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## Cool Waters

Winter is upon us and it is a time for snuggling in by the fire and keeping warm. The planet is full of extremes in weather. Luckily we live in a mild climate that is neither too hot nor too cold. Our animals and plants do not have to put up with too many extremes in temperature. Our summers are warm and often damp, and our winters rarely go below freezing.

In some parts of the world, however, animals and plants have to cope with extremely high and extremely low temperatures. In *Nature's Web* this season, we're focusing on some of the colder climates of the world. We find out about the icebergs that float fast and furiously in the polar regions. We get a glimpse of the life of Antarctic scientist, Rachael Shreeve, and learn about one of the largest four-legged carnivores in the world, the polar bear.



Photo: US Fish & Wildlife Service

**Polar bear cubs sheltering in the ice of the Arctic.**



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**Antarctica, where scientists constantly search for clues about our planet's environment.**

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