

Chapter 3 Ecosystems Vocabulary



population

**all the members of one
species that live within an
area of an ecosystem**

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ecosystem

**all the living and
nonliving things in an
environment and the
many ways they interact**

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community

**different populations that
interact with each other in
the same area**

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niche

the specific role an organism has in its habitat

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herbivores

**consumers that get
energy by eating
only plants**

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carnivores

consumers that eat only animals

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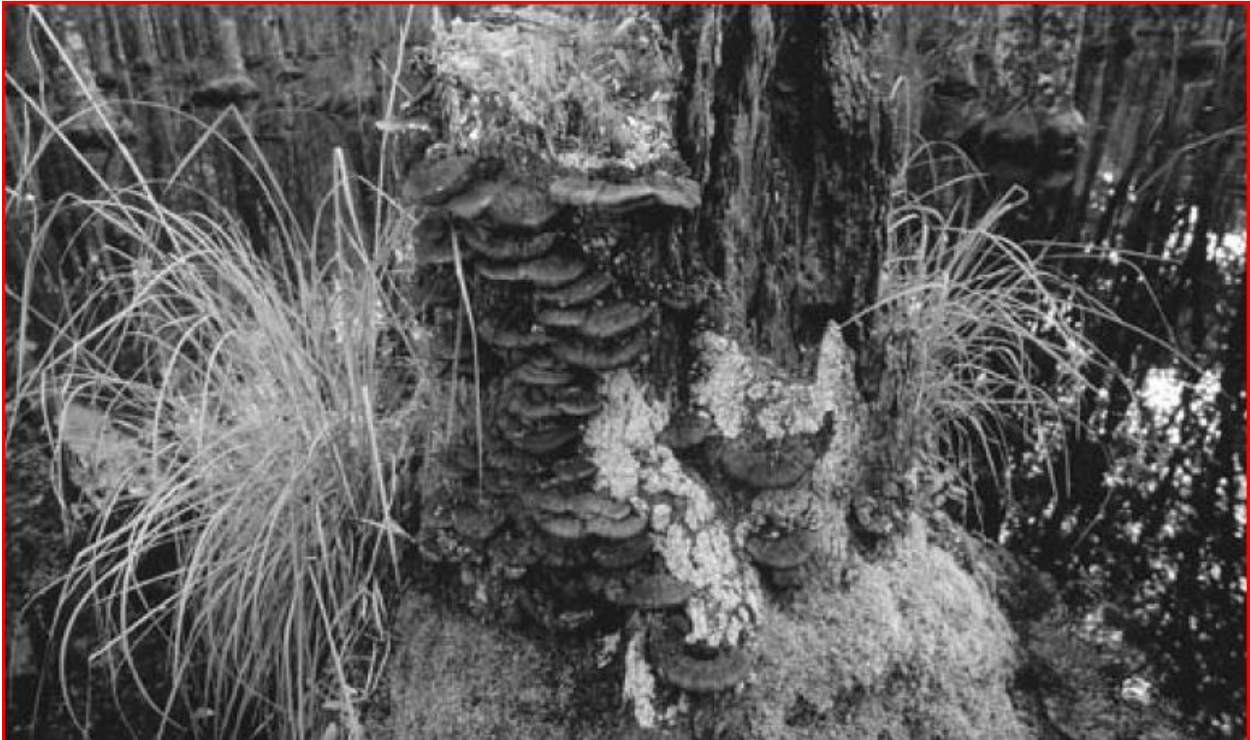


omnivores

consumers that eat both plants and animals

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decomposers

**organisms that live and
grow by breaking down
the waste and remains of
dead plants and animals
to obtain nutrients**