

Fascinating Facts About Grasslands!



People and Planet

Grasslands are usually large areas of flat, open land covered in - yep, you guessed it - **grasses**! They exist on every continent **except Antarctica**, and are often found **between forests and deserts** because they need more rainfall than deserts but not as much as forests, to survive.

A huge variety of wildlife calls grasslands home. In some, enormous **elephants** graze on the grasses in the hot sun, and in others, impressive **birds**, like **ostriches**, search for prey hiding in the grass! The grass itself varies, too - some might be full of delicate **wildflowers**, while others are like **blankets of color**, like red or purple.

Sadly, grasslands are under threat. Some are **turned into farmland**, while others face threats from **illegal hunting**, **invasive species** (non-native species that upset the balance of the ecosystem) and **climate change**.

FUN FACT!

Grasslands are called different things all over the world! They are also known as **prairies, savannas, steppes, and pampas**!



Elephants are the world's largest land animal!



Grasslands can be home to hundreds of wildflower species!

FUN FACT!
There are two main kinds of grasslands - **tropical and temperate**. They vary a lot in temperature and weather!



Bald eagles are found in American grasslands!



Ostriches can grow up to 8.8ft (2.7m) tall!

Did you know?

- **25%** of the Earth is covered in grasslands!
- **Tropical grasslands** are found in the **Southern Hemisphere**, while **temperate grasslands** are found in the **Northern Hemisphere**!
- The **Eurasian steppe** is the largest grassland in the world - it covers **one-fifth** of the planet!

Thankfully, charities, conservation groups, and people worldwide are working to protect grasslands, and **you can help!**



Grow your own!

Try making seed balls of wildflower seeds and plant them in your backyard or window box.



Reduce your impact!

Try to live in a way that doesn't harm the planet - drive less, buy less and reuse more!



Share your knowledge!

How much do your friends and family know about grasslands? Tell them about what you've learned!