



## Part 4 - Comparing Habitats



Answer each question. Use the graph and your lists from the previous page.

Which habitat had the most plants? \_\_\_\_\_

Which had the most wildlife? \_\_\_\_\_

Did this match your prediction from page 1? \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, complete **one** of the following:

- Choose one habitat you explored. Draw a picture of the habitat. Label plants and animals found there.
- or**
- Sort and list all the items you found into these groups: mammals, reptiles, birds, insects, plants.

Think about what plants and animals need to survive (food, water, shelter, space). What habitat do you think is the hardest for plants and animals to live in? Why?

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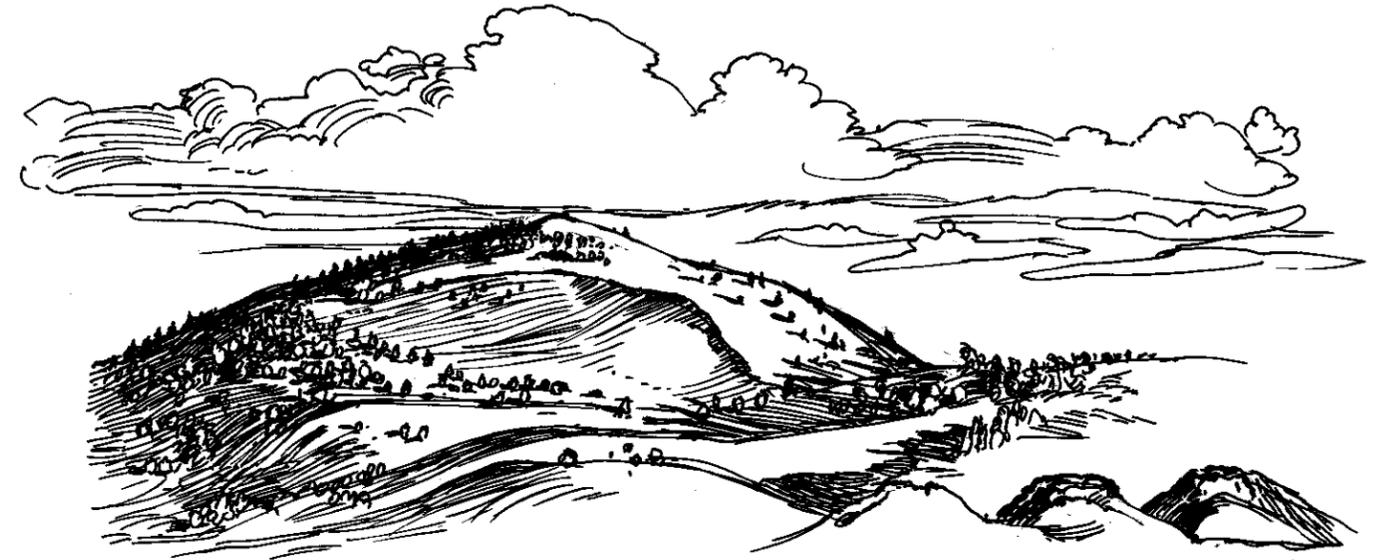
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## Craters of the Moon



# Habitat

*where life is at!*



**Habitat** is where plants and animals live. Habitat provides the four conditions everything needs to survive: *food, water, shelter, and space*.

Where you live—your habitat—provides these things for you. But plants and animals can live in habitats that are different from yours.

You will experience three types of habitat at Craters of the Moon:

**Sagebrush steppe:** Deep soils allow many plants to grow here, including sagebrush and other large shrubs. Although rare, some trees are found here, too. Many animals use the shrubs, grasses, and trees for food and shelter.

**Lava flows:** This habitat is very rocky with little soil. Plants often grow out of cracks, and trees and shrubs are often small. Most animals that live here are small, such as reptiles, insects, or small mammals.

**Caves:** Lava tube caves are dark and cool inside. The plants that live inside caves are small, and only grow where there is enough light.

In each habitat you will look for plants and animals. Which habitat do you think will have the most kinds of plants and animals?

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