



Grasslands

Grasslands are large open areas of land, covered in grass. In some parts of the world grasslands are called the Savanna, Prairie or Plains. There are three types of grasslands.

Temperate Grasslands have hot summers and cold winters. The soil of the temperate grassland is deep and dark with fertile upper layers. In a temperate grassland, grass is the most common plant growing. There are no trees or large shrubs.

Savanna Grasslands are scattered with individual trees, but are still mostly covered with grass. Savanna are found in warm or hot climate. A Savanna grassland receives rain for between 6 to 8 months of the year, followed by a long drought. Fires that race through the drought areas help keep the area as a Savanna.

Steppes are dry areas of grassland with hot summers and cold winters. Steppes receive about 10 to 20 inches of rain each year. Often Steppes are covered in tall grasses. Hawks, owls and snakes love to hunt for vermin in the tall grasses of the Steppe grasslands.