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The Role of Bears in the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Bears spread seeds when they eat fruits and leave seeds in their droppings.
2. Eating both plants and animals helps balance plant and animal populations.
3. By catching fish, bears help control fish populations and keep rivers healthy.
4. When bear populations are healthy, it often means the entire ecosystem is balanced.
5. Bears are called keystone species because their presence supports the health of the ecosystem.

