

# Ecosystems Crossword

## Word Bank

Scientists who investigate ecosystems (ecologists) use these words all the time. When you visit the Sandia Mountain Natural History Center, so will you.

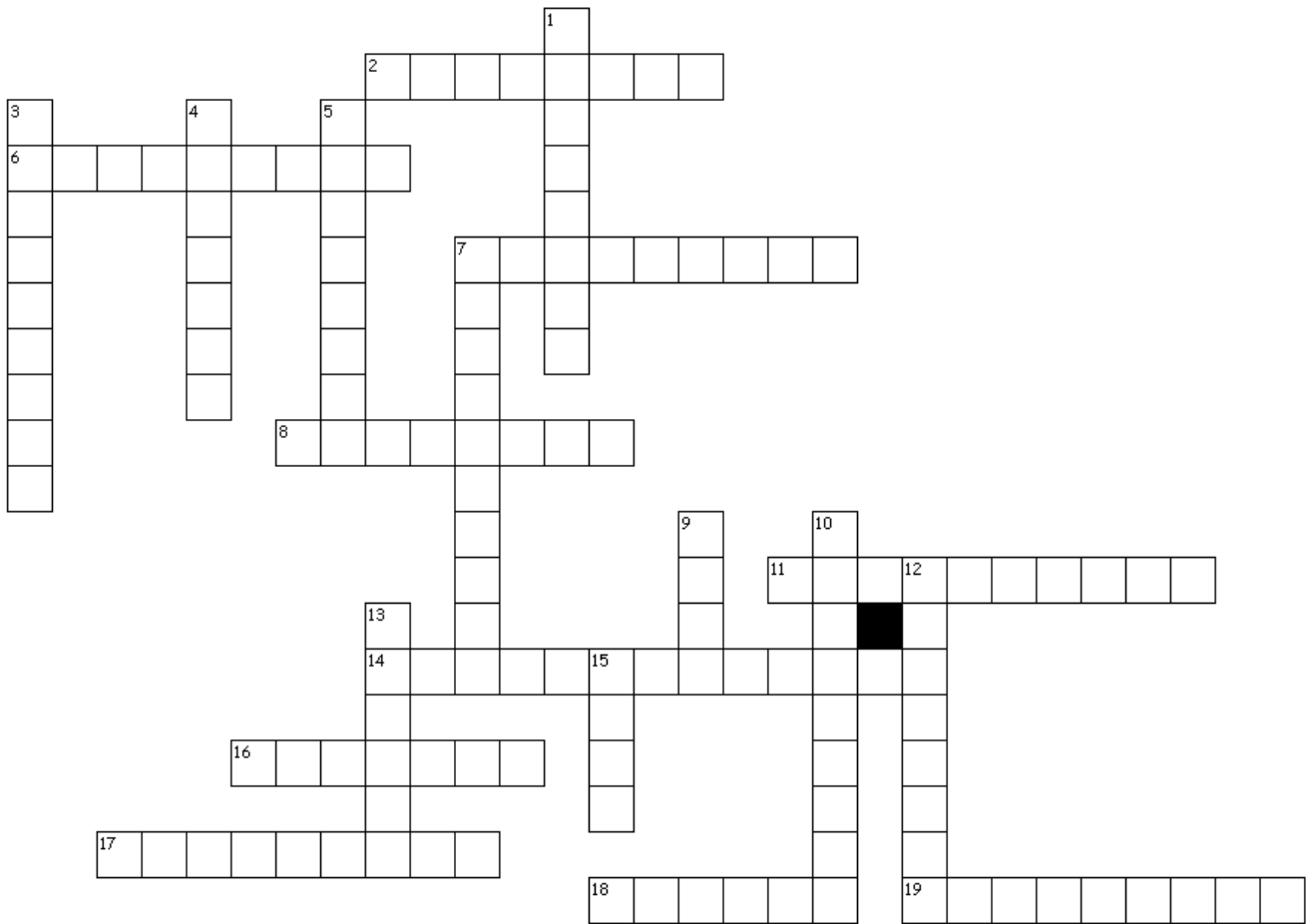
Use all the words below to complete the crossword.

bacteria	habitat
camouflage	herbivore
carnivore	omnivore
conifer	precipitation
consumer	predator
deciduous	prey
decomposer	producer
elevation	scat
evergreen	scavenger
fungus	spring



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## Across

2. An animal that hunts other animals for food
6. The measurement of distance above sea level
7. An animal that only eats meat
8. A living thing that makes its own energy
11. An organism that gets its energy by breaking down dead material
14. Any form of water that falls from the sky
16. A type of tree that has cones
17. An animal that eats already dead plants or animals
18. A type of decomposer - a mushroom is an example
19. A plant that keeps its needles or leaves all year long

## Down

1. A microscopic decomposer
3. An animal that eats only plants
4. The place where an organism lives
5. A living thing that eats to get its energy
7. A method of hiding - when an animal is colored so that it blends in with its environment
9. Animal droppings
10. A plant that loses its leaves in the fall
12. An animal that eats both plants and meat
13. An area where ground water comes to the surface
15. An animal that is hunted