

# Finding Information on Bioregions

## Language (Keywords)

- When searching in a database or on the Web, try some of the following search terms:

Bioregion	Bioregionalism	Mountains	Flora	Habitat	Agriculture
Ecoregion	Biogeography	Rivers	Fauna	Air	Industry
Ecosystem	Environment	Ecology	Geology	Water	Watershed

- **Truncation:** try using an asterisk at the end of a word root to simultaneously search all related terms. Example: a search on **ecolog\*** finds ecology, ecologies, ecologic, ecological, ecologically, ecologist, etc. In LexisNexis use an exclamation mark (**ecolog!**) instead of an asterisk.
- **Word Variations:** try alternate spelling and phrasing of concepts if you're not getting any results. Example: groundwater or ground water

## World Wide Web:

Try several search engines and compare the kinds of results you get. Try using Google's Advanced Search to limit the domain (.gov, .edu, or .org) of your search results:

[http://www.google.com/advanced\\_search](http://www.google.com/advanced_search)

No one website will have everything you are looking for, but here are some sites to check out:

- For California bioregions: <http://ceres.ca.gov>
- For a national perspective on ecoregions:  
[http://www.fs.fed.us/land/ecosysmgmt/ecoreg1\\_home.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/land/ecosysmgmt/ecoreg1_home.html)
- To find your watershed, try this US Geological Service website:  
[http://water.usgs.gov/wsc/map\\_index.html](http://water.usgs.gov/wsc/map_index.html)
- For topographic maps and interactive mapping (including watersheds):  
<http://www.nationalatlas.gov/>
- For additional information on your watershed, try this US Environmental Protection Agency site: <http://www.epa.gov/surf>
- Another online mapping service is available at REGIS GRASSLinks:  
<http://www.regis.berkeley.edu/glinks/>
- For more online information about the environment, try UC Davis' Information Center for the Environment: <http://ice.ucdavis.edu>
- Additional research sources for environmental science are available at Gleeson Library:  
<http://www.usfca.edu/library/research/env.html>

