

Lichens → Mosses → Ferns

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Climax community → usually trees, e.g. deciduous woodland

Stable: balanced equilibrium of species → few (if any) new species replace established ones.

→ many species flourish, but slightly ↓ biodiversity due to outcompetition from successful species (e.g. trees)

→ Dominant plant/animal species → animal succession largely dependent on plants available for food/habitat

Abiotic factors such as climate determines climax community

> Tundra > Rainforest
> Steppe

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