

Contribution Of The



FOXES

To The Ecosystem

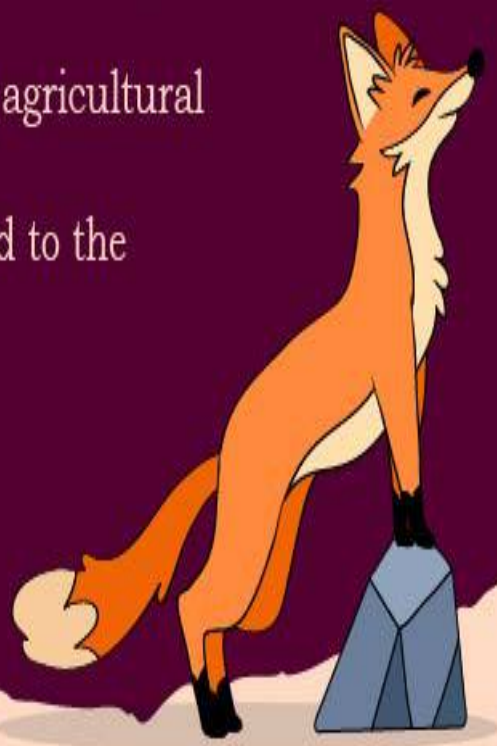
Foxes as saviors

- Foxes are indicator species, meaning their presence in an area represents a healthy wetland.
- The red fox feeds on rodents, reducing the spread of Lyme disease.
- Foxes contribute to the dispersion of seeds across the lands.
- They aerate the soils by digging dens.
- Foxes help in ecological recycling by consuming carrion.
- Foxes prey on small animals and help control the prey population.



Foxes as pests

- They are the carriers of several diseases, such as the parvovirus.
- Foxes may often be a threat to agricultural lands and poultry.
- Over-hunting by foxes may lead to the extinction of smaller animals.



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