



Science questions for grades 9-12 ocelot  
Please note – written responses should be graded by the  
appropriate rubrics as found on the source page.

Read about the ocelot at

<http://www.bigcatrescue.org/ocelot.htm>

When the ocelots were first introduced to their large habitat area, they had no natural predators. They sought out and ate many of the eggs of insect-eating birds. What probably occurred after the introduction of the ocelots in the area?

- The bird population increased
- The insect population increased
- The bird population began to seek a new food source
- The insect population began to seek a new food source

#### SHORT ANSWER

What do you think would happen if hyenas, who are successful scavengers were introduced to the ocelot habitat? How would the environment and the ocelots be affected?

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Score with rubric

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