

# DEAD TREES HELP WILDLIFE CROSSWORD ANSWERS (Grades 6 & 7)

## ACROSS:

5. A way to make dying trees safer. SHORTEN
7. One possible disadvantage of providing many nest boxes for a bird species. DEPENDENCE
8. Possible outcome for a species that cannot adapt to habitat loss. EXTINCTION
11. An abundant wildlife food source often found in snags. LARVAE
12. A potentially good form of disturbance. FIRE

## DOWN:

1. Positive condition of a habitat that is the result of the presence of many types of life forms. BIODIVERSITY
2. Woodpeckers need this part of a tree to be rotting in order to excavate. HEARTWOOD
3. Living part of a trunk or branch beneath bark. SAPWOOD
4. A family of birds considered a keystone species for other cavity-nesting birds. WOODPECKERS
6. A small falcon that is a secondary cavity-nester. KESTREL
10. One decomposer found on snags. BEETLE

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