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The Crocodile's Role in the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Crocodiles help control prey populations by hunting fish, birds, and small mammals.
2. Being an apex predator means being at the top of the food chain with few or no natural predators.
3. Crocodiles help keep wetlands healthy by creating channels and preventing blockages in the water.
4. Young crocodiles are more vulnerable because they are smaller and can be hunted by birds, fish, and other crocodiles.
5. When crocodiles die, their bodies provide nutrients for plants and food for scavengers.

