# What is plant ecophysiology?

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## Ecophysiology = Ecology + Physiology

Ecology: definition

The study of the relationships between organisms and:

- 1.Each other
- 2.The environment

Ecology: definition

The study of the relationships between organisms and:

- 1.Abiotic environment
- 2.Biotic environment

What aspects of the abiotic and biotic environment influence plant functioning?

#### Hierarchy of Ecology

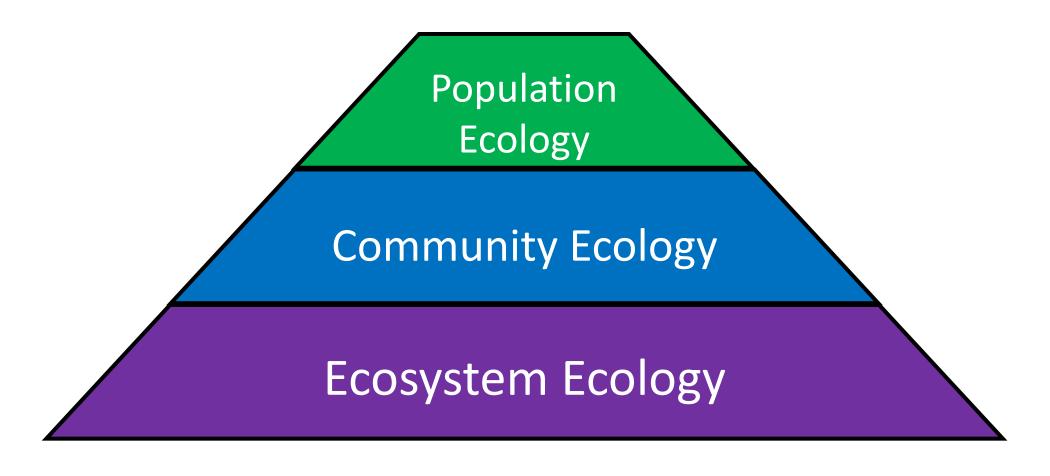
#### **Ecosystem Ecology**

#### Hierarchy of Ecology

**Community Ecology** 

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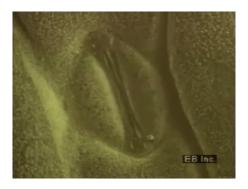


Hierarchy of Ecology Physiological Ecology Population **Ecology** Community Ecology **Ecosystem Ecology**  Physiology: a definition

The functioning of an organism that allows it to survive, grow, and reproduce

#### Ecophysiology: a definition

### Responses to environmental conditions observable at the *individual* level



#### Ecophys discussion: traits

#### Discussion

- •What is a plant trait?
- •How do plants get their traits?

#### Discussion

- •What is the difference between acclimation and adaptation?
- •How would you know?