

## Section 3.3: The Nutrient Web

### Outcomes

Students will:

- Define the nutrient web and describe how it works.
- Examine the various processes of the nutrient web, as well as the factors that influence the nutrient web.

### Key Terms

Absorption  
Bioavailability  
Bioturbation  
Decomposition  
Desorption  
Pedoturbation  
Perturbation  
Sedimentation

### What is the Nutrient Web?

The nutrient web is the exchange of elements and minerals between living and nonliving things. Various physical, chemical, and biological processes help create nutrients, move the nutrients around, and change the bioavailability of the nutrients. All life on Earth depends on the nutrient web in some form or another.



How it Works