. Dry grasslands, ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir forests. Large deep lakes, many small wetlands and rivers.

Main towns: Kamloops, Vernon, Kelowna & Penticton

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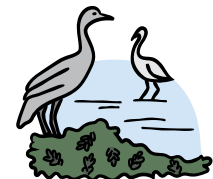
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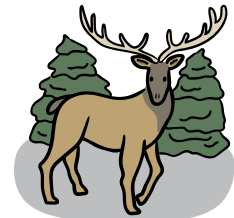
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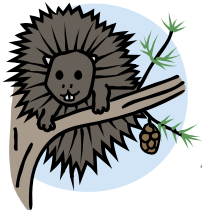
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