

Eden's Amazing Creatures



Fact Cards

These simple Fact Cards, including river plants, are perfect for classification, creating river food chains and food webs.

Use them to create an Eden's Amazing Creatures 'Top Trumps' game

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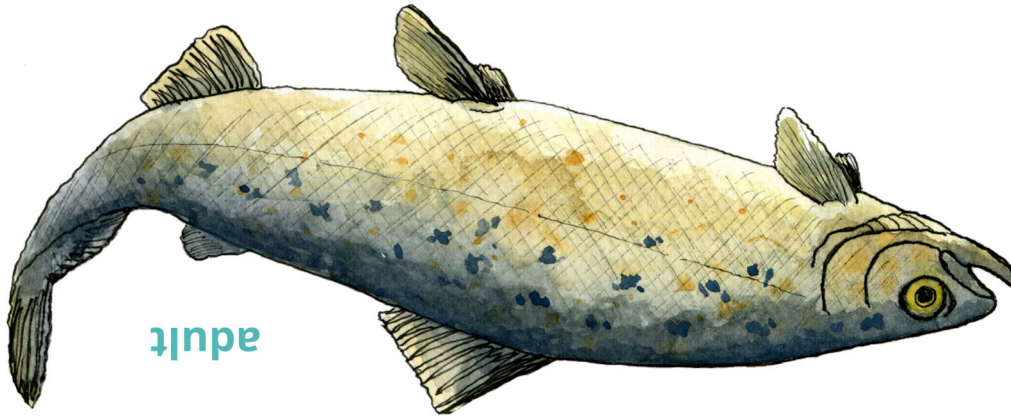
NORTH PENNINES
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Atlantic salmon



young



adult

I am a salmon

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I am a: vertebrate

I am a: fish

I am a: carnivore

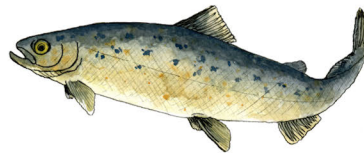
I eat: freshwater invertebrates and other fish

I am eaten by: otter and heron, and kingfisher and big fish when I am young

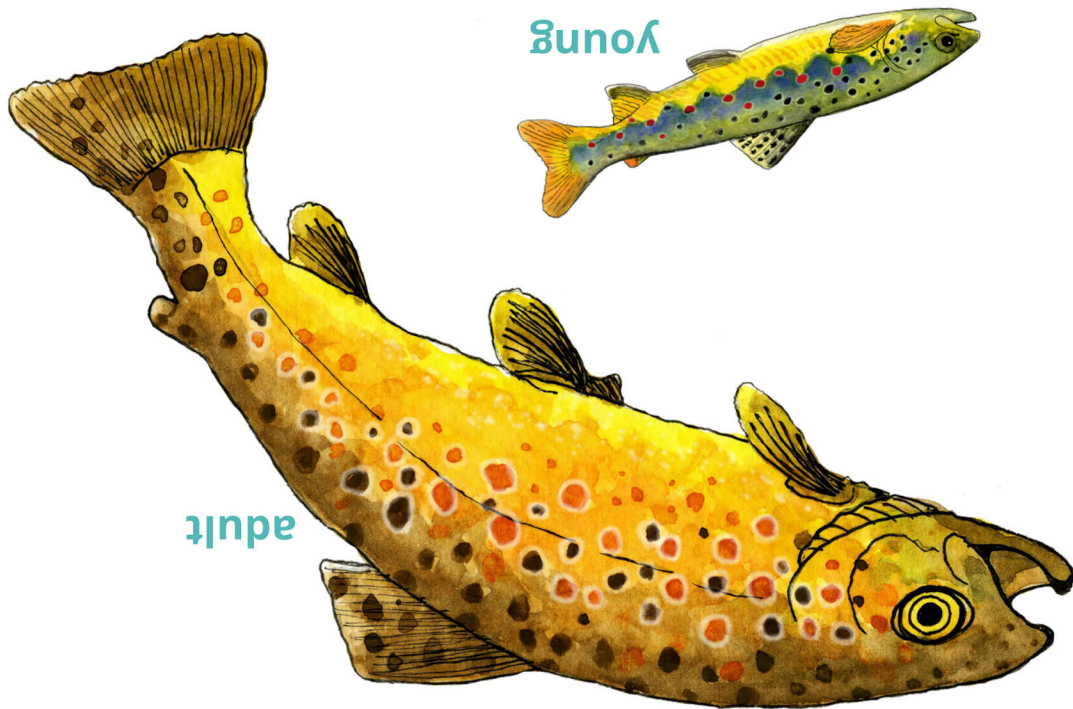
Super stats

Length: 120 - 150 cm Weight: up to 40 kg

Lifespan: Average 5 - 8 years;
Up to 13 yrs



Brown trout



I am a brown trout

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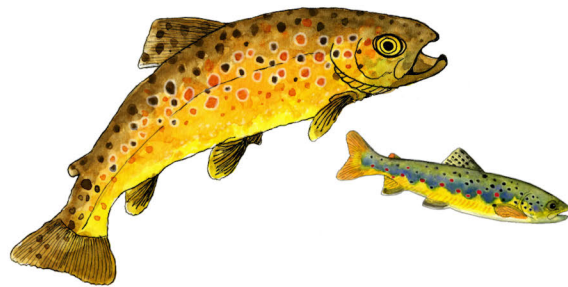
I am a: vertebrate

