



AQUATIC ECOLOGY 10

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- The **grazer-scrafer** category includes herbivores that feed on periphyton and biofilm.

- **Shredders** are detritivores feeding on coarse organic particles, especially leaf litter derived from the riparian zone.

- **Collectors** eat fine organic particles and can be subdivided according to whether the food particles they collect are *suspended* in the water (filtering-collectors or filter-feeders)

- **Deposit-feeders** ingest fine bottom sediments and the organic material that they contain.

- **Predators** are species that eat other animals.