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A calcareous **soil** is soil that has calcium carbonate (CaCO_3) in abundance. If a calcareous soil has hydrochloric **acid** added to it, the soil will effervesce and give off **carbon dioxide** and form bubbles because of the chemical reaction. Calcareous soils are most often formed from limestone or in dry environments where low rainfall prevents the soils from being leached of carbonates. Calcareous soils frequently cause **nutrient** deficiencies for many plants.