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Biology Topic B17 Organising an Ecosystem

Tertiary

Consumer -

Predates on

secondary

consumer.

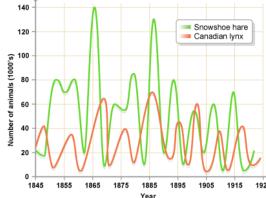
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Section 1: Food Chains and Predator-Prey Relationships



Producer –
Start of a food chain. Produces glucose through photosynthesis.

Primary
Consumer –
Eats a
producer. Prey
of secondary
consumer.



Secondary
Consumer –
Eats a primary
consumer.
Predator of
primary
consumer.

Predator-prey cycles

The population of the **prey increases More food** is available for the **predators**, so their population increases. There are **more predators** so the **population of the prey decreases**. There is **less prey to feed on** so the population of **predators decreases**. 19 The **cycle restarts** from the beginning.

Decomposers Microorganisms that break down waste products and dead bodies Factors affecting rate of decay Decay without the presence of oxygen produces methane gas — biogas.

Section 3: Water cycle steps	
Evaporation	Liquid water is turned into water vapour in the atmosphere.
Condensation	Water vapour condenses to form clouds.
Precipitation	Water is deposited from clouds as rain .

Section 4: Carbon cycle steps	
Photosynthesis	Plants absorb CO₂ from atmosphere.
Respiration	Animals, plants and micro- organisms respire, releasing CO ₂ into the atmosphere.
Decay	The carbon in dead organisms is released to the atmosphere by micro-organisms respiring.
Combustion	Carbon locked in fossil fuels is released as CO ₂ when fuels are burned .

