

Landforms, Flora, and Fauna



Try This:

- Under LAYER CONTROLS, turn off the checkbox for “Modern Geography.”
- On the ZOOM/PAN toolbar, click on the Zoom in button and use it on the map to zoom in near the number 1213 (north of Hudson Bay).
- Click on the "Related Materials" drop-down menu and select *Tables - “Circumpolar Domain.”*
- In the “Descriptions of Ecological Regions” box, scroll down to entries numbered 1212 and 1213.



Notice ...

- Canada’s ecological landscape is a nesting of smaller, more specialized zones set within larger, more general ones. Zone 1212 lies within 1210, which in turn lies within 1200, itself within 1000.
- Ecologists have developed a language of headings to describe this hierarchy: domain, division, province, section. (These are defined at the bottom of the box.)
- “Ecological” provinces are not to be confused with “political” provinces.
- Cultural (that is, human) elements are part of our understanding of “ecology.”



Consider!

- Zone 1213, commonly known as “the barren lands” by early explorers, is aptly named. At another time, check the chapter “Exploration to Mid-19th Century.”
- The ecological diversity of Canada is immense, but well documented.
- This map carries information as of five centuries ago, and one should not assume that the ecology of the 21st century is exactly the same.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Historical Atlas of Canada Online Learning Project'. The main content area is titled 'Ecological Regions, ca 1500 CE' and includes a map of Canada on the left and a detailed text box on the right. The text box is titled '1000 CIRCUMPOLAR DOMAIN' and lists several ecological divisions and provinces, including the 1200 Arctic Division, 1210 Tundra Province, and 1211 High Arctic Section. The 1211 section describes landforms, vegetation, and fauna. A legend on the right side of the page lists various ecological provinces and domains, such as Circumpolar Domain, Humid Temperate Domain, and Dry Domain. The bottom of the page features a 'LAYER CONTROLS' section with checkboxes for 'Ecological provinces', 'Ecological divisions', 'Ecological sections', and 'Modern Geography'.