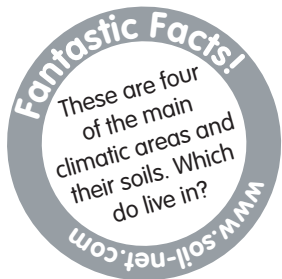




Why and How Soils Differ



1. Tundra

Tundra soils are frozen for much of the year and are shallow. Plants can only grow during the short summer time.

2. Desert

Desert soils have little organic matter. The hot sun bakes the soil and there is little water. Winds can cause soils to erode.

3. Tropical rainforest

Soils of the tropical rainforest are usually very deep due to weathering, but are also poor as nutrients are washed away by rain. Soils are reddish due to iron with a thin organic layer.

4. Temperate forests

At The brown soils of temperate forests are ideal for plant growth with gentle rainfall and temperature changes.