

Ecosystems

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CAREER CRITTERS



Willows
We are shrubs that like to grow along the edges of streams and beaver ponds. Our roots spread out and grow deep. They help hold the soil and keep it from getting washed away by floods. Some other wetland plants help to clean up pollution, too.

Ladybugs
Yes, we really are cute, aren't we? But not if you are a small tasty bug like an aphid. We chomp those guys down. Yum!

#8 Garden Ecosystem
Your town has a community garden. Townspeople come here to plant vegetables. But this year small insect pests called aphids are eating on those vegetables! Lots of people depend on those vegetables for meals. You could spray insecticides to kill the aphids, but some people don't want to use insecticides. They say that insecticides might make people ill. The community garden has another problem: The soil is too hard and packed so roots have a hard time growing. What critter(s) or plant(s) could you "employ" to help you? How would they help?

