

# The Mobile Forest

Trees germinate best in light, open spaces. Large grazers keep the forest in check, while birds and predators stimulate its growth. Eventually the forest becomes a victim of its own success and a new forest can germinate in the free space

Natural forest has a rich herb, shrub and tree layer

Because of the presence of lynx and wolf, grazers stay away locally and the forest can grow there again

Trees grow under the protection of thorny bushes

Storm, disease, insect pests, and fire can clear hectares of forest. Young bushes and trees get a chance again

Horses love beech

Grazers eat tree seedlings

Birds help the spread of the forest: thrushes defecate the seeds of thorny bushes elsewhere and jays forget half of their hidden acorns

By rooting, the wild boar makes seed spots for trees

Stag beetle larvae live for years in dead oaks

