

American Heritage Wildlife Foundation

- ❑ Idea sparked in the mid-1990's & paperwork began in 2001
- ❑ 100 % Volunteer
- ❑ Over 2,000 hrs. donated in 2012. Operate without paid staff.
- ❑ Operate without financial support from federal, state or local agencies. Budget average between \$8,000 & \$10,000 per year. Less than 49% is administrative & fundraising.
- ❑ Operate with Idaho Fish and Game & U.S. Fish and Wildlife Migratory Bird Department rehabilitation permits.
- ❑ Receive more than 100 phone calls annually.
- ❑ Goal is to construct the first Nature Center of the IPNW.



When man learns to respect even the smallest being of creation, whether animal or vegetable, nobody has to teach him to love his fellow man. Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character, and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man.

Albert Schweitzer

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

What does it mean to you and the
wildlife around you?

Merriam-Webster Definition

- ▣ Noun & Verb
- ▣ High or special regard: esteem.
- ▣ An expression of respect or deference.
- ▣ To consider deserving of high regard.
- ▣ To refrain from interfering with (another's privacy).
- ▣ To have reference to: concern
- ▣ Syn: admire, regard
- ▣ Rel: revere, reverence, venerate, awe, adoration

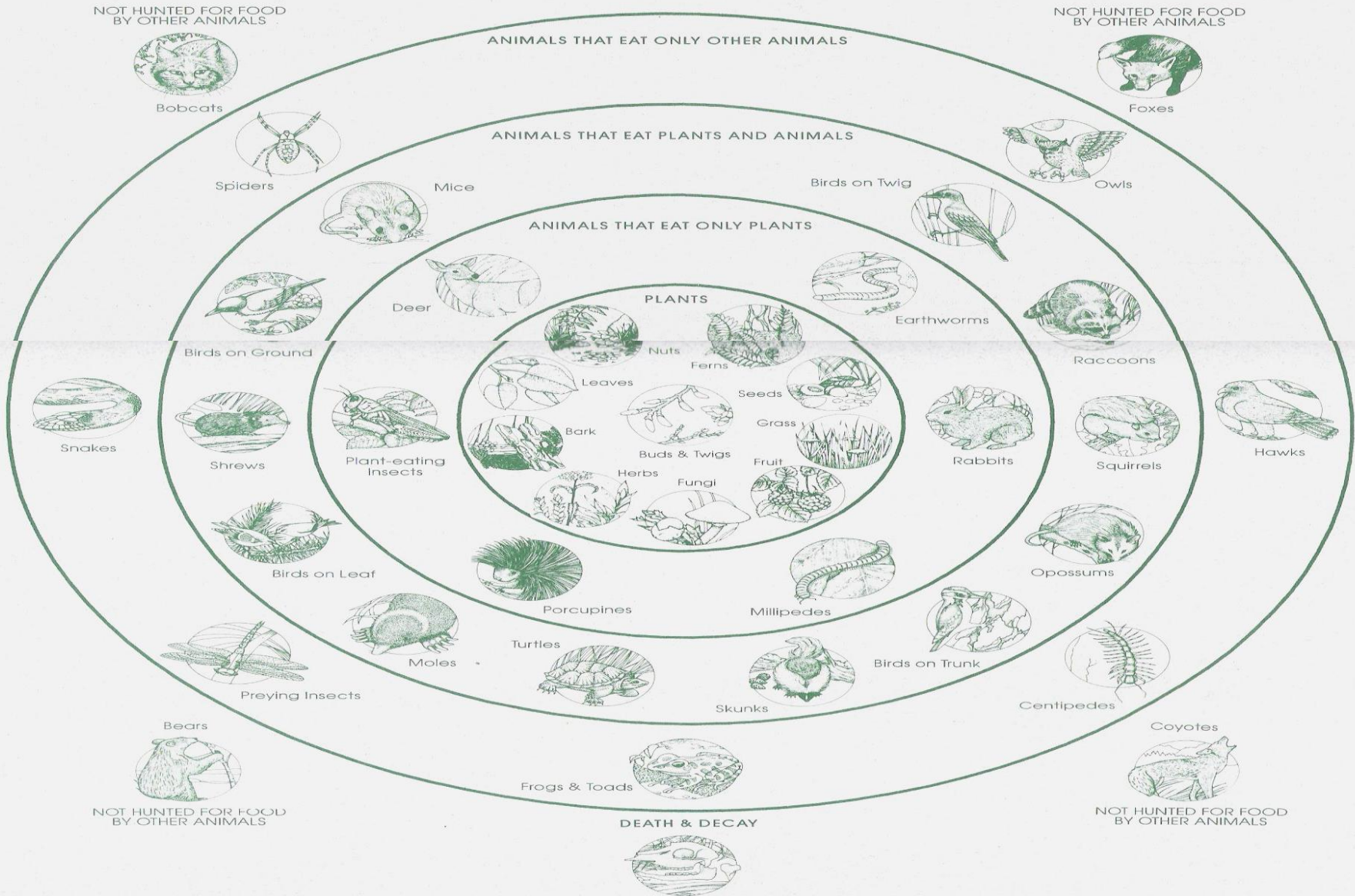
What does it mean to you?

