



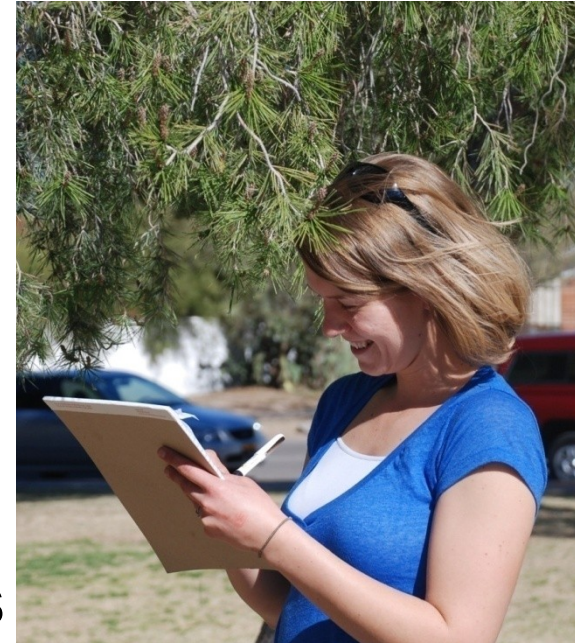
Training Materials

Recording Plant Observations

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1. Select a site
2. Select plant and animal species
3. Select individual plants
4. Mark your site and plants
5. Record your observations of animals
- 6. Record your observations of plants**
7. Report your data online



The logo for 'nature's notebook' features the text 'nature's notebook' in a brown, serif font. The word 'nature's' is on the top line and 'notebook' is on the bottom line. A small yellow bird is perched on the letter 'o' in 'notebook'. To the left of the text is a brown, spiral-bound notebook with a few green leaves and a small yellow bird on its cover.

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- **Plants:** repeat observations of the same individual plants
- **Animals:** create a checklist for your site, look and listen for all species each time you visit

Observation considerations

- Phenophases to observe
- Frequency of observations
- Special considerations
- Site visit details



Observation considerations

Cover Sheet

Directions:

On this Cover Sheet, please report information to describe each day you visit the site. On the Animal Checklist, please list the species of animals you are looking for at the site and record whether or not you saw or heard that species on each visit. On the Plant and Animal Phenophase Datasheets, please record the phenophases you observed on each visit for your individual plants and your animal species.

Below, please fill in the date of your site visit in the first row. Then, estimate your contribution of time to the project for that date, separating the time it took you to travel to the site and the time you spent making observations on plants and animals once you arrived at the site. If you are observing animals, report the time you specifically spent searching for animals and circle the appropriate letter for your observation method:

- w – walking: a single pass or transect through your site
- s – stationary: standing or sitting at a single point
- a – area search: multiple passes through your site

If there is snow on the ground or in the canopy (treetops), please make a note of it in the third section and estimate the percent of the ground at your site that the snow is covering. After each visit, please enter the information from these datasheets online.



Site: _____
Year: _____
Observer: _____

	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:
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Time spent observing	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min
Time spent in travel	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min
Report your animal observation methods															
Time spent looking for animals	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min	hr min
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Report on snow															
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% of ground covered															
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Phenophases to observe:

Check plant profile page:

http://www.usanpn.org/species_search

Which phenophases should I observe?



Leaves

Do you see...?

Breaking leaf buds

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How many buds are breaking?

Less than 3

3 to 10

More than 10

More...

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Phenophases to observe:

Flowers

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More than 10

Open flowers

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How many fresh flowers are open?

Less than 3

3 to 10

More than 10

Peak flower: The plant has a large number of flowers and one half (50%) or more are open and still fresh.

Phenophases to observe:

Fruits

Do you see...?

Fruits

One or more fresh fruits are visible on the plant.

How many fresh fruits are present?

Less than 3

3 to 10

More than 10

Ripe fruits

One or more ripe fruits are visible on the plant.

