Animal Adaptations: Tropical Rainforests

**Forest Floor: Parasol Ants**

* These ants climb up trees up to 100 feet tall. They cut leaves into small pieces and carry them back to their homes.
* The leaves are buried underground. The mixture of leaves and substances (saliva) allow a type of fungus. The fungus is the only food the ants eat.

**Forest Floor and Undercanopy: The Jaguar**

* Good climber and good swimmer.
* It pounces on its prey to get to other trees.



**Canopy: Toucans**

* Large beaks which help them to break tough shells of fruits and nuts. The tough shells protect the food from being eaten by predators.

**Canopy: Three-Toed Sloth**

* Born with brown fur but green algae grows on it so the sloth can camouflage itself with the trees in the canopy (home). The green algae is also home to various bug species.
* It can survive up to a month without eating as it can take a month to digest food so sloths can sleep up in the trees away from predators (jaguars).



**Emergent Trees: The Harpy Eagle**

* Largest eagle in the world.
* It hunts monkeys, sloths and snakes by swooping over the canopy.
* It dives into the branches and quickly snatches up its prey.