- ▣ R - recognize the importance of each living being.
- ▣ E - educate yourself (& neighbors) about coexisting.
- ▣ S - support them with healthy habitat components.
- ▣ P - passionate advocate.
- ▣ E - entertained at their presence.
- ▣ C - compassion. Do you show love in all your actions?
- ▣ T - thankful. With the land space for wildlife dwindling be grateful they are still finding ways to survive.

The land mass of Idaho is 83,557 square miles, the 12th largest in lower 48.
The human population in Idaho has risen from 88,548 in 1890 to 431,866 on 1920.
There were 721,519 residents in 1975.
The 2011 census report 1,584,985 humans living in 53.5 million acres.

NATURE'S FOREST FOOD WEB

Plants are at the center of the forest universe. Animals that eat plants carry the plants' energy out into the animal world. Death and Decay bring matter back to the earth to be available to plants again. The sun provides energy to the plants.

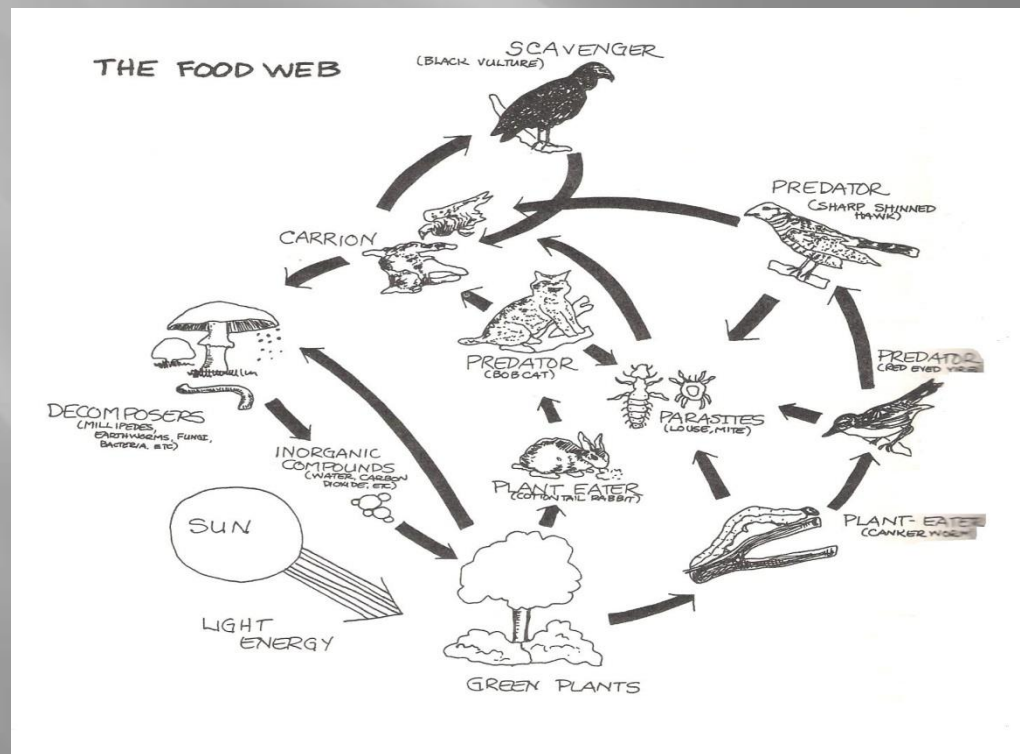


What s the big deal its only a ...