How many fruits are ripe?

Less than 3

3 to 10

More than 10

Recent fruit drop

One or more fresh mature fruits or seeds have dropped or been removed from the plant since your last visit. Do not include obviously immature fruits that have dropped before ripening, such as in a heavy rain or wind.

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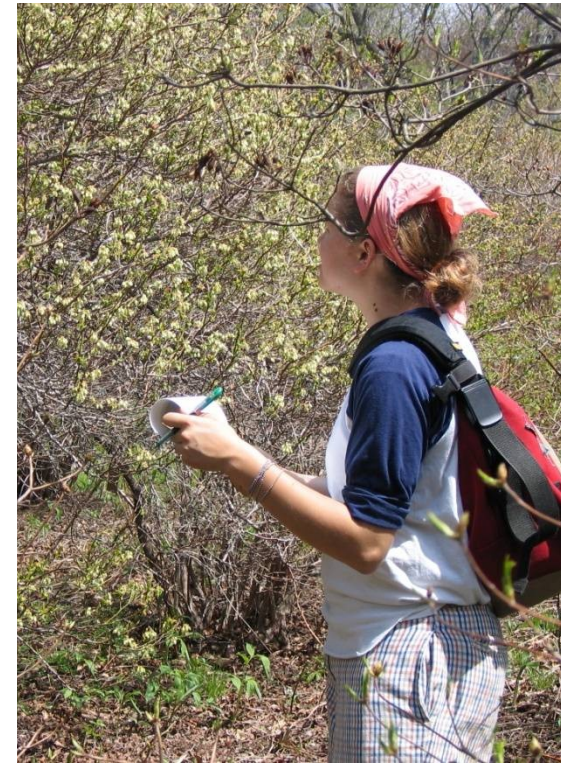
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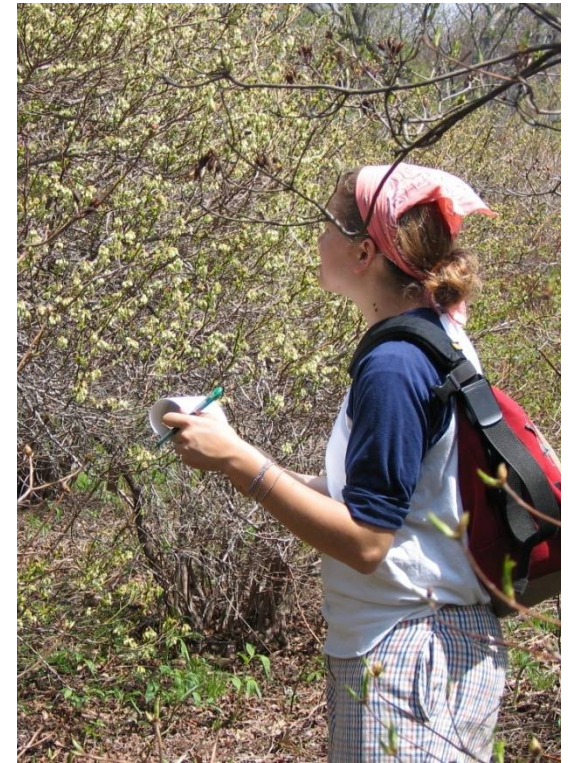
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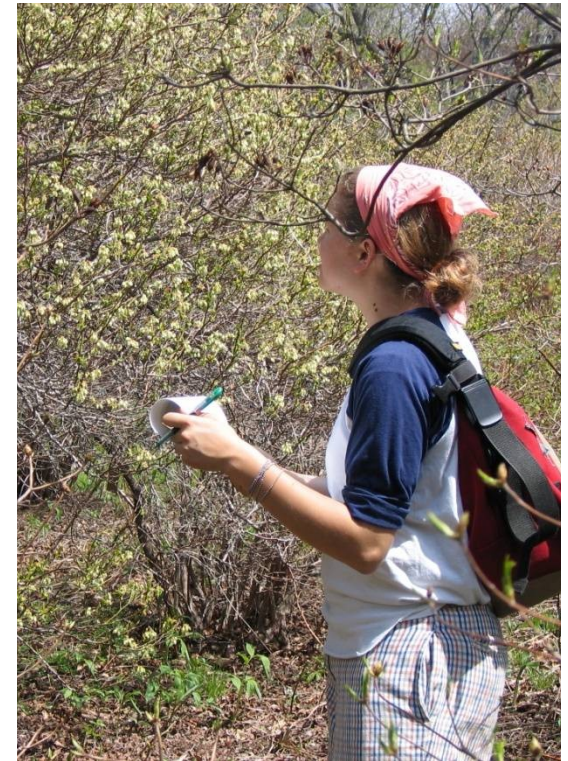
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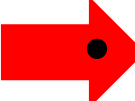


