

## Biodiversity and Nature, close but not quite the same



According to the officially adopted definition by the [Convention on Biological Diversity](#), biodiversity is "the variability among living organisms from all sources including, inter alia, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems."

In other words, biodiversity is the part of nature that is alive, and includes every living thing on Earth.

Nature is all the existing systems created at the same time as the Earth, all the features, forces and processes, such as the weather, the sea and mountains.

In other words, nature is all life on Earth (i.e. biodiversity), together with the geology, water, climate and all other inanimate components that comprise our planet.

Perhaps the best way to truly understand the importance of biodiversity is try to imagine what nature would look like without it.



Nature without biodiversity



Nature with biodiversity

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