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Goldfish: A Small Fish with a Big Role

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Goldfish are important for keeping their habitats healthy because they control pests, eat algae, and recycle nutrients, which benefit the entire ecosystem.
2. Without goldfish eating mosquito larvae or algae, ponds could become overrun with pests or algae, making the water unhealthy for other plants and animals.
3. A goldfish pond should include clean water, algae for food, plants for shelter, and safe places to hide from predators.
4. People can avoid harming ecosystems by not releasing pet goldfish into the wild and providing proper care in aquariums or backyard ponds.

