

Why Trees Are Important

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Trees are important in many different ways, because they make homes and food for many different animals, they help to stop erosion, and lastly they help create oxygen for us to breathe.

The first reason trees are important is that they make homes and food for many animals, for example some animals that live in trees are birds, racoons, squirrels, chipmunks, and opossums. Trees are like homes to those animals for some of the same reasons and some different reasons, a similarity for all of them would be that the tree provides shelter so they can stay warm during cold nights. Some individual ways that trees provide a good place to live is, trees would provide acorns to chipmunks, or bugs to eat for some birds like woodpeckers.

The second reason trees are important is because they help stop erosion. For example a tree's roots could stop dirt from a cliff from falling. For example, at Lions Den there is a bluff that is eroding, but since there are trees planted at some of those spots the roots of those trees have stopped the dirt from eroding and it hasn't been eroding that much since the trees were planted there.

The reason trees help eroding is that the strong roots help keep the ground stable and as the trees grow taller the roots get bigger and then the roots take up more space to stop erosion there.

The last reason trees are important is that they help make oxygen. They do this by releasing oxygen when they use energy from sunlight to make glucose from carbon dioxide and water. It takes six molecules of carbon dioxide to make one molecule of glucose, which then makes six molecules of oxygen, then the tree does it over and over to make oxygen, which then helps us breathe.

Overall trees are important because they provide food and shelter to animals, they help prevent erosion, and lastly, they help make oxygen. Those are the reasons why I think that trees are important.