I am a: fish

I am a: carnivore

I eat: freshwater invertebrates and other fish

I am eaten by: otter and heron; and kingfisher and big fish when I am young



Super stats

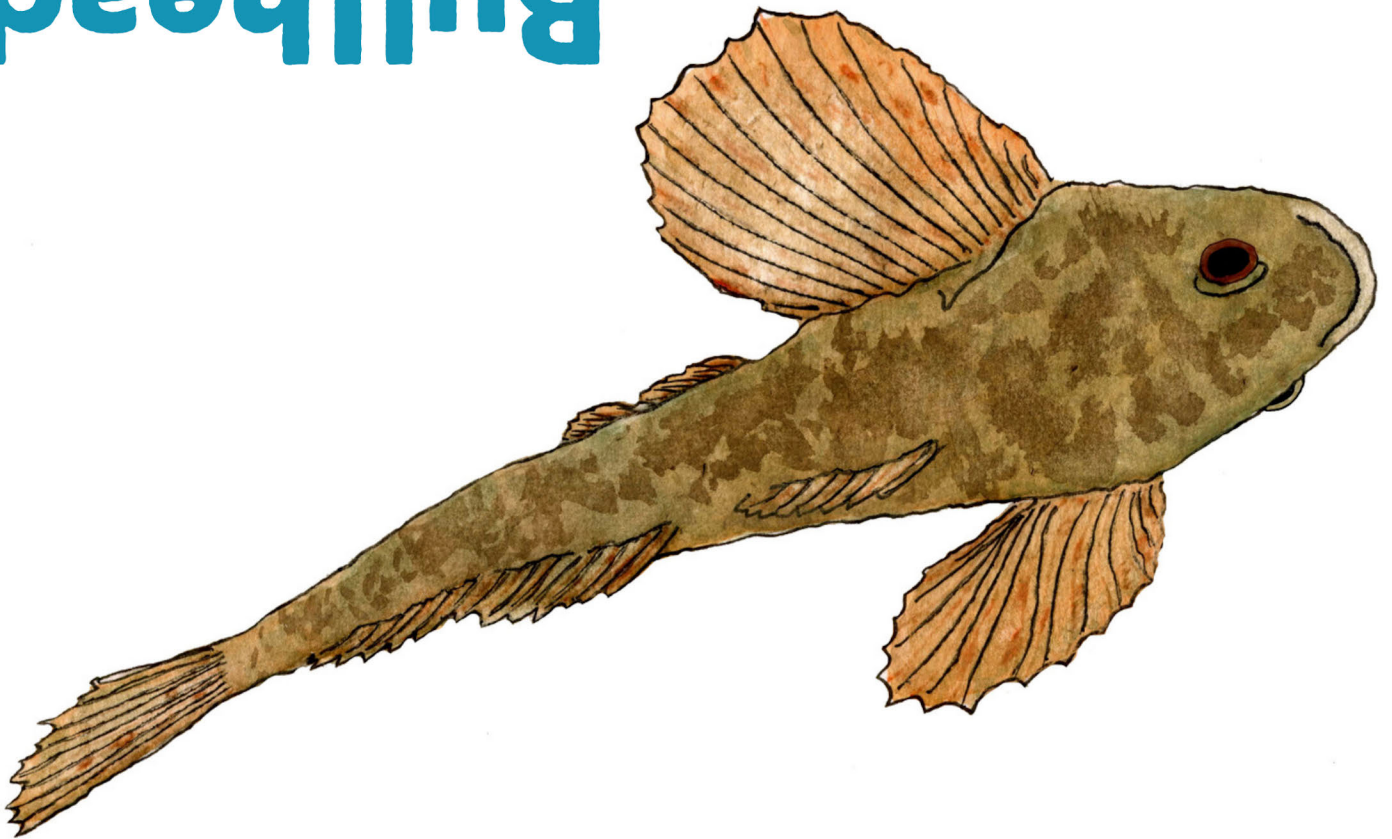
Length: 50 -80 cm

Weight:

Up to 18.5 kg

Lifespan: Up to 15 years!

Bullhead



I am a bullhead

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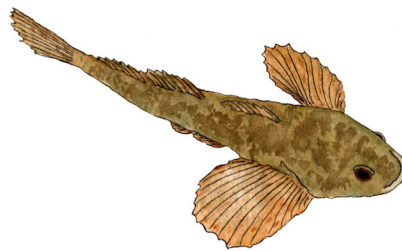
I am a: vertebrate

I am a: fish

I am a: carnivore

I eat: freshwater invertebrates and the eggs of other fish

I am eaten by: heron, and bigger fish like salmon and trout



Super stats

Length: 8 - 12 cm

Weight: 6 - 12 g

Lifespan: 3 - 4 years

European eel



I am an eel

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I am a: vertebrate

I am a: fish

I am a: carnivore (a predator and a scavenger!)

I eat: otter and heron; and other fish when I am young; I also eat dead fish

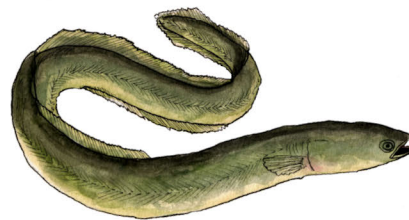
I am eaten by: herons and bigger fish like salmon and trout and other things with big sharp teeth

