

Curlew Food Chains

Usually, a very small animal or plant is eaten by a slightly bigger animal which is then eaten by an even bigger animal. We can see this in a food chain, for example:



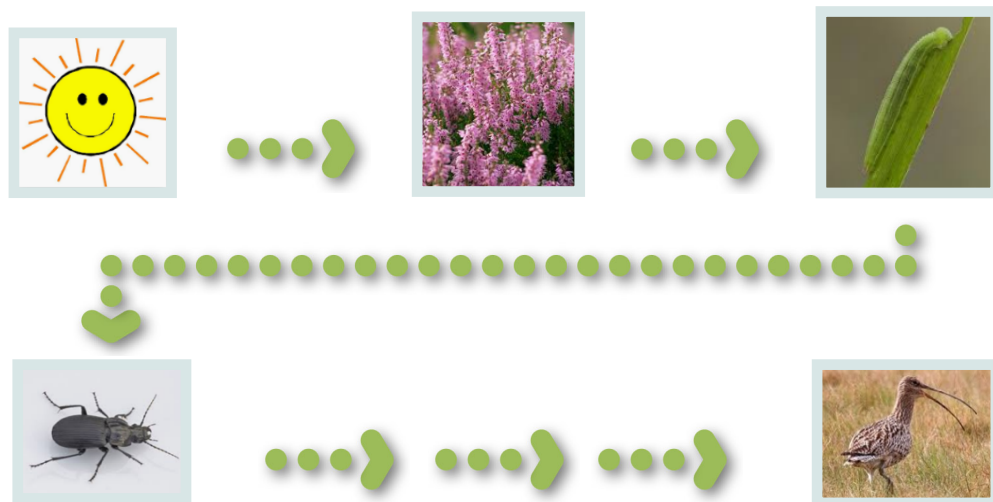
You can think of the arrow as the way the chain travels - plant to animal; for example, the clover goes into the rabbit's tummy. The rabbit goes into the fox's tummy.

The arrow is really showing us the ENERGY FLOW.

Before you have your lunch today how did you feel? Hungry? Would you be able to run up a big hill? Maybe not because you didn't have much ENERGY left.

How do we get more energy?

By eating food. After lunch you have more food inside you which gives you energy to run up hills, play games with your friends and learn about curlews. So where does the fox get its energy from? The rabbit... which gets its energy by eating the carrot.



What might eat a curlew?

Young curlews might be eaten by a fox or a stoat, and curlew eggs are a tasty snack for crows and ravens.

Curlew Food Webs

Usually, animals eat a variety of different things so we would need lots of different food chains to show the whole of a curlew's diet. Instead, we can use a Food Web. A Food Web will show lots of different food chains so we can look at a habitat and see who eats what and what gets eaten by whom!