

The Future of Tropical Rain Forests IDS 2935

3-2: What & Where are Rain Forests

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What are Rain Forests

Where are Rain Forests

Yangambi Engagement Landscape, DRC.
Photo by Axel Fassio/CIFOR

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What

trees

Evergreen (mostly)

Grow straight & tall

Little branching until
reaching the canopy

Phenology observation by
INERA technicians in
Yangambi, DRC.
Photo by Axel Fassio/CIFOR



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What

trees



Buttress Roots



Stilt Roots

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What

trees

The biggest
ones are...
very big



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Giant Kapok (*Ceiba pentandra*)
Barro Colorado Island, Panama
Photo: Jorge Aleman, STRI

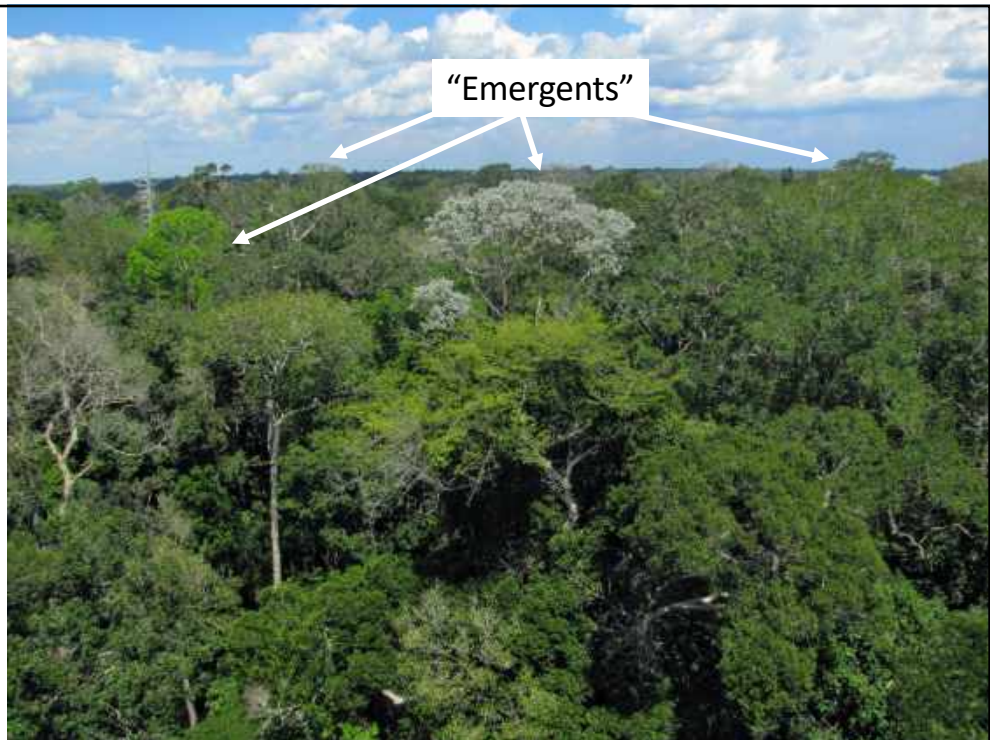
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What

Layers (aka "strata")

1. Canopy

Central Amazonia, Brazil
Photo by E. Bruna



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What

layers

2. Subcanopy (aka midcanopy)

Central Amazonia, Brazil
Photo by E. Bruna



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What

layers

- 3. Understory
- 4. Forest Floor

Central Amazonia, Brazil
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What

variety

- Trees
- Treelets
- Shrubs
- Lianas
(woody vines)
- Herbs
- Palms

Danum Valley,
Borneo, Malaysia
by [Jeremy Bezanger](#)

