

Illustrated Database of Mexican Biodiversity

http://www.vivanatura.org/

Designed as a vehicle for showcasing the extraordinary biological diversity of Mexico, this well-designed site is rather user-friendly, and provides a host of material about the flora and fauna of the country. Visitors can dive right in by looking through the "Animals," "Plants," or "Places" sections of the site. Within each section, visitors can read brief essays, search for various animals or plants by their common names, and examine maps that document the various levels of plant or animal biodiversity across the entire country. The "Places" section is also helpful, as visitors can read about the national protected landscape areas within Mexico, including the Yucatan moist forests of Quintana Roo, or the Mexican Highland lakes. Finally, the site also includes a sound and photo gallery where visitors can listen to a number of mammals, reptiles, and birds that are indigenous to the different regions of Mexico. [KMG]

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