



Across clues

3. A plant or animal that spreads quickly, takes over and causes harm (8)
5. A small piece of a plant that breaks off and potentially can grow into a new plant (8)
12. An animal that does not have a spine - you find them when kick sampling in a river (12)
13. The component of air and water which supports life. If invasive water weeds grow densely over the top of canals, rivers or lochs this can be depleted (6)
15. The act of one animal hunting another for food (9)
16. This is what is sprayed onto invasive plants to kill them (9)
17. A virus that non-native Grey squirrels carry and which can kill native Red squirrels (8,3)
18. A plant or animal that 'belongs' to a country, having always occurred there (6)

Down clues

1. Water body that often starts in hills or mountains and ends in the sea (5)
2. A plant or animal that has been introduced into a country, accidentally or on purpose by humans (5)
4. Another term for 2 Down (3,6)
6. Rivalry between species for the same resources (11)
7. A creeping type of root that spreads and grows new shoots (7)
8. A type of survey activity carried out more than once over a period of time to check what kind or how many plants or animals are present (10)
9. The process of helping nature recover, e.g. by planting seeds or trees (11)
10. The activity of going out to collect information about plant or animal presence and abundance (6)
11. Native animals and plants living in the countryside (8)
14. The process of soil being worn away, often caused on riverbanks by alien plants dying back in winter (7)