Super stats

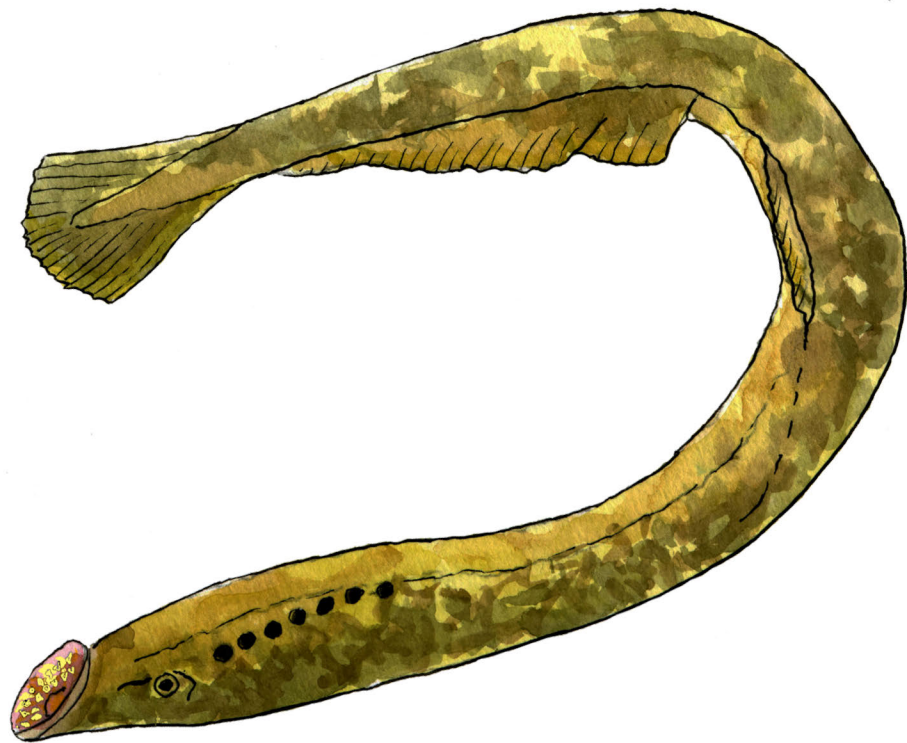
Length: up to 133 cm

Weight: 0.5 - 5 kg

Lifespan: 15 -20 years



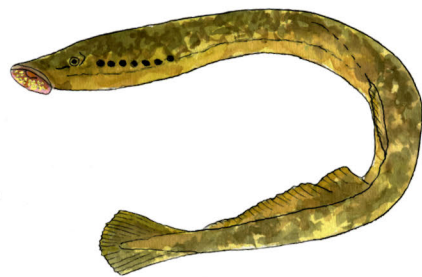
Lamprey



I am a sea lamprey

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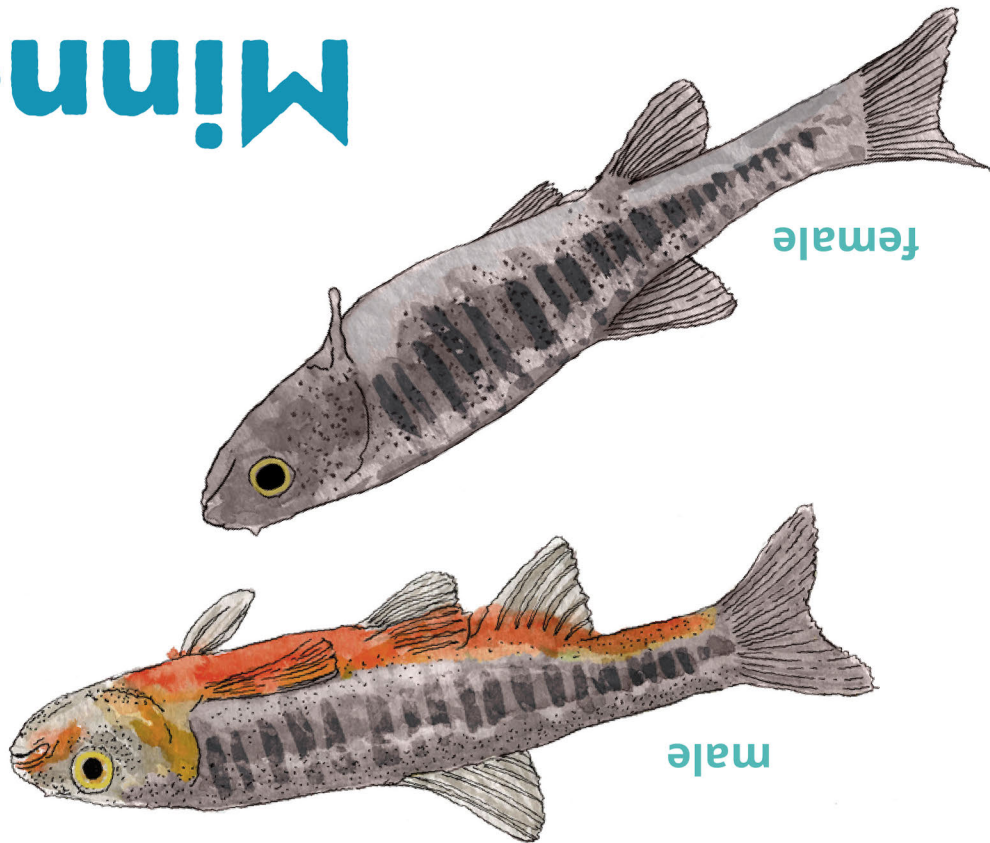
- I am a:** vertebrate
- I am a:** fish
- I am a:** carnivore and a parasite
- I eat:** freshwater invertebrates; and suck the blood of big fish such as trout and salmon
- I am eaten by:** otter and heron



Super stats

- Length:** 1.2 m **Weight:** 2.5 kg
- Lifespan:** 11 years

Minnow



female

male

I am a minnow

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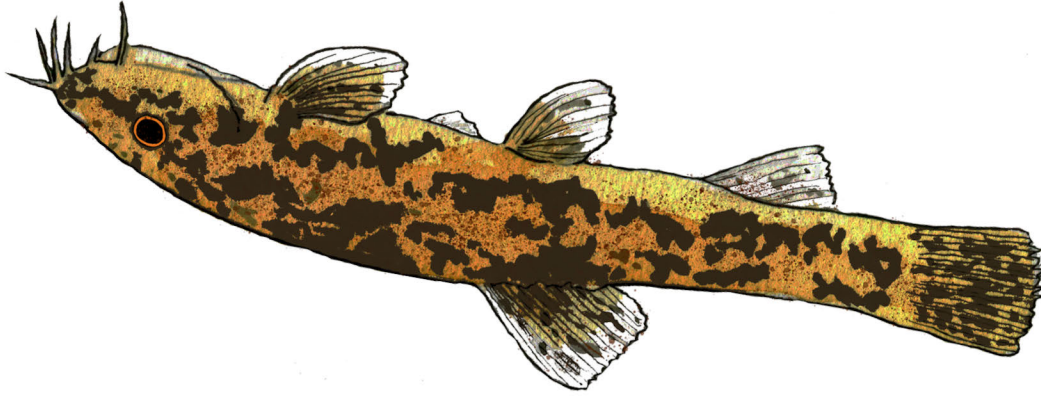
- I am a: vertebrate
- I am a: fish
- I am a: carnivore
- I eat: freshwater invertebrates
- I am eaten by: kingfisher and big fish



Super stats

- Length: 4 - 10 cm
- Weight: 8 - 16 g
- Lifespan: 2 - 5 years

Stone loach



I am a stone loach

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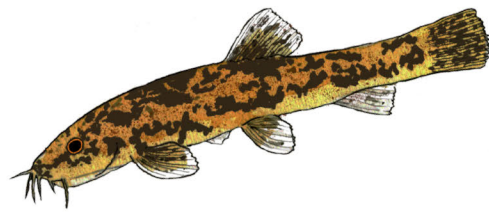
I am a: vertebrate

I am a: fish

I am a: carnivore

I eat: freshwater invertebrates

I am eaten by: bigger fish, e.g. salmon, trout and eel



Super stats

Length: 6 - 10 cm

Weight: 3 - 6 g

Lifespan: 3 - 5 years

Dipper



I am a dipper

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I am a: vertebrate

I am a: bird

I am a: carnivore

I eat: freshwater invertebrates - caddisfly larvae are my favourite!



