

MINNESOTA BIOMES TABLE

“Biome” is a term used to describe a biological community. Usually, biomes occur over large areas and include many similar plant communities and the animals that live in them. The table below shows samples of conditions within Minnesota’s biomes.

	AVERAGE ANNUAL PRECIPITATION	AVERAGE ANNUAL TEMPERATURE	VEGETATION EXAMPLES	ANIMAL EXAMPLES	AVERAGE GROWING SEASON LENGTH
TALLGRASS ASPEN PARKLAND BIOME	20" - 22"	35° - 44° F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspen • Heart-Leaved Willow • Wiregrass Sedge • Small White Lady's Slipper • Little Bluestem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharp-Tailed Grouse • Sandhill Crane • American Bittern • Canadian Toad • American Elk 	
CONIFEROUS FOREST BIOME	21" - 32"	36° - 41° F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Spruce • Northern White Cedar • Balsam Fir • Red Pine • Fly Honeysuckle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Frog • Boreal Chickadee • Compton's Tortoise Shell Butterfly • Gray Wolf • Moose 	90 - 100 days
DECIDUOUS FOREST BIOME	24" - 35"	39° - 45° F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Red Oak • American Basswood • Sugar Maple • Prickly Gooseberry • Rue Anemone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Hognose Snake • Cerulean Warbler • Eastern Pipistrelle Bat • Gray Fox • Eastern Spotted Skunk 	100 - 130 days
PRAIRIE GRASSLAND BIOME	18" - 33"	37° - 45° F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Bluestem • Blazing Star • Purple Prairie Clover • Prairie Dropseed • Leadplant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Plains Toad • Greater Prairie Chicken • Upland Sandpiper • Pocket Gopher • Badger 	130 - 180 days

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