

Layers of the Rainforest

emergents

canopy

understory

forest floor

EMERGENTS

Giant trees that stick out above the canopy. They are much taller than average canopy trees. Many birds and insects live here.

CANOPY

The upper level of the trees (leaves & upper limbs) that form the cover over the lower layers. Full of life, this layer is home to many insects, birds, reptiles, and mammals.

UNDERSTORY

The cool, dark environment that is between the canopy & the ground.

FOREST FLOOR

The ground layer of the rainforest, teeming with insect life and host to the biggest animals of the rainforest.

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