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What's on a Cricket's Menu?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Crickets eat both plants and animals because it gives them more food options, helping them survive in different environments and during food shortages.
2. Crickets benefit their ecosystem by recycling nutrients into the soil, eating plants to control growth, and serving as a food source for other animals.
3. Observing a cricket, you might see it eating grass, seeds, or even a tiny insect because it needs energy from both plants and animals to survive.
4. Without crickets recycling nutrients, decaying plants would build up, and the soil would lose important nutrients needed for new plants to grow.

