



Taiga Cordillera Ecozone

The Taiga Cordillera is located along the northern extent of the Rocky Mountain system. It covers segments of the Yukon Territory and the southwestern portion of the Northwest Territories.

Steep, mountainous topography, consisting of repetitive, sharply etched ridges and narrow valleys, predominates.

The climate is generally dry and cold. Total precipitation averages about 300 mm per year. The mean daily January temperature ranges from about -25°C to -30°C , with the mean daily July temperature ranging from 12°C to 15°C .

The Arctic tundra formations are more common in the north, the alpine tundra in areas of higher elevations and the taiga in the south.

Characteristic mammals of the Taiga Cordillera Ecozone include Dall's Sheep, woodland and barren-ground caribou, moose, mountain goat, black and grizzly bears, lynx, arctic ground squirrel, American pika and wolverine.

Gyr Falcon and willow ptarmigan are representative bird species.

This ecozone includes:

- [Ivvavik National Park of Canada](#)
- [Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada](#)
- [Vuntut National Park of Canada](#)

Reference: Lands Directorate, *Terrestrial Ecozones Of Canada*, Ecological Land Classification No. 19, 1986, p. 26.

