

# Frugivores and Insectivores



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## **Frugivores**

*Animals that exclusively (or mostly) eat fruit are called frugivores. Many species of animals, especially birds and mammals, are frugivores.*

*Animals help to disperse seeds when they eat fruit. They may spit out or drop seeds while they are eating. This helps the plant because its seeds can propagate more easily in the soil. Additionally, many seeds are able to remain intact in the animal's digestive system, so swallowed seeds have a good chance of being deposited in another area through the animal's droppings.*





## ***Insectivores***

*Animals that exclusively (or mostly) eat insects and small crustaceans are called insectivores. Many species of fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, spiders and some rodents are insectivores.*

*Mammals that are well known for an insect diet include the anteater, echidna, and pangolin. These animals suck up ants and their larvae with their long sticky tongues.*