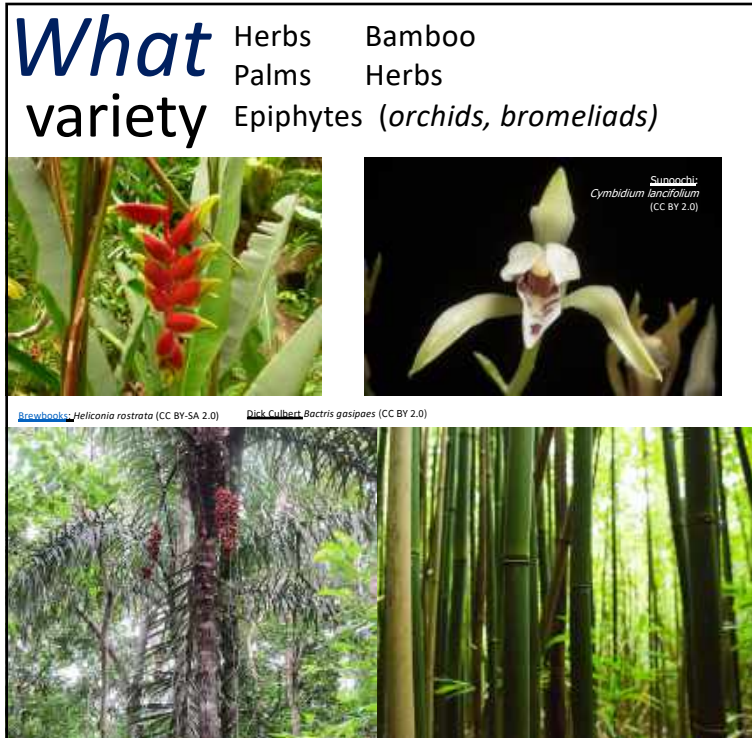


Atherton
Tablelands,
Australia



Atherton Tablelands, Australia

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What

dark

Central Amazonia, Brazil
Time: 4:02 pm



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Sunflecks



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There are actually many different
types of **Tropical Rain Forest**

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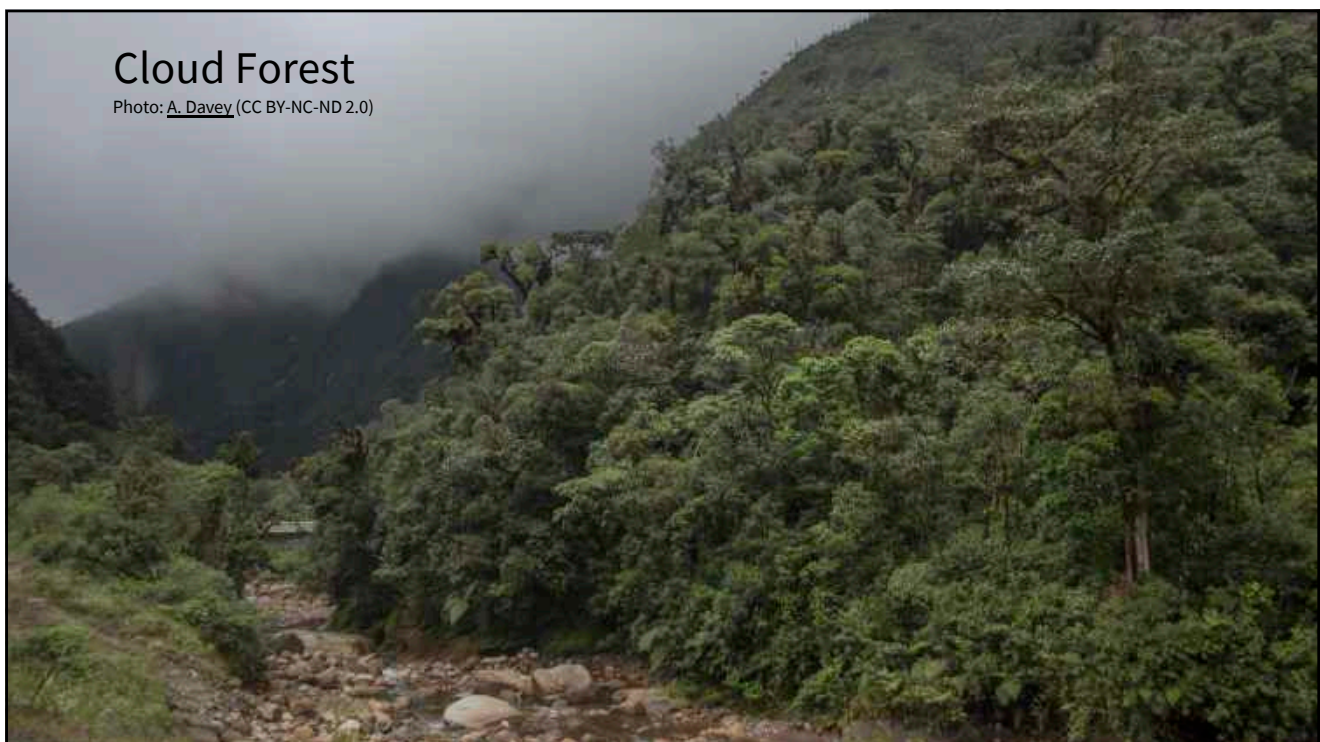
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What's Missing?

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Rain

Heat

Biodiversity

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Question 1:

How Tall is
Century Tower
in meters?