Wildlife as resource or vermin?

Thomas Jefferson “For if one link in nature’s chain might be lost another might be lost, until the whole of things will vanish by piecemeal.”



Are these birds a nuisance?



Or do you see their value in the web?

Do these animals make you
uneasy?



Or do you
find them
important?



Are you irritated when you see these animals?



Or do you appreciate their roles?



The Reality of Nature



There is no such thing as a 'bad animal'

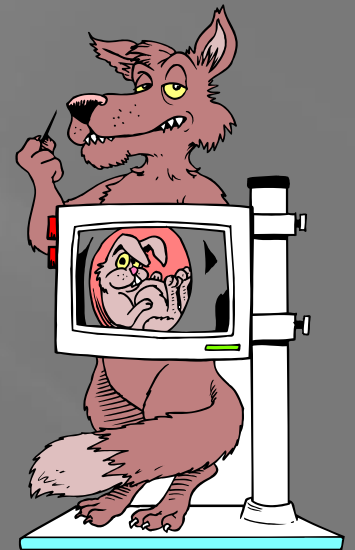
To survive you must eat or be eaten!

Food chain – the relationship of which organism eats what and who eats them.

There must be producers & consumers.

Nothing in nature is wasted – it is the ultimate recycling machine.

A prejudice is a vagrant opinion without visible means of support. - Ambrose Bierce

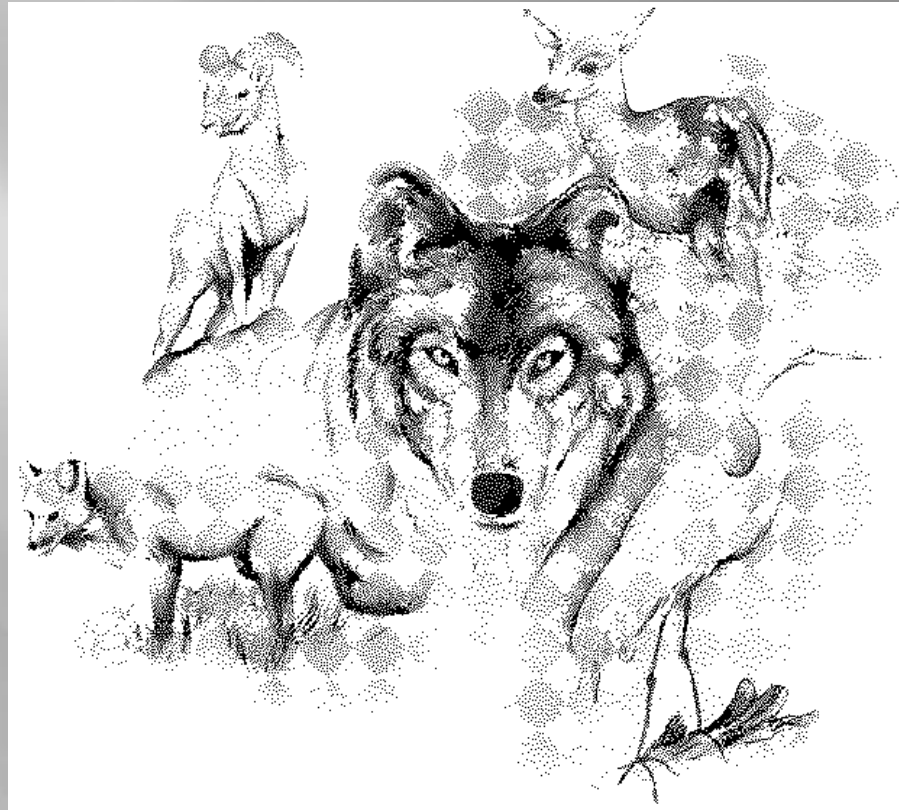


Without all types of native predators, the prey species population would explode. Leading to mass destruction of native vegetation, erosion, water pollution...

