



Also draw and label these plants and animals in your illustration:

Emergent Layer:

Blue Morpho
Quetzal



Canopy Layer:

Bat
Toucan
Bromeliad



Understory Layer:

Jaguar
Red Eyed Tree Frog
Tree Boa



Forest Floor:

Anteater
Leafcutter Ants
Ferns



1) Emergent Layer--

The jungle trees are as tall as skyscrapers and poke through the top of the rain forest. Birds live here.

2) Canopy Layer--

The tops of closely-spaced trees form a leafy roof over the forest below. The canopy leaves capture the sunlight and shade the plants in the layers below. Lots of animals live here because of the many flowers, fruits, and leaves to eat.

3) Understory--

Woody plants, shrubs, and young trees grow here, shaded by the taller trees above. Here you will find jungle cats and snakes.

4) Forest Floor--

The air is still and moist in this dark part of the forest. Ferns grow here, and animals like the tapir and the gecko can be found on the forest floor.