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**Ecology and Natural History of Tropical Bees** David W. Roubik, David Ward Roubik, 1992-05-29 Humans have been fascinated by bees for centuries Bees display a wide spectrum of behaviours and ecological roles that have provided biologists with a vast amount of material for study Among the types observed are both social and solitary bees those that either pollinate or destroy flowers and those that display traits allowing them to survive underwater Others fly mainly at night and some build their nests either in the ground or in the tallest rain forest trees This highly acclaimed book summarises and interprets research from around the world on tropical bee diversity and draws together major themes in ecology natural history and evolution The numerous photographs and line illustrations and the large reference section qualify this book as a field guide and reference for workers in tropical and temperate research The fascinating ecology and natural history of these bees will also provide absorbing reading for other ecologists and naturalists This book was first published in 1989

The Ecology of Trees in the Tropical Rain Forest I. M. Turner, 2001-07-05 Our knowledge of the ecology of tropical rain forest trees is limited with detailed information available for perhaps only a few hundred of the many thousand of species that occur Yet a good understanding of the trees is essential to unravelling the workings of the forest itself This book aims to summarise contemporary understanding of the ecology of tropical rain forest trees The emphasis is on comparative ecology an approach that can help to identify possible adaptive trends and evolutionary constraints and which may also lead to a workable ecological classification for tree species conceptually simplifying the rain forest community and making it more amenable to analysis

Tropical Forest Ecology Egbert Giles Leigh Jr., 1999-03-04 In Tropical Forest Ecology Egbert G Leigh Jr one of the world's foremost tropical ecologists introduces readers to the tropical forest and describes the intricate web of interdependence among the great diversity of tropical plants and animals Focusing on the tropical forest of Barro Colorado Island Panama Leigh shows what Barro Colorado can tell us about other tropical forests and what tropical forests can tell us about Barro Colorado This book considers three essential questions for understanding the ecological organization of tropical forests How do they stay green with their abundance of herbivores Why do they have such a diversity of plants and animals

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virtue of the several applications at the following five major target audiences University and College Students Educators Professional Practitioners Research Personnel and Policy Analysts Managers and Decision Makers and NGOs Tropical Forest Community Ecology Walter Carson, Stefan Schnitzer, 2011-08-31 Historically tropical ecology has been a science often content with descriptive and demographic approaches which is understandable given the difficulty of studying these ecosystems and the need for basic demographic information Nonetheless over the last several years tropical ecologists have begun to test more sophisticated ecological theory and are now beginning to address a broad array of questions that are of particular importance to tropical systems and ecology in general Why are there are so many species in tropical forests and what mechanisms are responsible for the maintenance of that vast species diversity What factors control species coexistence Are there common patterns of species abundance and distribution across broad geographic scales What is the role of trophic interactions in these complex ecosystems How can these fragile ecosystems be conserved Containing contributions from some of the world s leading tropical ecologists Tropical Forest Community Ecology provides a summary of the key issues in the discipline of tropical ecology Includes contributions from some of the world s leading tropical ecologists Covers patterns of species distribution the maintenance of species diversity the community ecology of tropical animals forest regeneration and conservation of tropical ecosystems **Research Priorities in Tropical Biology** Assembly of Life Sciences (U.S.). Committee on Research Priorities in Tropical Biology, 1980 **Past and Recent History of Tropical Ecosystems** Association for tropical biology and conservation, 2008 **Tropical Biology and Conservation Management - Volume III** Kleber Del Claro, Paulo S. Oliveira, Victor Rico-Gray, 2009-05-11 This Encyclopedia of Tropical Biology and Conservation Management is a component of the global Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems EOLSS which is an integrated compendium of twenty one Encyclopedias Tropical environments cover the most part of still preserved natural areas of the Earth The greatest biodiversity as in terms of animals and plants as microorganisms is placed in these hot and rainy ecosystems spread up and below the Equator line Additionally the most part of food products with vegetal or animal origin that sustain nowadays human beings is direct or undirected dependent of tropical productivity Biodiversity should be looked at and evaluated not only in terms of numbers of species but also in terms of the diversity of interactions among distinct organisms that it maintains In this sense the complexity of web structure in tropical systems is a promise of future to nature preservation on Earth In the chemicals of tropical plant and animals could be the cure to infinite number of diseases new food sources and who knows what more Despite these facts tropical areas have been exploited in an irresponsible way for more than 500 years due the lack of an ecological conscience of men Exactly in the same way we did with temperate areas and also tropical areas in the north of Equator line Nowadays is estimated that due human exploitation nation conflicts and social problems less than 8% of tropical nature inside continental areas is still now untouchable The extension of damage in the tropical areas of oceans is unknown Thus so all knowledge we could accumulate about tropical systems will help us as in

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**Tropical Rain Forest Ecology, Diversity, and Conservation** Jaboury Ghazoul, Douglas Sheil, 2024-03-14 Rain forests represent the world's richest repository of terrestrial biodiversity and play a major role in regulating the global climate They support the livelihoods of a substantial proportion of the world's population and are the source of many internationally traded commodities They remain despite decades of conservation attention increasingly vulnerable to degradation and clearance with profound though often uncertain future costs to global society Understanding the ecology of these diverse biomes and peoples dependencies on them is fundamental to their future management and conservation Tropical Rain Forest Ecology Diversity and Conservation introduces and explores what rain forests are how they arose what they contain how they function and how humans use and impact them The book starts by introducing the variety of rain forest plants fungi microorganisms and animals emphasising the spectacular diversity that is the motivation for their conservation The central chapters describe the origins of rain forest communities the variety of rain forest formations and their ecology and dynamics The challenge of explaining the species richness of rain forest communities lies at the heart of ecological theory and forms a common theme throughout The book's final section considers historical and current interactions of humans and rain forests It explores biodiversity conservation as well as livelihood security for the many communities that are dependent on rain forests inextricable issues that represent urgent priorities for scientists conservationists and policy makers

*Tropical Rain Forests* Richard T. Corlett, Richard B. Primack, 2011-03-03 The first

edition of *Tropical Rain Forests an Ecological and Biogeographical Comparison* exploded the myth of the rain forest as a single uniform entity. In reality the major tropical rain forest regions in tropical America, Africa, Southeast Asia, Madagascar, and New Guinea have as many differences as similarities as a result of their isolation from each other during the evolution of their floras and faunas. This new edition reinforces this message with new examples from recent and on going research. After an introduction to the environments and geological histories of the major rain forest regions, subsequent chapters focus on plants, primates, carnivores and plant eaters, birds, fruit bats and gliding animals, and insects, with an emphasis on the ecological and biogeographical differences between regions. This is followed by a new chapter on the unique tropical rain forests of oceanic islands. The final chapter, which has been completely rewritten, deals with the impacts of people on tropical rain forests and discusses possible conservation strategies that take into account the differences highlighted in the previous chapters. This exciting and very readable book, illustrated throughout with color photographs, will be invaluable reading for undergraduate students in a wide range of courses as well as an authoritative reference for graduate and professional ecologists, conservationists, and interested amateurs.

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