- ▣ In 1905 to 1925 hunters killed thousands of Cougars, Wolves & Coyotes.
- ▣ This threatened the Deer population!
- ▣ How? Because unchecked the population grew from a stable 4,000 to over 100,000 in 20 years.
- ▣ The habitat could not support such a population.
- ▣ 60,000 starved to death in one year.

“think like a mountain” – A. Leopold

- Think like a mountain is the coin phrase of Aldo Leopold, interpreted meaning - where the mountain is not bothered by the wolf consuming the deer because the wolf keeps the deer in check. Without him, the deer overrun the mountain and consume all vegetation therefore destroying the mountain.
- You cannot, however, be excessive in your care: particularly with wildlife. Antoine de Saint Exopeny so aptly pointed out “You remain forever responsible for what you have tamed.” and in Idaho State that is against state regulations.
- AHWF was formed to fill the gap between IDFG species preservation and the reality of injured individual animals.



“Nature is not a museum, it is an organic system, and the removal of any link in it’s unfathomable chain weakens the whole and impoverishes us all in ways we cannot know”

HELP

- ▣ Just as our patients don't have pockets or wallets, the wildlife around you does not have a voice to speak to you.
- ▣ Keep an eye on our local wildlife & learn natural behaviors.
- ▣ Spread the word about A.H.W.F. & our vision.
- ▣ Donate time and/or talent and/or treasure.
- ▣ Take an active part in keeping the Northwest wild!
- ▣ Get involved in preserving what you love.

HUMAN KIND HAS NOT WOVEN THE WEB OF LIFE. WE ARE BUT ONE THREAD WITHIN IT. WHATEVER WE DO TO THE WEB WE DO TO OURSELVES. ALL THINGS CONNECT. - Chief Seattle



**“Wilderness is the
best place to learn
humility, dependency
and reverence
for all life.”
- Roderick F. Nash**

AHWF motto

- ▣ “In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught.” – B. Dioum
- ▣ Think about what you love and appreciate, maybe what you take for granted.
- ▣ Now imagine it gone...
- ▣ Margret Meade said to never underestimate the power of a small group of determined people. They are the ones that will change the world.



Make a pledge!

- ▣ Joseph Wood Krutch felt and stated that 'Man's assumption that the earth can be treated as belonging to man alone and can pursue his immediate aims without regard to the fact that he is no less than the humblest animal and is part of an interrelated complex to which he must adjust himself.'
- ▣ Respect the lands and animals & 'not defile or make an abomination' *Jer2:7*
- ▣ Louis Pasteur proved life only comes from existing organisms. In other words, once a life is gone it is forever removed from the web of nature!
- ▣ Will you take the pledge:
I will present the present as a present for future generations!

Don't cover your eyes...



You can conserve what you love!

Jump in!

“A wise old owl sat on an oak, the more he sat the less he spoke; the less he spoke the more he heard; why aren't we like that wise old bird?”

- E.H. Richards



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Get involved and help preserve what you love!

Donate your time, talent, treasure to the NPO's you appreciate!

Without your support they will fail to exist & the mission will go unfulfilled!

“A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community.” – A. Leopold

Mission Statement:

American Heritage Wildlife Foundation works to preserve all local wildlife through rehabilitation of the injured and orphaned as well as community education.

The four focal points:

Conservation, Entertainment, Education, Research.

Our vision:

to create the first nature center of the inland northwest. This will create jobs, allow for increased tourist revenue, provide lasting educational experiences, provide university internships.

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