

Symbiosis

Major Symbiotic Relationships

Mutualism

a symbiotic relationship that benefits both organisms involved

Example:

algae growing on the fur of a sloth, giving it camouflage

a bird building its nest in a tree

head lice living on a human scalp

the relationship between corals and sponges

Mimicry

a symbiotic relationship where one species adopts the distinct characteristics of another species to alter their relationship to its own advantage

Example:

scarlet kingsnakes mimicking coral snakes to avoid predators

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