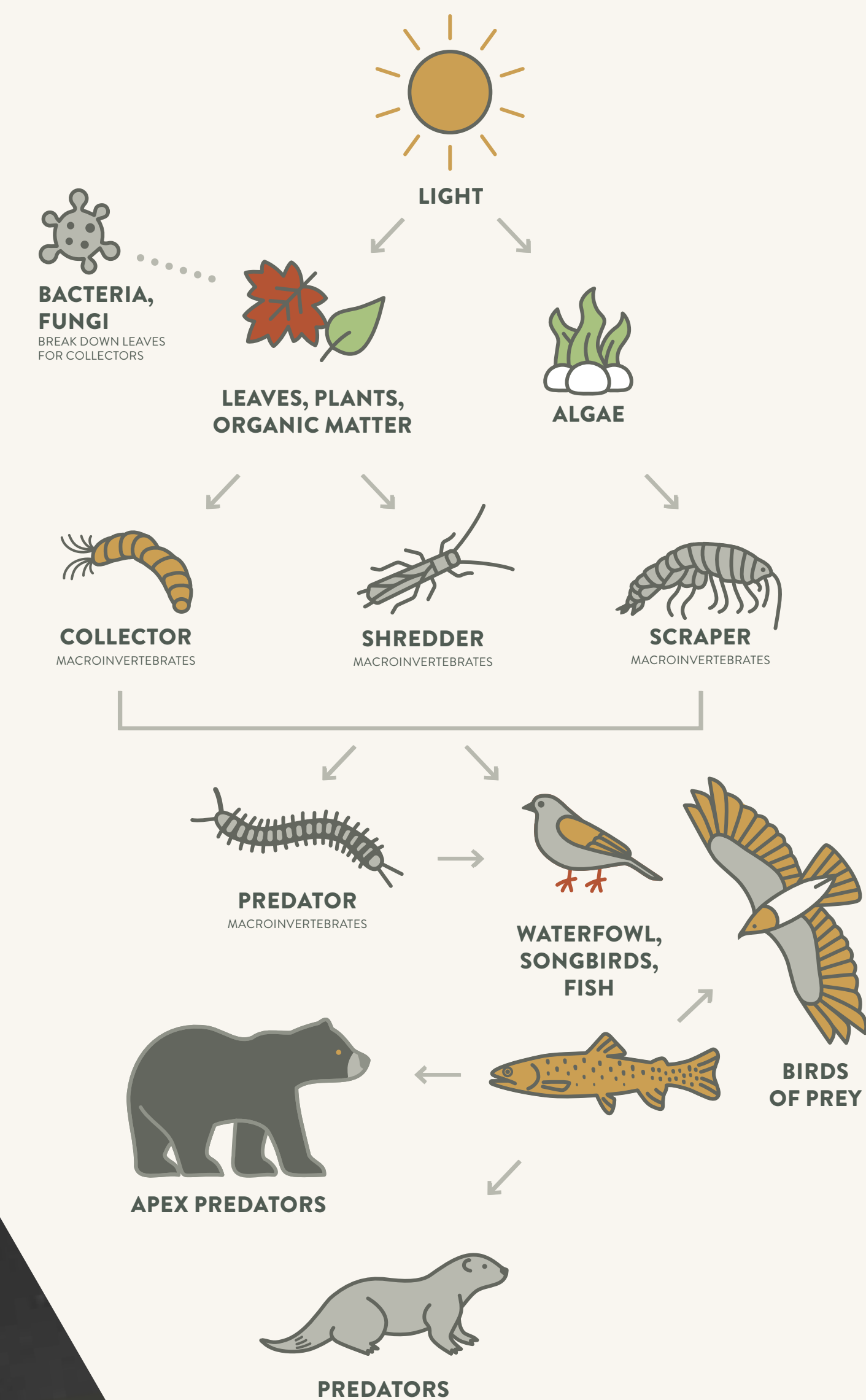


### Gore Creek highlights

**Some macroinvertebrates** spend their entire lives underwater. Others are aquatic early on, but emerge from the water as adults, take flight, and lay eggs of the next generation in the water before dying. The adult phase can last just a few hours. And, they face predators above and below water their entire lives.



## SMALL BUT MIGHTY

**They are small.** They have no backbone. Some confuse them with “pests.” But these tiny aquatic bugs—macroinvertebrates—are a key food source that makes the Gore Creek ecosystem what it is.

Without macroinvertebrates, we would not have amphibians, birds, the fish that make Gore Creek famous, or large predators like bears. Macroinvertebrates are small, mighty, and important to us all.



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