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What Role Does a Sloth Play in the Ecosystem?

Short Answer Key

1. Algae in a sloth's fur helps it blend into the trees, making it harder for predators to see.
2. Moths live in sloth fur because they rely on the sloth's waste to lay their eggs and feed their larvae.
3. When a sloth eats fruit, the seeds pass through its digestive system and are spread in different parts of the forest.
4. Sloth waste is rich in nutrients, which help plants and trees grow in the rainforest.
5. Jaguars or harpy eagles are predators of sloths.

