

## FIERY SKIPPER

### Primary Consumer

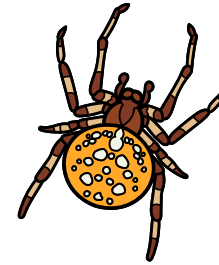
Primary Consumers feed on producers. They are usually herbivores since primary producers tend to be plants, but can also be algae and bacteria eaters.



## SOUTHERN BOLAS SPIDER

### Secondary Consumer

Secondary Consumers feed on and help to control the population growth of Primary Consumers. They can be carnivores or omnivores.



## WESTERN FENCE LIZARD

### Tertiary Consumer

Tertiary Consumers feed on and help control the population of Secondary Consumers. They usually eat other carnivores and are often the last animal in the food chain before the decomposers.



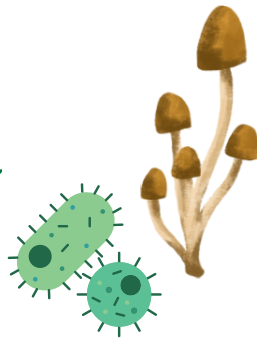
# FAIRVIEW PARK FOOD CHAIN



## COYOTE

### Apex Predator

The Apex Predator is at the top of the food chain and has no natural predators. Their population is largely controlled by availability of resources such as food and space.



## FUNGI, BACTERIA, WORMS, ETC

### Decomposers

Decomposers form the final link in the food chain. These organisms break down dead animals and plants and return the stored vital nutrients to the soil which are then used by Producers.



## WESTERN VERVAIN

### Producer

Producers make up the first level of every food chain. These organisms produce their own food.

In the case of the Western Vervain, this plant uses sunshine, carbon dioxide, and rain to produce food through photosynthesis.

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Primary Consumer

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Secondary Consumer

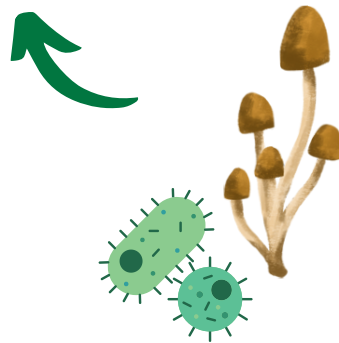
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Producer

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Tertiary Consumer

**CREATE YOUR OWN  
FAIRVIEW PARK FOOD CHAIN**



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Decomposer

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Apex Predator

# CREATE YOUR OWN FAIRVIEW PARK FOOD CHAIN

*Instructions: Choose plants and animals from the list below to fill in the food chain. You can also choose animals that you have observed during your own visits to the park! Once you choose your animals, draw and color them in between the arrows to complete your masterpiece!*

## Birds:

Red-Tailed Hawk  
Cooper's Hawk  
American Kestrel  
Say's Phoebe  
Great Blue Heron  
White-tailed Kite  
Allen's Hummingbird  
Snowy Egret  
Black Phoebe  
Burrowing Owl

## Plants:

Coastal Goldenbush  
Coyote Brush  
California Buckwheat  
Mule Fat  
Purple Sage  
Bladderpod  
Lemonade Berry  
Laurel Sumac  
Yerba Mansa  
Arroyo Lupine

## Insects/Mollusks/Arachnids:

Western Honey Bee  
Salt Marsh Moth  
Garden Snail  
Gray Bird Grasshopper  
Common Green Darner (dragonfly)  
Anise Swallowtail (butterfly)  
Spotted Orbweaver (Spider)  
Threeband Slug  
Brown Widow  
White-Lined Sphinx (moth)

## Reptiles/Amphibians:

Common Side-Blotched Lizard  
California King Snake  
Western Toad  
Southern Alligator Lizard  
Western Rattlesnake  
Tropical House Gecko

## Mammals:

Coyote  
California Ground Squirrel  
Desert Cottontail  
Rats  
Mice