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All forms of plant life that live in a particular geographic region at a particular time in history. A number of factors determine the flora in any particular area, including temperature, sunlight, **soil**, water, and evolutionary history. The flora in any given area is a major factor in determining the type of **fauna** found in the area. Scientists have divided the earth's surface into a number of regions inhabited by distinct flora. Among these regions are the African-Indian **desert**, western African **rain forest**, Pacific North American region, Arctic and Sub-arctic region, and the Amazon.