



Kids' Korner

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Games, Games, Games

Biodiversity Crossword by Rachele Pressnail

BIODIVERSITY is the enormous number and types of life on Earth. Healthy ecosystems have lots of species that balance each other's populations. Ask your parents or a teacher why organic farms have more biodiversity than conventional ones. Find the words written below this biodiversity crossword. Words may appear forwards, backwards, sideways, diagonally, and up and down.

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| 3. BIODIVERSITY | 10. ENDANGERED | 17. PREDATORS |
| 4. BIRD | 11. FERTILIZER | 18. RARE |
| 5. BREEDING | 12. HETEROGENEITY | 19. ROTATION |
| 6. BUTTERFLY | 13. INSECTS | 20. SUSTAINABLE |
| 7. CONVENTIONAL | 14. NUTRIENT | |

Belly Jigglers

- What did the mother ghost tell the baby ghost when he ate too fast? — Stop gobblin' your food!
- Where does Count Dracula usually eat his lunch? — At the casketeria.
- How do you mend a broken Jack-o-lantern? — With a pumpkin patch.

Feature Creature

The Little Brown Bat

Maybe it is because bats are nocturnal (night feeders) that they have come to be associated with vampires and Halloween. In fact, there's nothing to fear from bats. They are good for our gardens, because they eat lots of insects and help organic farmers control garden pests in a natural way.

For the little brown bat, for example, one of Canada's 19 species of bat, mosquitoes and beetles are among the night-flyers on the menu. Little browns are wee bats, about the weight of two nickels and a dime. In summer, they gather in big colonies to roost in abandoned buildings. In the fall, they migrate to hibernation sites sometimes hundreds of kilometers away. They spend the winter in underground caves or mines.

If you'd like to welcome the little browns to your area, put up a bat house! They will thank you by feasting on your garden's insect pests.

Snack-a-licious!

Ants on a Log by Rachele Pressnail

There's nothing like a good dose of bug protein to give you some energy for Halloween trick-or-treating! You'll need... Two celery sticks, Organic peanut butter, and 2 fistfuls of raisins. Spread some organic peanut butter on a celery stick and then sprinkle with raisins. This tasty treat is a good source of protein and packs a delicious crunch!

Growth Spurt

Look inside the wheelbarrow to see what's in season for the next couple of months...