I am at the top of the river food chain

Super stats

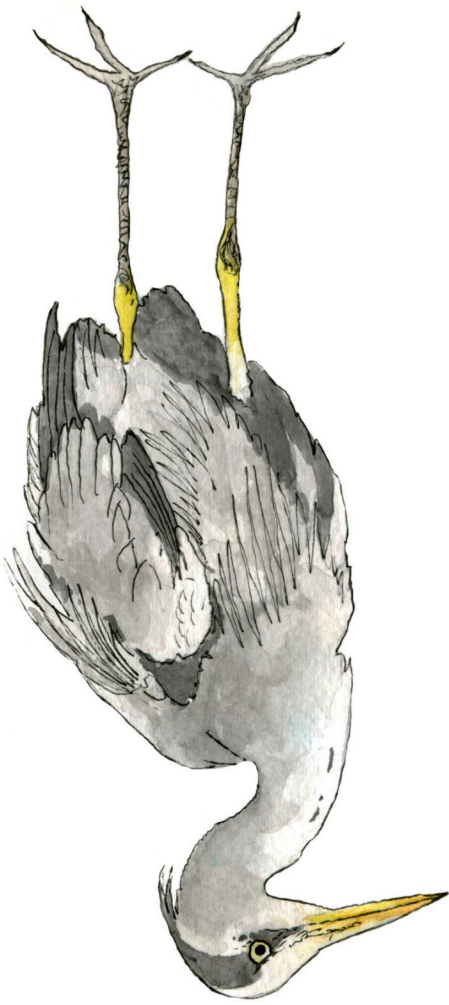
Length: 18 cm

Weight: 55 - 75 g

Lifespan: Av. 3 years

Wingspan: 25 - 30 cm

Grey heron



I am a grey heron

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- I am a: vertebrate
- I am a: bird
- I am a: carnivore
- I eat: fish

I am at the top of the river food chain



Super stats

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| Length: | 90 - 98 cm | Weight: | 1.5 - 2 kg |
| Lifespan: | Av. 5 years | Wingspan: | 175 - 195 cm |

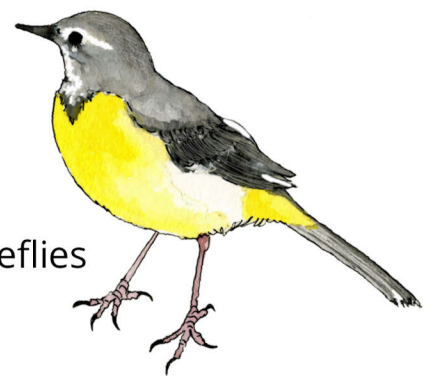
Grey wagtail



I am a grey wagtail

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- I am a:** vertebrate
- I am a:** bird
- I am a:** carnivore
- I eat:** adult caddisflies, mayflies and stoneflies



I am at the top of the river food chain

Super stats

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| Length: | 18 - 19 cm | Weight: | 14 - 22 g |
| Lifespan: | Av. 3 years | Wingspan: | 25 - 27 cm |

Kingfisher



I am a kingfisher

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- I am a:** vertebrate
- I am a:** bird
- I am a:** carnivore
- I eat:** small fish - minnow, young salmon and young trout are a favourite!



I am at the top of the river food chain

Super stats

Length:	16 - 17 cm	Weight:	34 - 46 g
Lifespan:	Av. 2 years	Wingspan:	24 - 26 cm



I am an otter

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I am a: vertebrate

I am a: mammal

I am a: carnivore

I eat: fish (salmon, trout and eel are a favourite), also white-clawed crayfish



I am at the top of the river food chain

Super stats

Length: 60 - 80 cm

Weight: 6 - 8 kg

Lifespan: 5 - 10 years

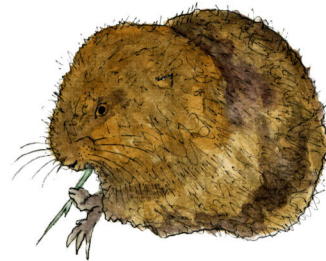
Water vole



I am a water vole

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- I am a:** vertebrate
- I am a:** mammal
- I am a:** herbivore
- I eat:** grass and plant stems growing on the riverbank



I am eaten by: American mink are my main predator now, but it used to be heron and otter.