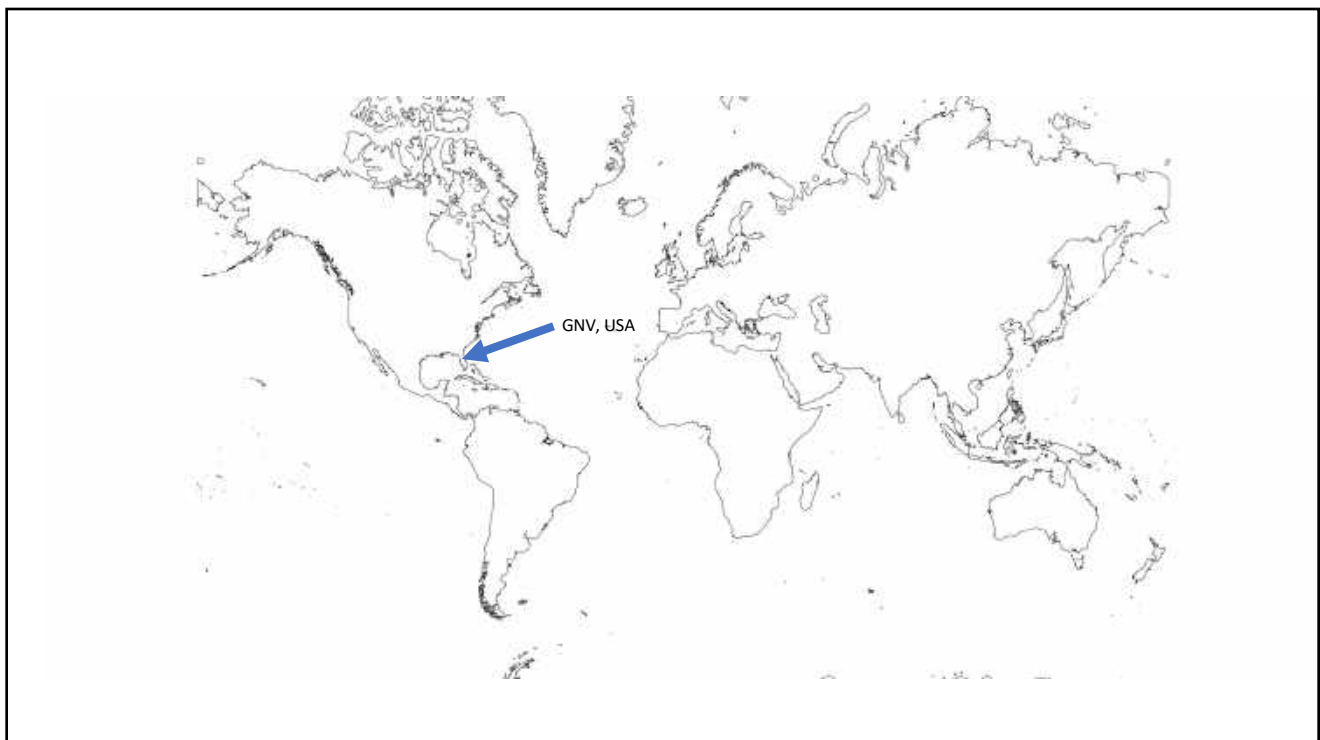
± 2.5 m: 5 pts

± 2.6 -5 m: 3 pts

± 5 m: 1 pt

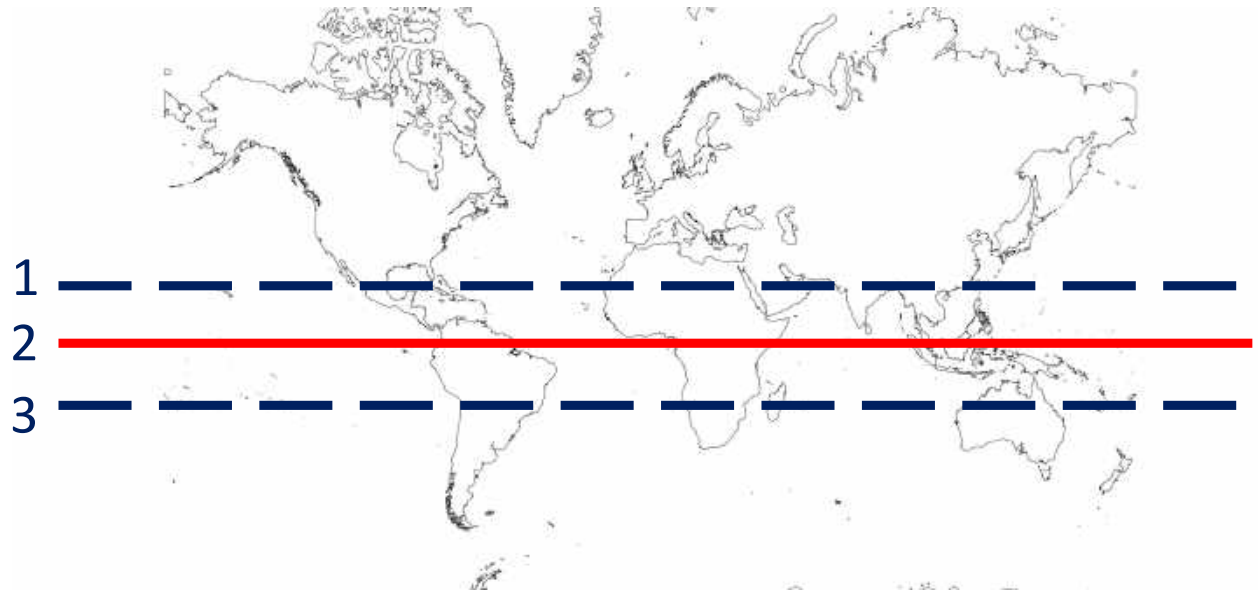


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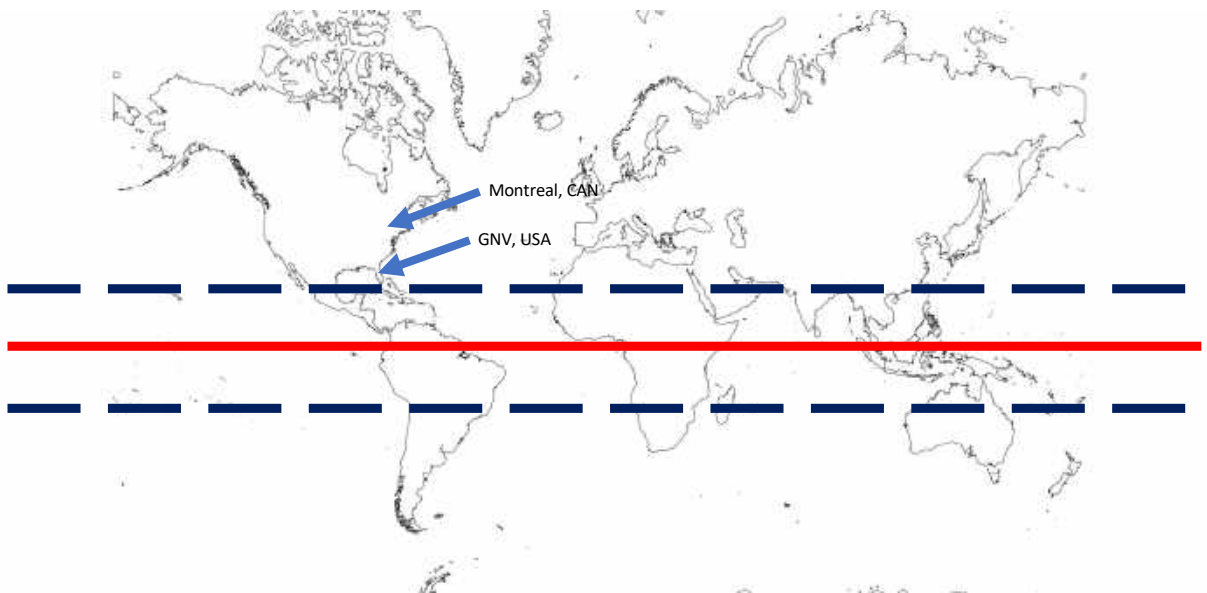


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Question 2:



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Question 3: Gainesville

1. What is the average annual rainfall?
2. What month gets the *most* rain:
3. What month gets the *least* rain

± 3 inches: 5 pts
 ± 3-5 inches: 3 pts



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Question 4:

1. What is the average temperature during the HOTTEST month?
2. What is the average temperature during the COLDEST month?



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Question 5:

1. What is the area of a hectare in m^2 ?
2. Approx. how many (American) football fields are in a hectare?



5 points each (correct values only)

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Question 6:

What is the area of the state of Florida?
(may respond in ha, mi^2 , or km^2)



5 points (must be $\pm 5\%$)

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Question 7: Tie-Breaker

What is the area of the state of
the Continental USA?
(may respond in ha, mi², or km²)



1. Winner: Closest Score

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Rain

Heat

Biodiversity

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