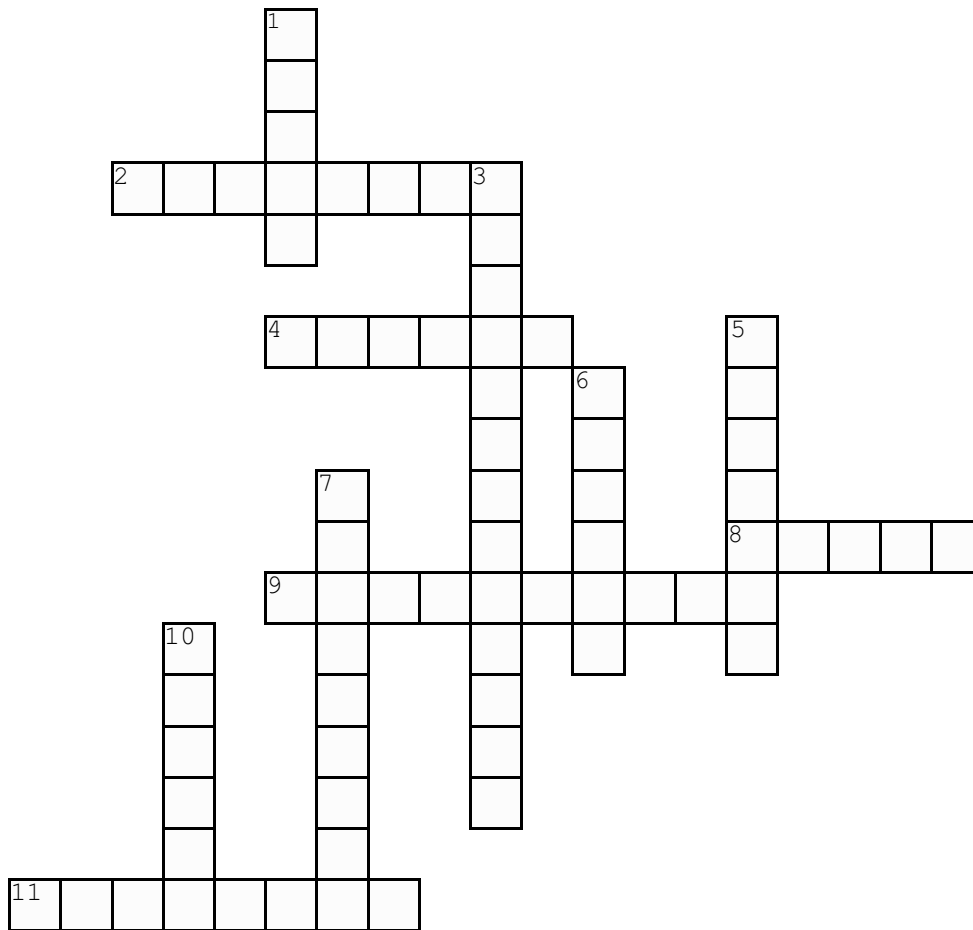


# Iguanas and Ecosystem Services



## Across

2. Seeds \_\_\_\_\_ inside iguanas will germinate at a higher rate compared to seeds that have not.
4. An activity that iguanas do that results in healthy soil systems by keeping it porous and oxygenated.
8. The life stage of an iguana with almost no natural predators.
9. Animals that primarily eat plant matter such as the leaves, fruits, and flowers.
11. A \_\_\_\_\_ species has a very large impact on the whole ecosystem.

## Down

1. The microenvironment seeds have much needed moisture and nutrients in which to sprout.
3. The biological process of breaking dead matter down into usable nutrients and minerals.
5. The total amount of living matter in an area.
6. A critical chemical element in plant tissue that herbivores, like iguanas, cycle into the ecosystem.
7. When another animal, like a hawk, eats an iguana.
10. When hatchling iguanas emerge from their nest, they leave behind these very nutritious items for the microbes, insects, and w