Super stats

- Length:** 14 - 22 cm **Weight:** 150 - 300 g
- Lifespan:** Av. 0.5 - 1.5 years

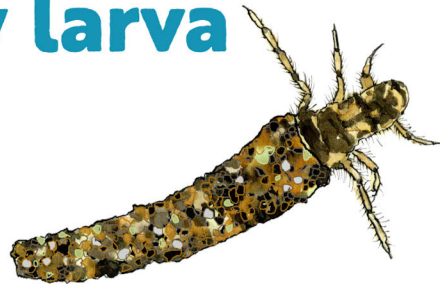
Cased caddisfly larva



I am a cased caddisfly larva

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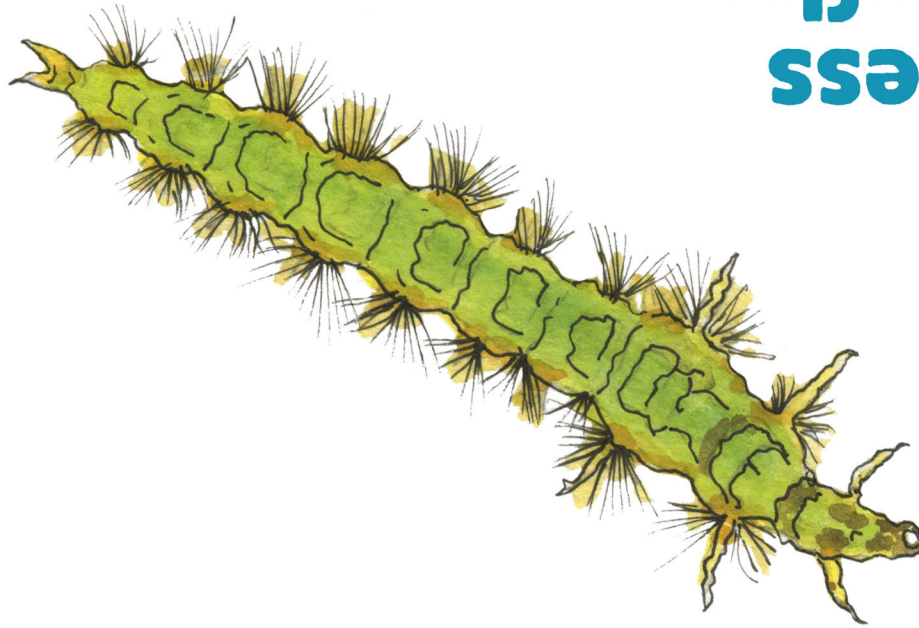
- I am an:** invertebrate
- I am an:** insect
- I am a:** herbivore, carnivore or an omnivore (depending which species I am!)
- I eat:** algae and water plants, or tiny invertebrates
- I am eaten by:** dippers and small fish



Super stats

Length/size: up to 1 cm **Lifespan:** up to 2 years

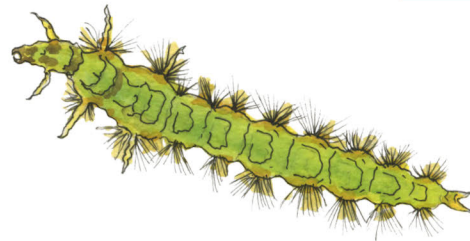
Caseless caddisfly larva



I am a caseless caddisfly larva

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- I am an:** insect
- I am a:** herbivore, carnivore or omnivore (depending which species I am!)
- I eat:** algae and water plants, or tiny invertebrates
- I am eaten by:** dippers and small fish



Super stats

Length/size: up to 1 cm **Lifespan:** up to 2 years

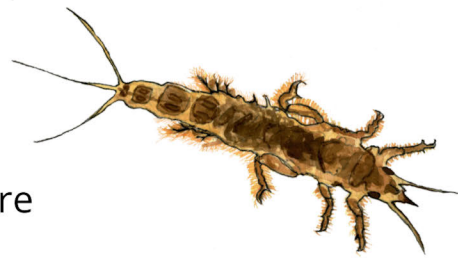
Burrowing mayfly nymph



I am a burrowing mayfly nymph

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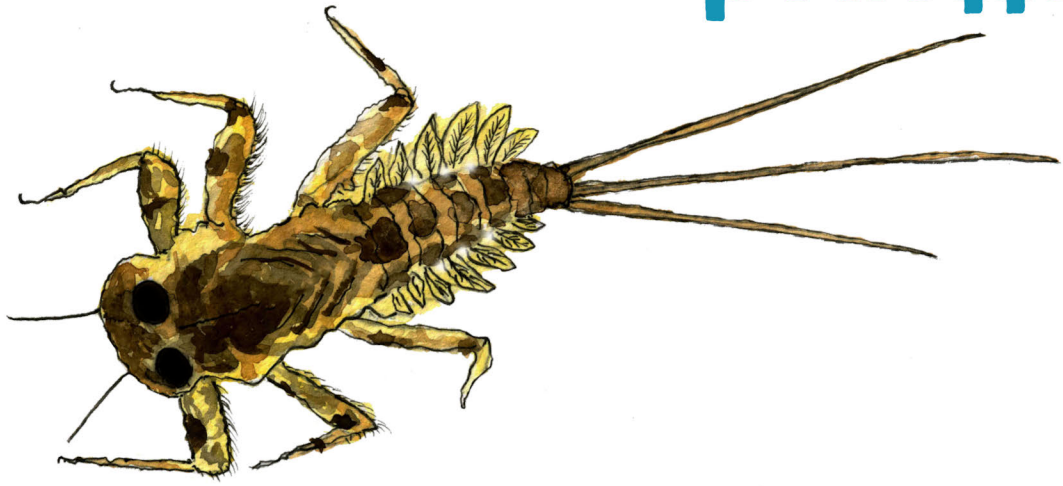
- I am an:** invertebrate
- I am an:** insect
- I am a:** herbivore and detritivore
- I eat:** algae and water plants; and dead plants
- I am eaten by:** stone loach and bullhead



