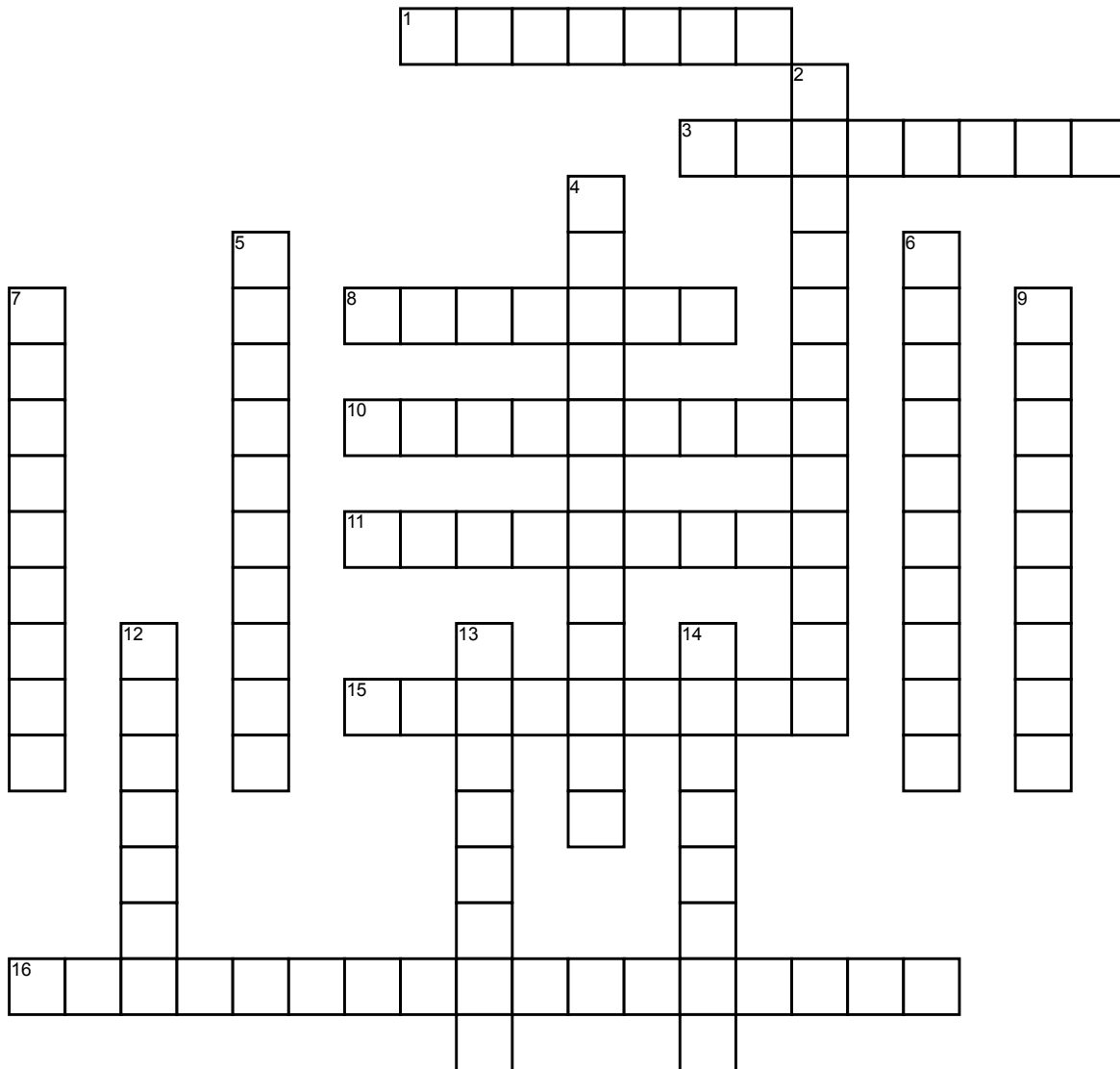


Ecology



Across

1. a system of interlocking and interdependent food chains.
3. an animal or person that eats a variety of food of both plant and animal origin.
8. the branch of biology that deals with the relations of organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings.
10. an animal that feeds on other animals.
11. a person who searches for and collects discarded items.
15. an animal that feeds on plants.

16. An introduced species is a species living outside its native distributional range, which has arrived there by human activity, either deliberate or accidental. Non-native species can have various effects on the local ecosystem

Down

2. an animal lacking a backbone, such as an arthropod, mollusc, annelid, coelenterate, etc. The invertebrates constitute an artificial division of the animal kingdom, comprising 95 per cent of animal species and about thirty different phyla.
4. the variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat, a high level of which is usually considered to be important and desirable.

5. the action or process of adapting or being adapted.
6. an animal of a large group distinguished by the possession of a backbone or spinal column, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes.
7. a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment.
9. a series of organisms each dependent on the next as a source of food.
12. the natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.
13. is generally thought as a farm operator
14. a person who purchases goods and services for personal use.