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The Role of Deer in the Ecosystem

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Deer help keep the ecosystem balanced by controlling plant growth, feeding predators, spreading seeds, and enriching soil health.
2. If deer populations were not managed, they could overgraze and damage the environment, harming other species.
3. Protecting deer and their habitats ensures that ecosystems stay healthy and balanced.
4. Deer contribute to the food chain by serving as prey for predators and helping plants grow through seed dispersal.

