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Draw your own web of life with arrows showing what uses the other for energy (food). I include plants and animals.



## Web of Life (Animal) Grades 3-5

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

include vultures, hawks, eagles, Virginia Opossum, coyotes, as well as beetles, maggots of flies and flesh-flies playing an important role in recycling nitrogen and carbon in animal remains.

**scavenger** - are animals that find dead animals or plants and eat them.

**decomposer** - an organism (as a bacterium or a fungus) that feeds on and breaks down dead plant or animal matter.

# Vocabulary

- grass** - hollow-stemmed green plant: a plant with hollow jointed stems and long narrow, usually green leaves and tiny flowers arranged in spikes.
- forb** - broad-leaved herbaceous plant: usually have a showy flower, plant parts above ground die back each year.
- shrub** - woody plant with several stems: a woody plant without a trunk but with several stems growing from the base
- tree** - a plant having a permanently woody main stem or trunk, ordinarily growing to a considerable height, and usually developing branches at some distance from the ground.
- herbivore** - an animal that eats only plants.
- carnivore** - any of an order (Carnivora) of typically flesh-eating mammals that includes dogs, foxes, bears, raccoons, and cats; broadly: a carnivorous animal.
- omnivore** - an animal that eats both plants and other animals.
- carrion** - refers to the dead and decaying flesh of an animal. Examples of carrion-eaters (or scavengers)

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