Super stats

Length/size: up to 1cm **Lifespan:** up to 2 years

Flattened mayfly nymph



I am a flattened mayfly nymph

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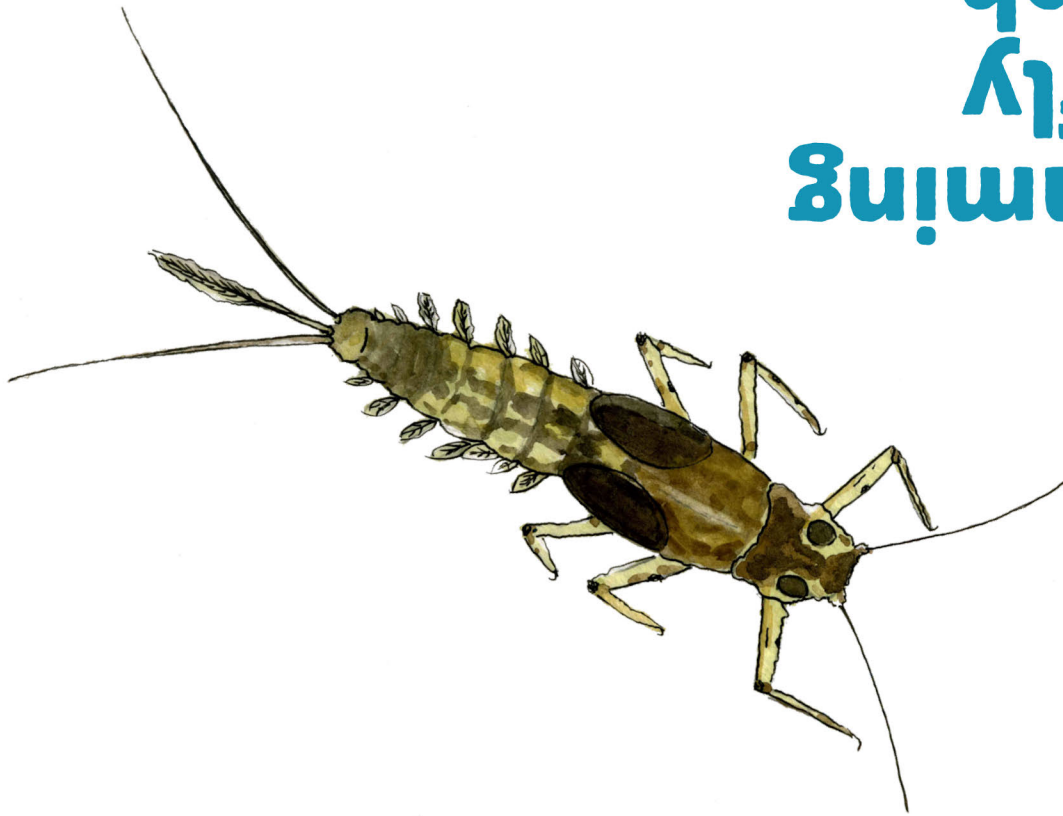
- I am an: invertebrate
- I am an: insect
- I am a: herbivore
- I eat: algae and water plants
- I am eaten by: fish and dippers



Super stats

Length/size: up to 0.5 cm Lifespan: up to 2 years

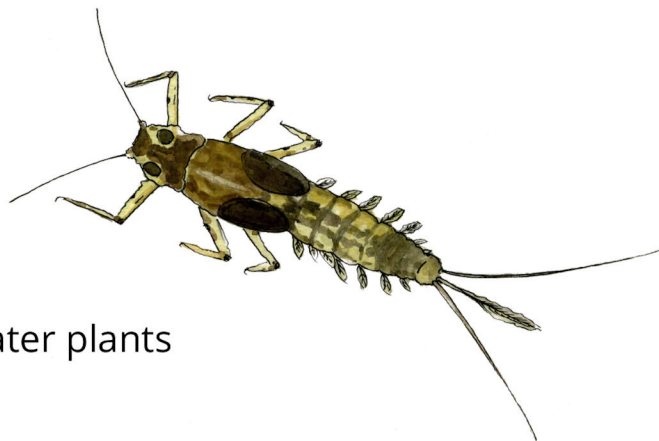
Swimming mayfly nymph



I am a swimming mayfly nymph

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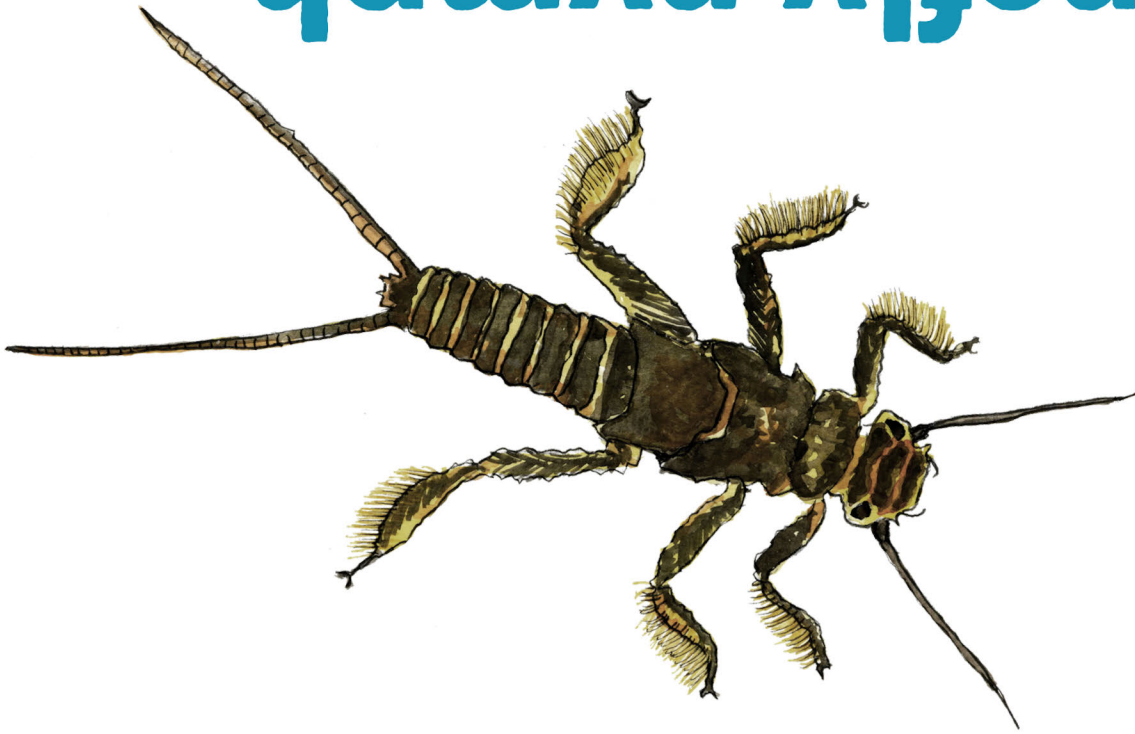
- I am an:** invertebrate
- I am an:** insect
- I am a:** herbivore
- I eat:** algae and water plants
- I am eaten by:** fish and dippers



