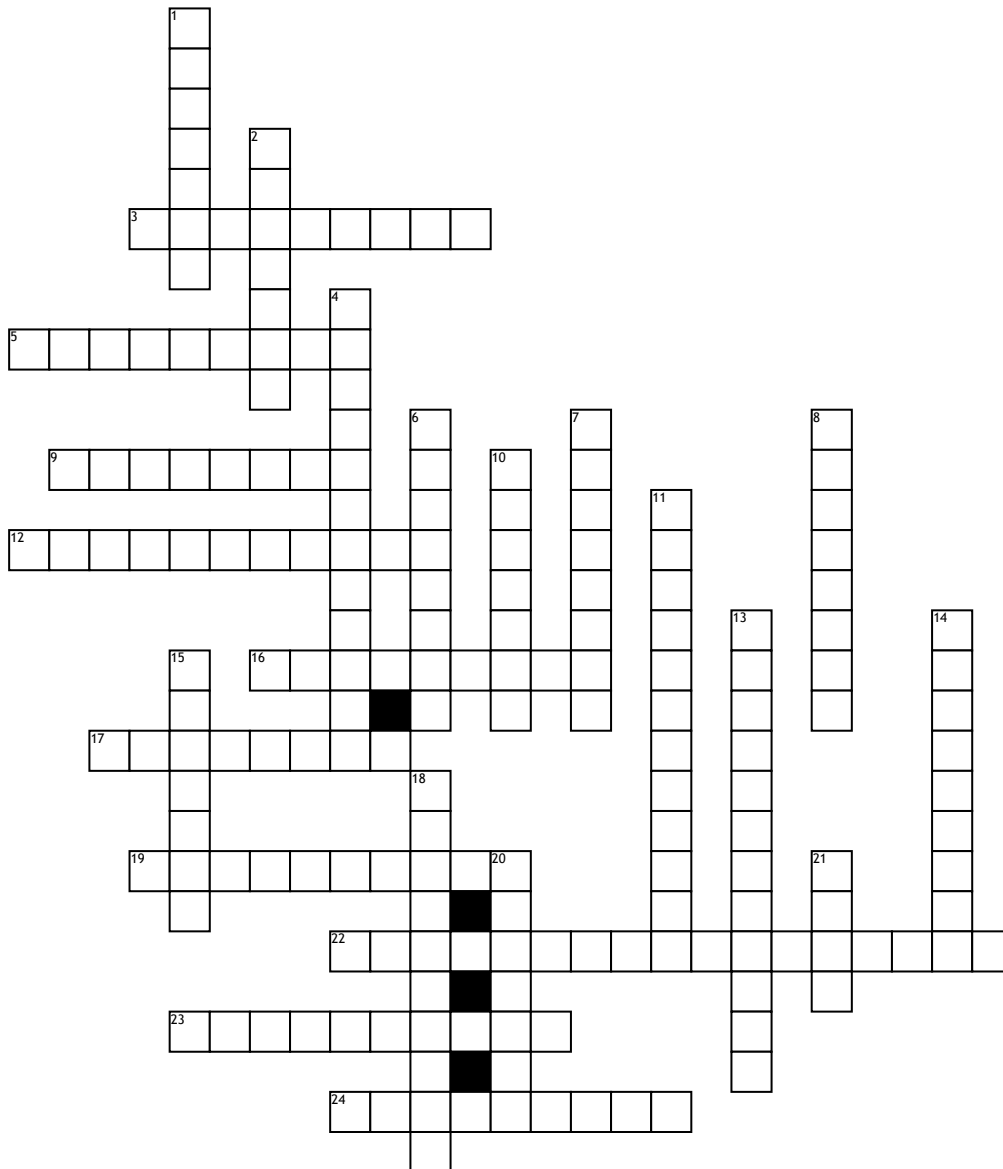


# Ecology Crossword



## Across

3. A consumer that eats plants.  
 5. a series of organisms each dependent on the next as a source of food.  
 9. Organisms that use sunlight directly to make sugar.  
 12. An organism that gets energy by breaking down the remains of dead organisms.  
 16. An animal that feeds on dead animals and dead plants  
 17. Autotrophs that capture sunlight and use it to make organic music  
 19. An animal of a large group distinguished by the possession of a backbone or spinal column, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes.

22. what is an organism that is not native to the place or area  
 23. the process of change by which an organism or species becomes better suited to its environment.  
 24. A community of organisms and their nonliving environment.

## Down

1. A system of interlocking and interdependent food chains.  
 2. The environment where an organism lives.  
 4. An animal lacking a backbone  
 6. Organisms that eat producers or other organisms for energy.  
 7. A consumer that eats a variety of organisms.  
 8. An organism that feeds on another living creature, usually without killing it.

10. the branch of biology that deals with the relations of organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings.  
 11. An animal lacking a backbone  
 13. 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.  
 14. A consumer that eats animals.  
 15. a system of interlocking and interdependent food chains.  
 18. the process of change by which an organism or species becomes better suited to its environment  
 20. The study of interaction between organisms and their environment.  
 21. An organism that is eaten by another organism.