

**FIGURE 9.1** Simplified food web including the dead (*green arrows*) and live (*blue arrows*) organic matter channels. For simplicity, examples of organisms that directly interact with plants or plant litter, although not necessarily primary producers (i.e., Enchytraeids, plant feeding nematodes, bacteria, and fungi), were placed in level 1. *Illustrations by Angeline Castilloux (Algoma University Fine Arts Student)*.