



# Tundra

## Average Temperature:

between  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $12^{\circ}\text{C}$

## Average Rainfall:

less than 25cm per year  
(and most is snow)

## Characteristics:

- freezing temperatures
- low rainfall
- low biodiversity
- no trees

## Well-Known Tundra Regions:

- alpine regions of the Rocky Mountains (Canada)
- Antipodes Subantarctic Islands Tundra (New Zealand and Australia)
- Antarctica



## Coverage:

approximately 10% of Earth's terrestrial environment

## Flora & Fauna:

Only small vegetation grows in the tundra. Moss, lichens, and small grasses have adapted to the extreme cold and windy conditions by staying low to the ground and having short root systems.

Did you know that 11% of New Zealand is alpine tundra, meaning that it has many mountains that are over 3000m above sea level?