



# Irvine Regional Park Vocabulary



<b>Adaptation</b>	A behavior or characteristic that helps a plant or animal survive in the environment
<b>Camouflage</b>	Any color, shape, or pattern adaptation that helps an animal to blend in with its surroundings
<b>Carnivore</b>	An animal that eats only animals
<b>Coastal sage scrub</b>	An ecosystem of short, drought adapted soft leafed shrubs, in which California sagebrush is the most common species
<b>Ecosystem</b>	All the living and nonliving things that interact in a particular area
<b>Erosion</b>	The process by which rock material is broken down and carried away by natural forces such as wind and water
<b>Geology</b>	The study of Earth including its structure, rocks, minerals, history and the forces which affect it over time
<b>Herbivore</b>	An animal that eats only plants
<b>Insectivore</b>	An animal that eats only insects
<b>Native</b>	Existing or growing naturally in a region or country
<b>Nectarivore</b>	An animal that eats only nectar
<b>Observation</b>	A description of objects and events based on the senses
<b>Omnivore</b>	An animal that eats both animals and plants
<b>Predator</b>	An animal that hunts and eats other animals
<b>Prey</b>	An animal that is hunted and eaten by other animals
<b>Riparian</b>	An ecosystem located along a stream or river
<b>Scat</b>	Animal droppings