

Food Chains and Webs

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Glossary

adaptation special body feature or behavior that helps an organism stay alive

camouflage adaptation that helps an organism blend in with its surroundings

carnivore consumer that eats only animals

community all the populations living in one area

consumer organism that eats other organisms in a food chain

decomposer organism that feeds on and breaks down dead organisms

diversity the number of different species in an area

ecosystem all the interacting living and nonliving things in one area

endangered in danger of becoming extinct

energy pyramid shows how energy moves through a food web

environment everything around a living thing

extinct species that has disappeared from Earth

food chain shows how organisms get food and energy

food web all the food chains in an ecosystem

habitat the area in which an organism lives

herbivore consumer that eats only plants

host organism that a parasite lives in or on

interact to act with each other

mimicry adaptation in which an organism looks like another organism or thing

nutrients things in food that organisms need to live

omnivore consumer that eats either plants or animals

organism living thing

parasite organism that lives in or on another organism and gets its food from it

population all the members of a species living in one area

predator animal that kills and eats other animals

prey animal that is killed and eaten by other animals

producer organism that makes its own food and serves as a source of food for other organisms

scavenger consumer that eats dead plants or animals

species group of organisms that are the same