

The Changing Seasons

How do seasons change throughout the year?

Spring! The sun stays out a long time. The air gets warmer. What a nice change from the cold, dark winter. Plants start to bloom. Insects come out. So do animals that count on them for food.



In the **summer**, the weather gets hotter. There's still plenty of food. But little by little, the sun rises later and sets earlier.



The days are short and cold. **Winter** has come! Most plants and trees are bare. There's hardly any food to eat. Animals take shelter to keep warm. Others **hibernate**, or go into deep sleep. Maybe they're dreaming of spring!



In **autumn** the air gets cooler. Leaves change colors. They fall off trees. Some animals gather as much food as they can. Others travel to warmer places.

