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The Rabbit's Role in the Ecosystem

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Rabbits are considered a key part of their ecosystems because they provide food for predators, help spread seeds, and improve soil health.
2. If rabbits disappeared, predators that rely on them for food might struggle to survive, and certain plants might not spread as easily.
3. People can help keep rabbit populations balanced by protecting natural predators and preserving habitats where rabbits can thrive without overpopulating.
4. Like rabbits, birds help spread seeds by eating fruit and dropping seeds elsewhere, while bees pollinate plants to help them grow. All of these animals work together to keep ecosystems healthy.

