



This edition of *What's Wild* is all about Carrion Beetles – one of the best bugs in the business when it comes to decomposition. If you bugged out about this episode, this quiz is for you.

Test your knowledge!

Ready?

Here We Go!

Question 1. What is one of the most important jobs insects have?

- A. Fortify soil
- B. Alter landscapes
- C. Decomposition
- D. Prevent wildfires



C. Decomposition

Question 2. ______ is an organism that breaks down dead organic substances into simpler matter.

- A. Producers
- **B.** Consumers
- C. Decomposers
- D. Reuser



C. Decomposers

Question 3. What is the layer of plant debris on the forest floor known as?

- A. Seabed
- B. Canopy
- C. Leaf litter
- D. Ground level



The correct answer is...

C. Leaf litter

Question 4. American Carrion Beetle, also called ______, feed and lay their eggs on the bodies of dead or decaying animals.

- A. Burying Beetles
- B. Scarabs
- C. Bugzilla
- D. Sting



A. Burying Beetles

Question 5. What alerts flies and other scavengers to a body of dead or decaying animals?

- A. Carrier pigeon
- B. Odor
- C. Sound
- D. Bat signal



The correct answer is...

B. Odor

Question 6. What type of bugs do most the eating during decomposition jobs?

- A. Male
- B. Mature
- C. Juvenile
- D. Queen



The correct answer is...

C. Juvenile

Question 7. True or False: When a beetle arrives at a carcass, the mites hop off and quickly get down to business eating fly eggs and smaller larvae.

True

False



The correct answer is...

True

Question 8. True or False: One of the main competitors of the carrion beetle is the snail.

True

False



The correct answer is...

False

Question 9. _____ the ecological interaction between two or more species where each species benefits form the other.

- A. Mutualism
- B. Commensalism
- C. Parasitism
- D. Neutralism



A. Mutualism

Question 10. What are bug scientists also known as?

- A. Mammalogists
- **B.** Veterinarians
- C. Entomologists
- D. Herpetologists



C. Entomologists

How well did you do?