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## Mexico's Biodiversity: A Treasure Trove of Animal and Plant Life

### Short Answer Key

1. Mexico's rainforests and jungles are teeming with life, including colorful parrots, toucans, jaguars, ocelots, and a variety of monkeys. The lush vegetation is characterized by dense canopies and vibrant flora.
2. Plants and animals in Mexico's deserts adapt to their arid environment by conserving water, developing specialized water storage structures (like succulents and cacti), and adopting nocturnal or crepuscular behavior to avoid extreme daytime heat.
3. Coral reefs play a vital role in Mexico's marine ecosystems, providing habitat for a diverse range of fish and invertebrates. They are typically found in warm waters along the coasts of the Yucatán Peninsula and the Riviera Maya.
4. The monarch butterfly migration in Mexico is a natural wonder where millions of butterflies travel from North America to central Mexico's mountains. They cover trees, creating a breathtaking spectacle and symbolizing the cycle of life and renewal.
5. One unique species found in Mexico's rainforests is the Quetzal bird. It is known for its iridescent green and red plumage, long tail feathers, and significance in ancient Mayan culture.

