

Did you know?

Scavengers like vultures are known as *detritivores*. (detritus = organic waste material from decomposing plants or animals)

There are special names for other organisms that consume nutrients from a variety of different sources:

xylophages coprophages geophages palynivores lepidophages mucophages

1. Organisms that eat wood, like termites and bark beetles, are called _____.
2. Fish that eat the scales, but not the bodies, of other fish are called _____. Examples include some piranha and some catfish.
3. _____, such as parrots and cockatoos, eat earth, such as clay or soil.
4. Pollen eaters like honeybees and some butterflies are called _____.
5. _____ eat mucus, and usually live in the gills of fish.
6. Consumers of animal feces are called _____, and include dung beetles and flies.