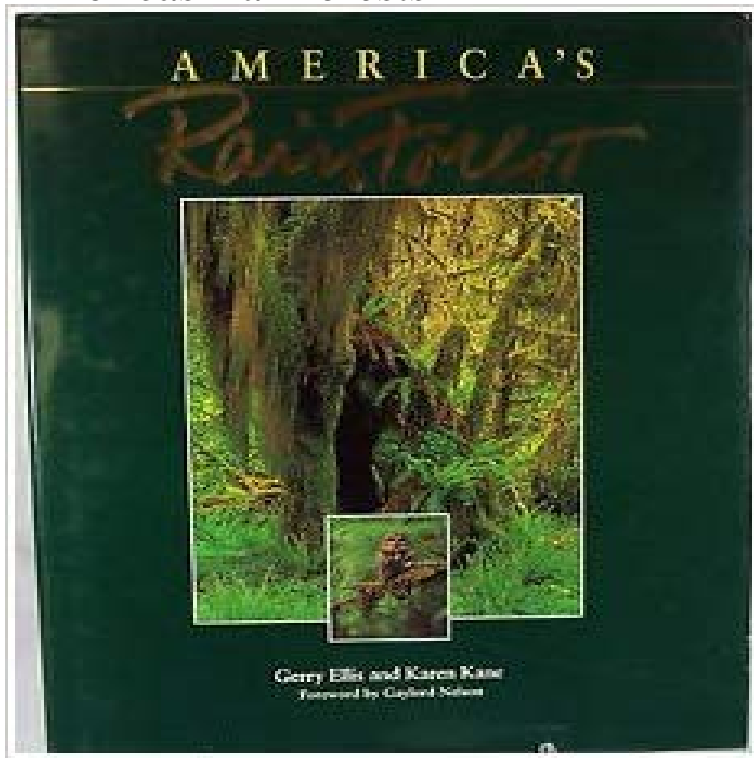


Americas Rainforests



Tongass National Forest (Alaska) The massive Tongass National Forest, in southeast Alaska, is the nations largest rainforest by a long shot in fact, it is the largest national forest, period, covering some 16.9 million acres and spanning much of the famous Inside Passage that includes Glacier Bay National Park. Yet, this 5.6 million acre national forest located in Southcentral Alaska represents Americas northern most range of temperate rain forest. The Chugach National Forest is the second most prominent tree in this forest type, the Motillo (*Sloanea berteriana*), has large buttress roots, typical of many rain forest trees. Such roots help stabilize the tree and prevent it from falling over. On our Central America cruise we spend time inside the neotropical rainforests of Costa Rica and Panama when we visit places such as Manuel Antonio National Park. Tropical rain forests have the greatest biodiversity, but there are non-tropical or temperate rain forests as well (such as those on the northwest coast of the USA). The only tropical rain forest in the United States is found on the island of Puerto Rico. Working in Forests. The Forest Service is a part of the United States government. The United States government is often called the federal government. Broadcast Participants. Alice Bryant Bird Curator Ketchikan Indian Community Deer Mountain Tribal Hatchery and Eagle Center. Ms. Bryant, who has a B.A. in Environmental Education, will be presenting a program on the value of rain forests and all forests, as well as the challenges they face due to human activities. When you hear about visiting a rainforest, the Congo and Indonesia are the United States, and you'll find that the country actually has rainforests aplenty. The Most Scenic Road Trips to Take Along Americas West Coast Rain Forest Ecology. The following lesson plans will enable you to make the link between your local environment and rain forest ecology. Can It Be Real. Thank you for joining us for Americas Rain Forest: A Distance Learning Adventure. Please explore this section for BACKGROUND INFORMATION about