Super stats

Length/size: up to 0.5 cm **Lifespan:** up to 2 years

Stonefly nymph



I am a stonefly nymph

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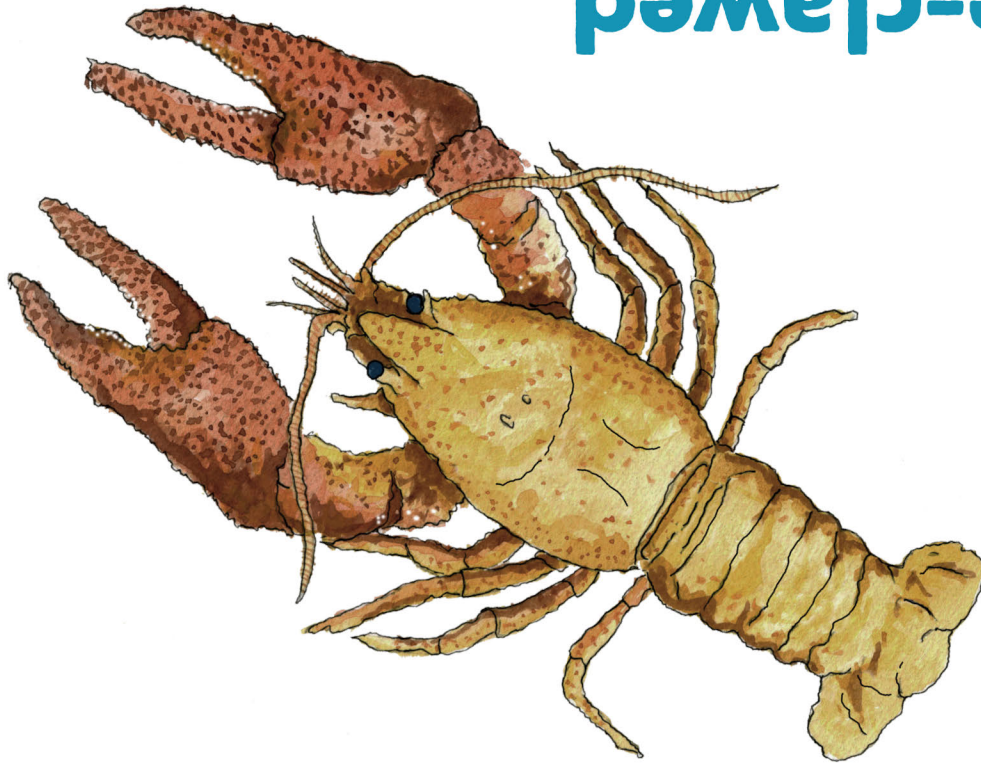
- I am an:** invertebrate
- I am an:** insect
- I am an:** omnivore
- I eat:** tiny invertebrates and water plants
- I am eaten by:** small fish and dippers



Super stats

Length/size: 0.6 - 6 cm **Lifespan:** 1 - 4 years

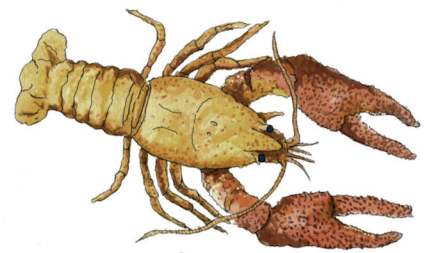
white-clawed crayfish



I am a white-clawed crayfish

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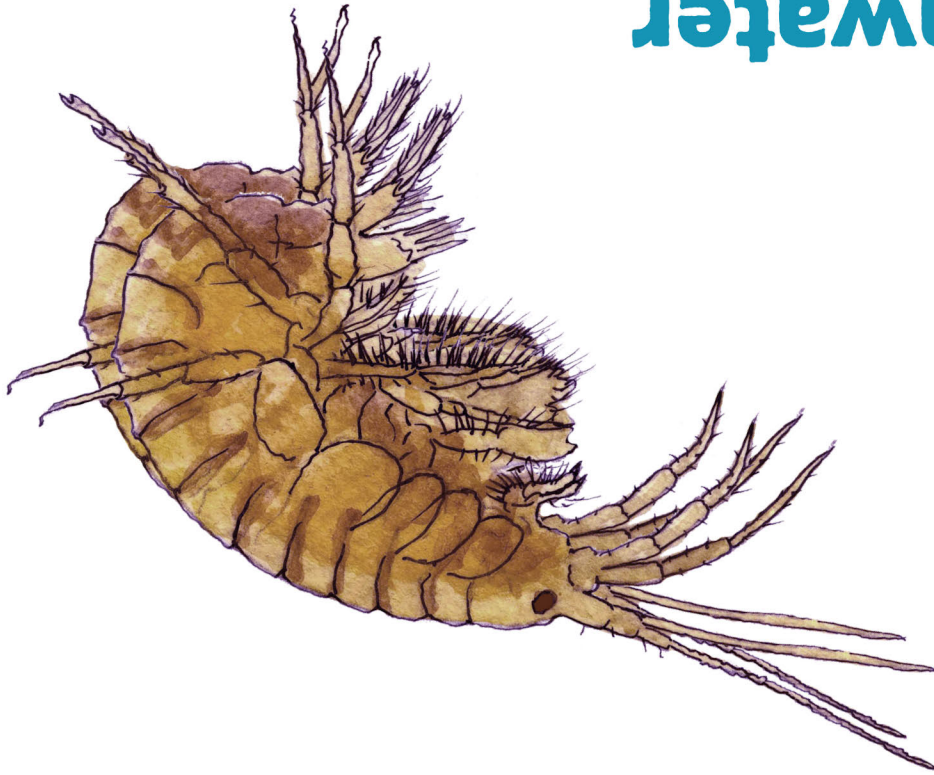
- I am an:** invertebrate
- I am a:** crustacean
- I am a:** omnivore, and detritivore (decomposer)
- I eat:** almost anything that is small, or dead or decomposing!
- I am eaten by:** otters, large fish and heron



