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What Role Does a Squirrel Play in the Ecosystem?

Short Answer Key

1. Squirrels help create new plant life by burying seeds that later grow into new trees and plants.
2. Squirrels eat insects, fruits, and seeds, which helps control pest populations.
3. Squirrels bury food to store it for the winter when food is scarce.
4. Two predators that hunt squirrels are hawks and foxes.
5. Being part of the food chain provides a food source for predators, helping keep the predator population balanced.

