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## What Role Does a Raccoon Play in the Ecosystem?

### Short Answer Key

1. Raccoons help control insects like beetles and rodents like mice.
2. Raccoons spread seeds by eating fruits and passing the seeds in their droppings.
3. Eating carrion prevents the spread of diseases and keeps the environment cleaner.
4. Raccoons are prey for larger predators and also control pests, making them part of the food chain.
5. Understanding their role shows how raccoons help ecosystems stay healthy and balanced.