Super stats

Length/size: up to 12 cm **Lifespan:** up to 12 years

Freshwater shrimp



I am a freshwater shrimp

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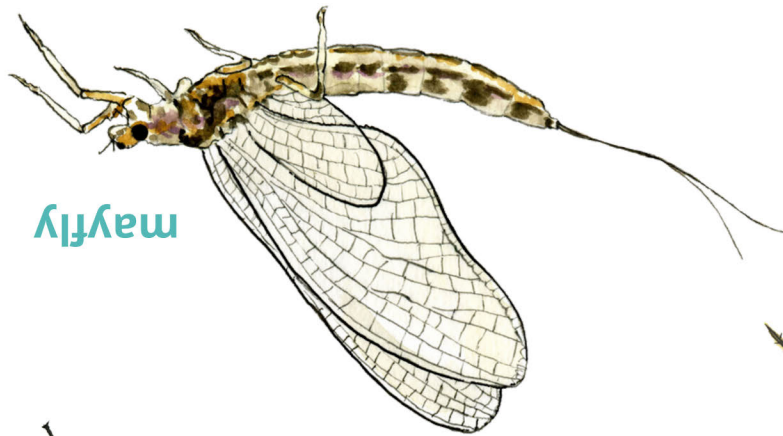
- I am an:** invertebrate
- I am a:** crustacean
- I am a:** detritivore (decomposer)
- I eat:** almost anything that is small, or dead or decomposing!
- I am eaten by:** small fish such as stone loach and bullhead



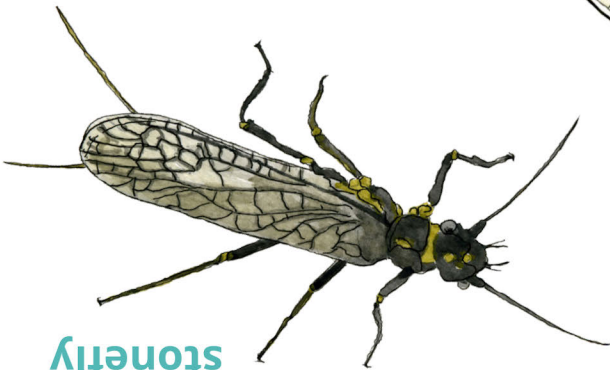
Super stats

Length/size: 1 cm **Lifespan:** up to 1 year

Adult 'riverflies'



mayfly



stonefly



caddisfly

I am an adult 'riverfly'

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I am an:

invertebrate

I am an:

insect

I am a:

this varies depending on my species

I eat:

nothing in the river, maybe nothing at all!

I am eaten by:

grey wagtail, on the waters edge;
salmon and trout when I am laying eggs in the water

Super stats

Length/size:

xx cm

Lifespan:

xx - xx years





I am water plants

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I am a: plant

I am a: producer

I make my own
food using: sunlight

I am eaten by: herbivores
for example: mayfly nymph, caddisfly larvae, cased
caddisfly larvae



I provide shelter and food for river creatures



I am algae

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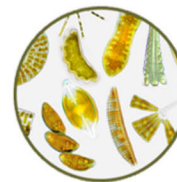
I am a: a bit like a tiny plant

I am a: producer

I make my own food using: sunlight

I am eaten by: herbivores
for example: mayfly nymph, caddisfly larvae, cased caddisfly larvae

I can be free-floating in the water, or grow on rocks and stones on the riverbed.



Riverbank plants



I am riverbank plants

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Creatures

I am a: a plant

I am a: producer

I make my own
food using: sunlight

I am eaten by: herbivores
for example: mayfly nymph, caddisfly larvae, cased
caddisfly larvae



I provide shelter and food for river creatures

Riverbank trees



I am riverbank trees

Eden's
Amazing
Creatures

I am a: a plant

I am a: producer

I make my own
food using: sunlight

I am eaten by: detritivores
who eat my dead leaves or branches when they fall
into the river



My roots provide river creatures with a place to rest and hide,
I also create shade over the river and keep it cool in hot weather.

Dead and decomposing plants and animals



I am dead and decomposing plants and animals

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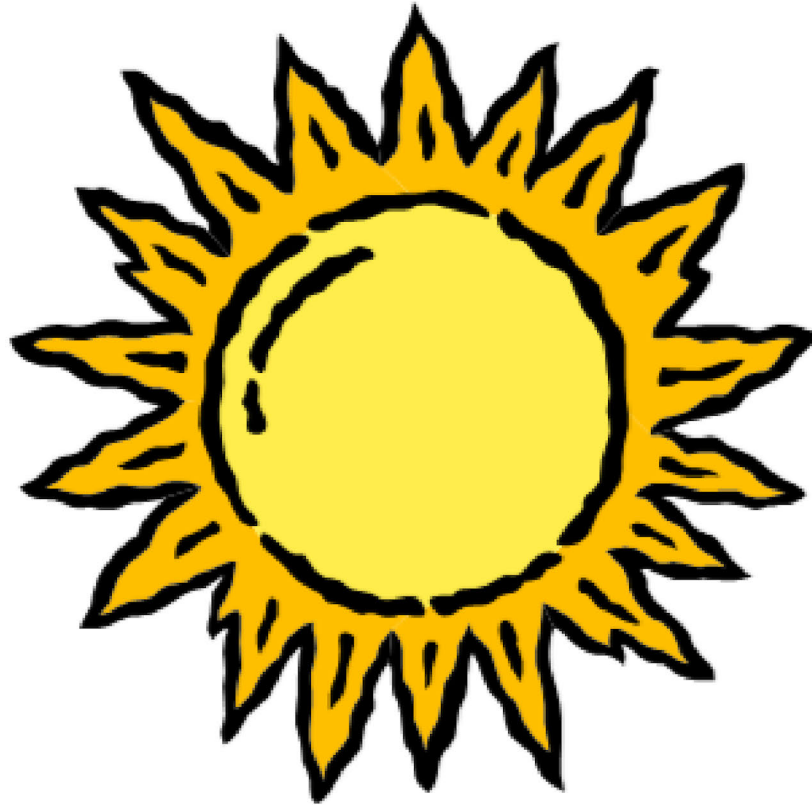
I am a: a dead plant or a dead animal in the river



I am eaten by: detritivores and scavengers

de-tri-ti-vores are creatures that eat dead and decomposing plants and animal parts (including faeces!).

Scavengers are creatures that eat dead animals that they did not kill themselves



I am The Sun

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I am: the source of all life on Earth

Plants and algae use sunlight energy to make their own food.