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The Role of Deer in the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Deer help control plant growth by eating grasses, leaves, and shrubs.
2. Deer serve as a food source for predators, helping to maintain balance in the food chain.
3. Deer help plants spread by consuming fruits and plants with seeds, which pass through their digestive system and spread when they drop waste.
4. Overgrazing can harm the ecosystem by reducing plant growth and affecting other species.
5. Healthy soil supports plant growth, which provides food and habitat for many animals.

