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The Role of Termites in the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Termites help plants grow by returning nutrients to the soil through decomposition.
2. Ants and birds eat termites.
3. Termites are called "nature's recyclers" because they break down dead plant material and return nutrients to the soil.
4. Termites improve soil by creating tunnels that allow air and water to flow through it.
5. Ecosystems would struggle without termites because the soil would lose nutrients, and many animals would lose a key food source.

