

## Flora and fauna

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### Flora



The vegetation of the area is diversified and correspond to the varieties that the relief presents. It is only abundant where the precipitation regime is the same. There are humid tropical forests sometimes alternating with some coffee and cocoa plantations in the Jobo, Alto de Cotilla and Planada de Duaba areas.

Xerophytic forests (dry and thorny) in the coastal heights.

In the territory there are abundant prickly pears, melocactus that three to five species do not exist in another part of the world, we also have other varieties of cacti from the largest plantation to the smallest of this type, caletas grapes and on the banks of the rivers abound underwater plants and forest strips of new gallery forests with royal palm. All are mixed forests, standing out in the southeastern

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part are the black guayacán, the granadillo and others.

## Fauna



There are some endemic birds such as the parrot and the cao that inhabits the highest areas of Yacabo Arriba and the Esplanade of Duaba. In addition we find the striped lizard, the painted lizard, the chipajo and the baboya or the gray bayoya.

Species that are in process of extinction appear in rivers, such as the dajao, the guabina. The intramontane streams, before moving away and pouring into the rivers, mainly where there are leaf litters among the shady stones due to the exuberant vegetation, are suitable habitat for a type of shrimp that is vulgarly called a traveler, it is black-brown in color.

In the summer, tetí avalanches arrive that from the sea penetrate the mouths of the Imías rivers that at this time penetrate the sea, this species rises, disperses, and its origin and whereabouts are unknown. It is besieged by man by virtue of its nutritional value, Baracoa not

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being the only place that this phenomenon occurs.

Also in the streams and meanders of the mountain, as well as in the Carrisal, there is the Crab that is painted in carmelite and white, known as the stream crab.

The Sierra de Imías serves as the setting for some endangered species to shelter as the Toco-ro, Cuba's national bird, the Guacaica, Mockingbird, Sorsal, Woodpecker, Cartacuba, Zunzún, the Nightingale, the Sparrowhawk, the Kestrel.