

WNC Food Web

Top Carnivores (Fourth Level) are animals that feed on other animals but, have no predators.



Black Bear (**Omnivores**)



Coyote (**Omnivores**)

(Omnivores are animals whose diet consists of both plant and animal products)



Carnivores (Third Level) are animals which feed on other animals but, are also prey for other predators.



Bobcat



Golden Eagle



Herbivores (Second Level) consume producers or autotrophs. These animals do not eat meat and get their energy and nutrition from plants, fruits and vegetables.



White-tailed deer

Southern Flying Squirrel (**omnivores**)



Producers (First Level) are sometimes called autotrophs, make the nutrients they need from compounds and energy obtained from their environment.



Flowering Dogwood

Lesser Smoothcap



Decomposers are organisms that either, break down (decomposers) or feed on (detritus feeders) dead organisms. Decomposers cycle nutrients back into the soil for producers.



Mushrooms (**decomposers**)



Vultures (**detritus feeder**)