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What Role Do Monkeys Play in the Ecosystem?

Short Answer Key

1. Monkeys spread seeds by eating fruits and dropping the seeds in new places as they move through the forest.
2. Eating insects helps keep their populations under control, preventing them from becoming pests.
3. Monkeys are predators to insects and small animals and are prey for larger animals like leopards and eagles.
4. Pollination by monkeys helps plants produce fruits and seeds, which are food for other animals.
5. If monkeys are removed, forests may lose biodiversity, insects could overpopulate, and the food chain could be disrupted.

