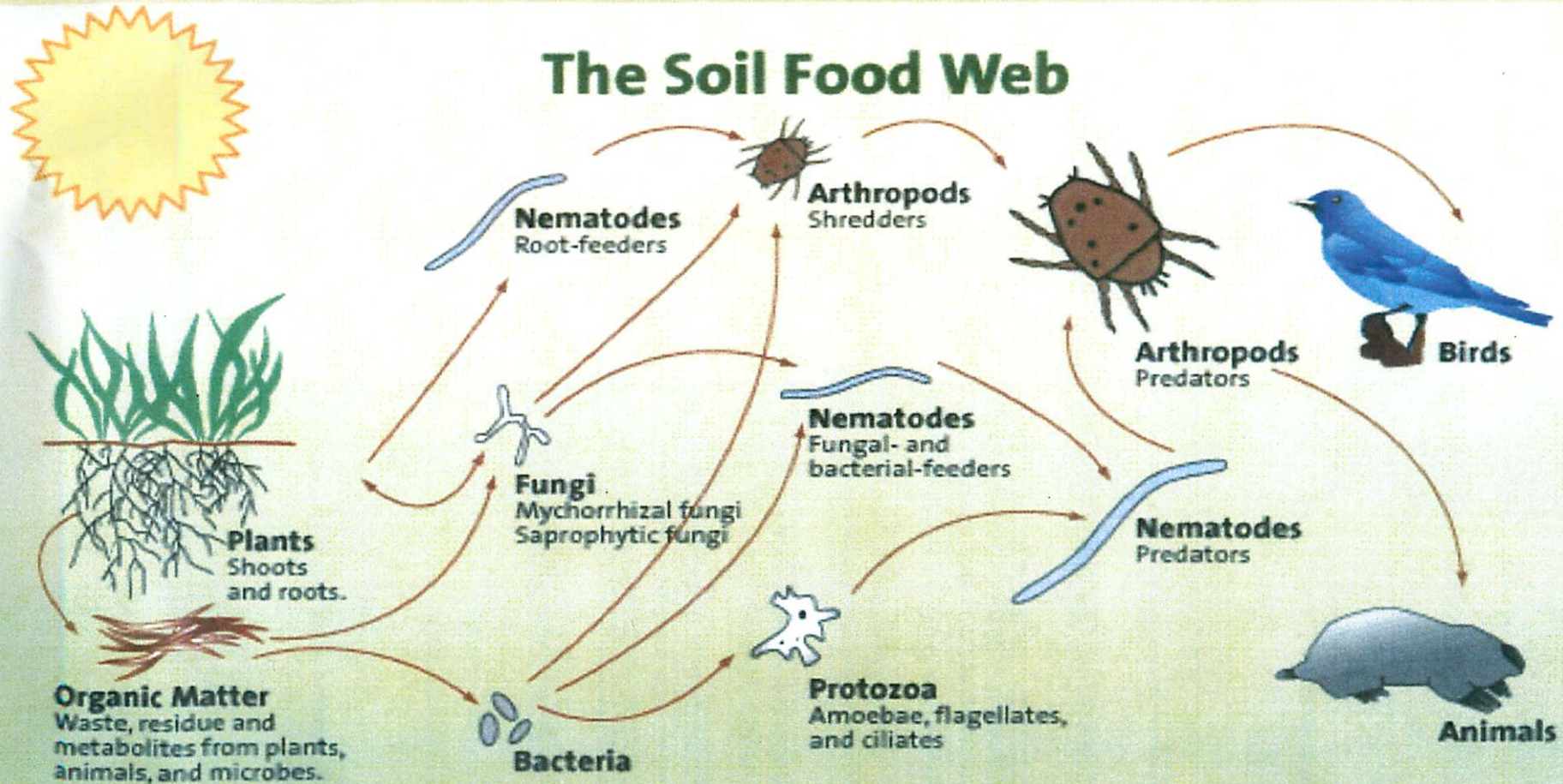


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First trophic level:
Photosynthesizers

Second trophic level:
Decomposing Mutualists
Pathogens, Parasites
Root-feeders

Third trophic level:
Shredders
Predators
Grazers

Fourth trophic level:
Higher level predators

Fifth & higher trophic level:
Higher level predators

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