

Inorganic - Materials found in the earth that are not made from living things.

Invasive - Non-native plant or animal species that can cause harm to the environment.

Invasive plants - Plants that crowd out native plants and take over forests, lakes, ponds and streams.

Invertebrate - An animal without a backbone

Larval - The early form of an animal that looks very different from the adult, like a tadpole and frog or caterpillar and butterfly.

Litter - The unsightly waste items that are carelessly dropped outdoors, such as paper cups and candy wrappers.

Minerals - Inorganic materials found naturally in the earth.

Native plants - Plants that develop and grow in one geographic region.

Nocturnal- Happening at night. Many of our animals are nocturnal, such as bats and racoons.

Non-native plants - Plants that have been moved on purpose or by accident into an area where they were not originally found.

Non-native - A plant or animal species that is not originally from the area in which it is found.

Opposite - Leaves that grow directly across from each other on a twig.

Organic - Made of living organisms or those that were once alive. Plants and animals are organic.

Photosynthesis - The process by which green plants make glucose (sugar) from carbon dioxide and water using energy from sunlight

Predator - An animal that eats another animal for food.

Prey - An animal or organism that is eaten for food by another animal or organism, which is called a predator.

Plankton - Very small plants and animals that live in water and usually can only be seen with a microscope.

Raptor - A bird of prey, such as a hawk, owl, falcon or eagle, that eats birds, mammals or fish.

Recycle - To use a resource again. Nature recycles nutrients to produce new plants and animals. People recycle paper, plastic, metal and glass to make new products.

Renewable Resource - Useful plants and animals that regrow or reproduce to make more plants and animals. Lumber is a renewable resource since it grows from trees that regrow where trees have been cut.

Rock - An object made up of one or more minerals.

Scavenge - To search through discarded material for edible or useful things. Animals feed on other dead animals' flesh or other decaying organic matter.

Stands - A group of trees in an area, that are similar in species, age and size.

Toothed Margin - Leaf has jagged or sawtooth-like edges.

Wildfire - Any uncontrolled wildland fire.