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What Role Do Ants Play in the Ecosystem?

Short Answer Key

1. Ants improve soil health by digging tunnels, which allow air, water, and nutrients to reach plant roots.
2. Termites and caterpillars are two pests that ants help control.
3. Some ants help pollination by carrying pollen as they travel from flower to flower.
4. Ants eat dead insects, fallen leaves, and food scraps, cleaning up the environment.
5. Leafcutter ants collect leaves to grow fungus, showing how ants can adapt to their environment to meet their needs.

