

Prairie Food Web

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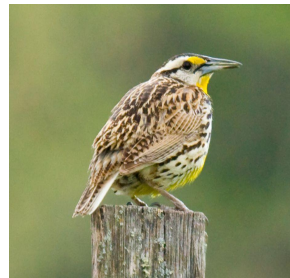
Add arrows to create your own food web that might have existed before 1816 in Indiana.



Bald Eagle



Red Fox



Meadowlark

Who was responsible for the extinction of bison and elk in Indiana in the 1800s? How did this change the food web here?



Mouse



Grasshopper



Butterfly



Bison



Prairie Grasses



Prairie Clover



Prairie Food Web Answer Key

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