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Grasshoppers: Key Players in the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Birds (like sparrows) and frogs are two predators that eat grasshoppers.
2. Grasshoppers help smaller plants grow by eating larger plants that block sunlight.
3. Grasshopper waste adds nutrients to the soil, making it healthier for plants.
4. Controlling plant growth is important because it prevents one type of plant from taking over and allows for more plant diversity.
5. Grasshoppers can help spread seeds by carrying them on their bodies as they move through plants.

