

Understanding the Rewilding of Cape Cod: A curriculum unit for
middle school learners



Vocabulary Terms & Definitions

Estimated Time: 1 class (60 minutes)

The vocabulary unit is designed to engage all learners and is set up with the terms outlined into 3 tiers. All of the terms are presented in this PowerPoint to be reviewed with the students while they complete work in their handouts.

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Words of everyday speech, familiar to most students	High frequency words, found in many content areas	Low frequency words, domain- specific

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Population Interaction	Conservation Predator Apex predator Mesopredator Ecosystem Prey Tourism	Rewilding Abundance Biological diversity Cull Bounty

Population

Noun

All the inhabitants of a particular town, area, or country.

A particular section, group, or type of people or animals living in an area or country.

Interaction

Noun

The action or influence of things on one another.

Conservation

Noun

The prevention of wasteful use of a resource.

Predator

Noun

An animal that naturally preys on others

Apex predator

Noun

Also known as a top predator, an apex predator is an animal found at the top of the food chain, without natural predators.

Mesopredator

Noun

A mid-ranking predator in the middle of the food web, which typically preys on smaller animals.

Prey

Noun

An animal that is hunted and killed by another for food.

Tourism

Noun

The commercial organization and operation of vacations and visits to places of interest.

Ecosystem

Noun

A biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment.

Rewild

Verb

To restore (an area of land) to its natural uncultivated state (used especially with reference to the reintroduction of species of wild animal that have been driven out or exterminated).

Abundance

Noun

The quantity or amount of something, e.g., a chemical element or an animal or plant species, present in a particular area, volume, sample, etc.

Biodiversity

Noun

The variety of life in the world or in a particular habitat or ecosystem.

Cull

Verb

To reduce the population of (a wild animal) by selective slaughter.

Bounty

Noun

A sum paid for killing or capturing a person or animal.