

LAYERS OF THE RAINFOREST

Forest Floor



This layer is dark and humid, covered with a layer of decomposing plant and animal matter.

Canopy



This layer is characterized by small trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants that thrive in the filtered sunlight that reaches the forest floor.

Emergent Layer



This layer consists of the tallest trees that rise above the general canopy, often reaching heights of 100 feet or more.

Understory



This layer is formed by the crowns of mature trees, creating a continuous layer of leaves and branches.

