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## The Important Role of Cockroaches in Nature

### Short Answer Key

1. Cockroaches act as natural recyclers by eating dead plants, animals, and organic materials, breaking them down, and returning nutrients to the soil.
2. Birds and lizards eat cockroaches.
3. Some cockroaches feed on nectar and carry pollen from one plant to another, helping plants produce fruits and seeds.
4. Without cockroaches, the soil would lack important nutrients, which could harm plant growth.
5. Cockroaches are important to biodiversity because they thrive in many environments and support other species by recycling nutrients and being a food source.

