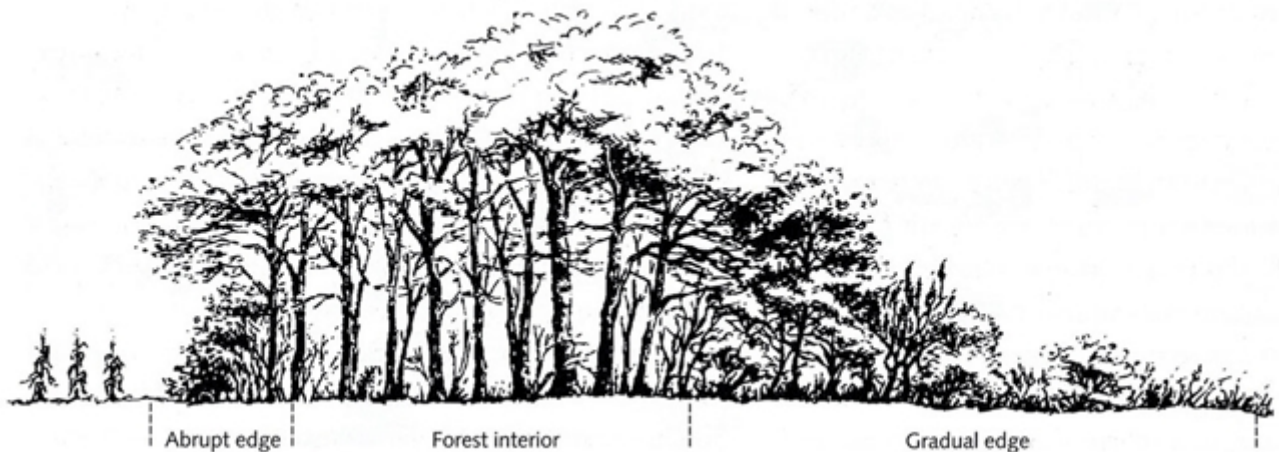


Edge Effect

The edges (AKA “ecotones”) between two ecosystems are often rich in biodiversity.

- They create areas where particles & nutrients may accumulate, acting as a net.
- Special or unique ecological *niches* may exist, creating opportunities for more species to co-exist.
- Micro-climates may be produced.
- The resources of two (or more) types of ecosystem are available at or near the edge. Particularly useful for predators.



A gradual edge between the forest interior and grassland can produce opportunities for several species of plants and animals.