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The Elephant's Role in the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Elephants spread seeds by eating fruits and plants, then passing seeds through their dung.
2. Elephants dig in dry riverbeds to create waterholes.
3. Seed dispersal helps new plants grow in different areas, keeping the habitat healthy.
4. Elephants eat large amounts of vegetation, which prevents overgrowth.
5. If elephants are not protected, entire ecosystems could suffer from overgrowth and lack of water sources.

