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Moths: Unsung Heroes of the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Moths pollinate plants by carrying pollen on their bodies as they feed on nectar.
2. Moth caterpillars are packed with protein, making them a great food source for birds feeding their chicks.
3. If moth populations decreased, plants that rely on them for pollination might not grow, and animals that eat moths could lose an important food source.
4. Moth caterpillars eat plant material, helping control plant populations and prevent overgrowth.
5. Changes in moth populations can signal problems like pollution or habitat loss, making them useful for studying environmental health.

