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Ch6-Natural Vegetation & Wildlife

Grassland & Wildlife

Tropical Grassland

It is also known as the 'SAVANNAS'. These grasslands lie on either side of the rainforests in Africa, Brazilian plateau of South America, Deccan Plateau of India & Northern Australia. Rainfall in this region ranges between 25 cm and 75cm & can support tall, coarse grasses as high as 2 m to 4 m interspersed with a few short trees.

These grasslands are known by different names such as Llanos in Venezuela, Campos in Brazil, Argentina & Uruguay & Parkland in America.

Temperate Grasslands

These grasslands are found in colder & drier regions. As the amount of precipitation is very low, the grass is short and less dense & trees are almost absent. These are very suitable for cattle & sheep rearing and are being used for extensive wheat & corn cultivation. Temperate grasslands are called Steppes in Eurasia, Prairies in North America, Pampas in South America, Veld in South Africa & Downs in Australia.

Swift moving animals like antelopes, horse giraffe, Wild asses, leopards, wild dogs & rabbits are found in these grassland. In Australian temperate grasslands, a flightless giant bird, Emu is also found.