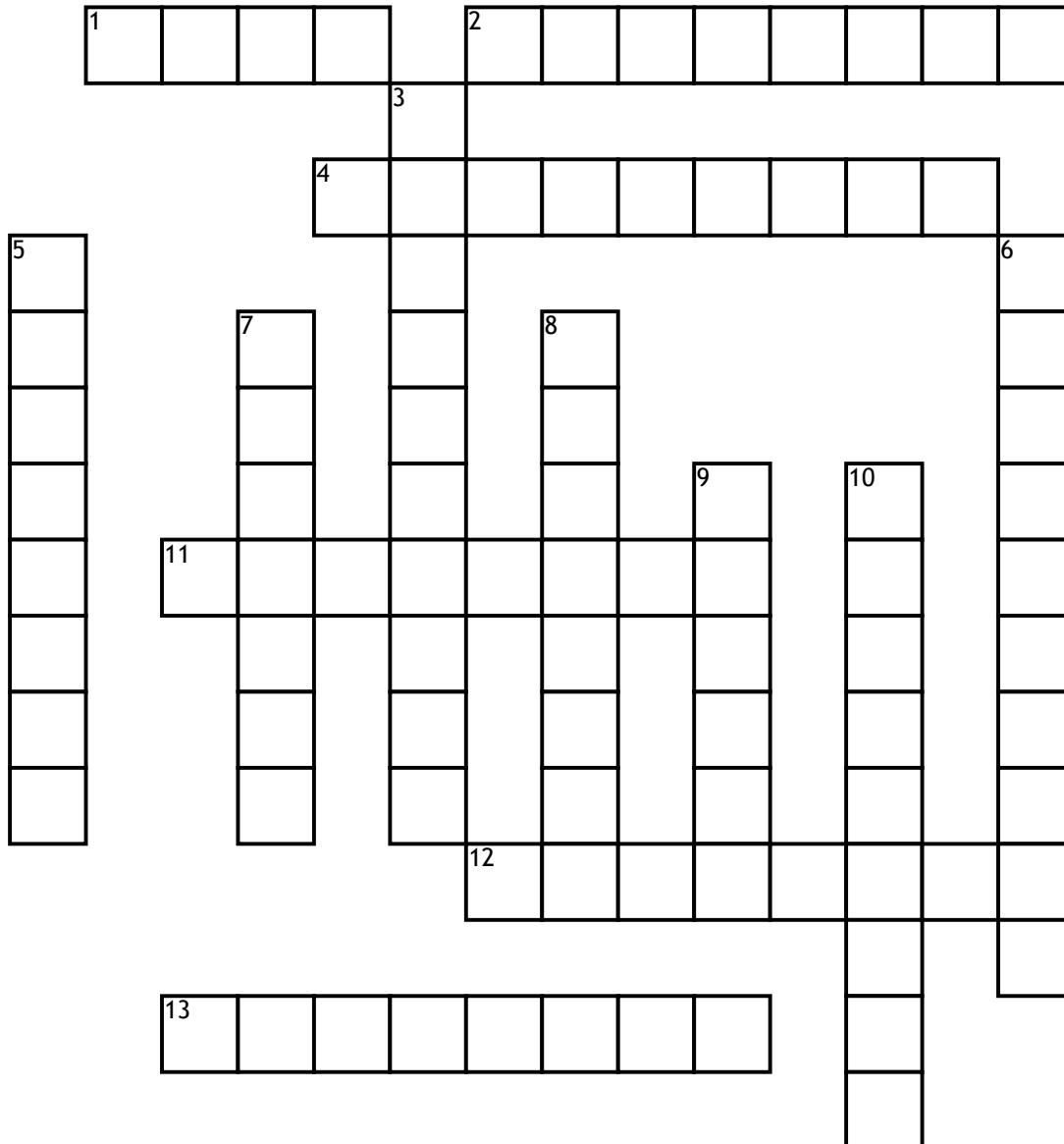


# Forest Ecosystem Review



## Across

1. Decomposers do not need to \_\_\_\_\_ to get their food
2. an organism that feeds on organic matter because it cannot produce it
4. All decomposers are technically \_\_\_\_\_ as well, but often they are spoken of as separate categories.
11. Most decomposers are \_\_\_\_\_ or fungi.
12. make or become smaller or fewer in size, amount, intensity, or degree

## Down

3. all the organisms of a certain kind in a particular place
5. an organism that converts simple inorganic matter (such as water and carbon dioxide) into organic matter (like sugar and protein)
6. an organism that absorbs nutrients from living things or the organic matter they leave behind, turning it into simpler inorganic matter
13. a single living thing

7. produced almost exclusively by living (or once-living) things
8. become or make greater in size, amount, intensity, or degree
9. A cow chewing grass, a man eating a steak, earthworms digesting manure, and mold growing on bread all represent consumers in action because in each case the organism is consuming organic \_\_\_\_\_.
10. not produced by living things