

WETLAND FOOD WEB!

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"Splash, Splash," I heard as the fish swam through the water. It was swimming away from the egret so it wouldn't become its food! Did you know that every single animal on the planet lives through something called a food web? Today I am going to talk about the wetland food web and how it works. The food web has producers, consumers, and decomposers. Those are the things I am going to tell you about!



Producers are the first step to a food web. They help consumers get food. They also get their energy from the sun. The sun is basically the first part of a food web. Now I will tell you some examples of producers. An example of a producer is algae. Algae grows where dirty water is, such as on rocks on beaches. Producers help consumers get food, they get their energy from the sun. They also need carbon dioxide. I have told you some things I know about producers. Now I am going to tell you about consumers.

Consumers are the second step in the food web. A consumer is an organism that eats to get energy. An example of a primary consumer in a wetland is a moose. A moose is an herbivore that eats plants.

- Carnivores eat meat.
- Herbivores do not eat meat.
- Omnivores eat meat and plants.

An example of a secondary consumer is an egret. It is a carnivore that eats fish. Now I've told you some things that I know about consumers. Let's go on to the decomposers.

. Decomposers are organisms that break down dead organisms, like plants and animals, and then they return the nutrients to the soil. Some examples are worms, fungi, and bacteria. Now you know why producers, consumers and decomposers are a big part of the wetland food web.

Do you remember when I told you that producers are at the bottom of the food chain, basically they're the first step. Remember that consumers eat to get energy. Decomposers are the last and final step to a food web. A decomposer is an organism that breaks down dead organisms and returns nutrients to soil. All energy comes from the sun. So now I have told you everything I know about the food web. I hope you understood everything I taught you today. WOW! You now know about producers, consumers, and decomposers. This information is important to know because you want to know what each animal is going through.