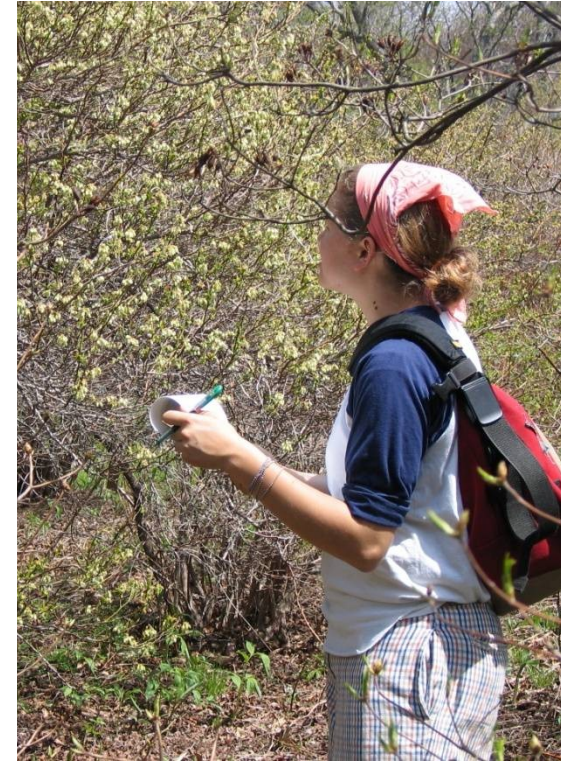
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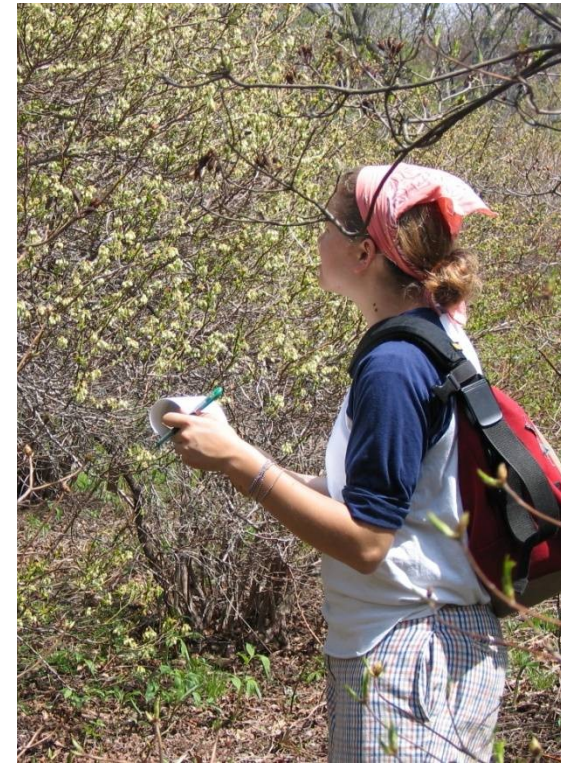
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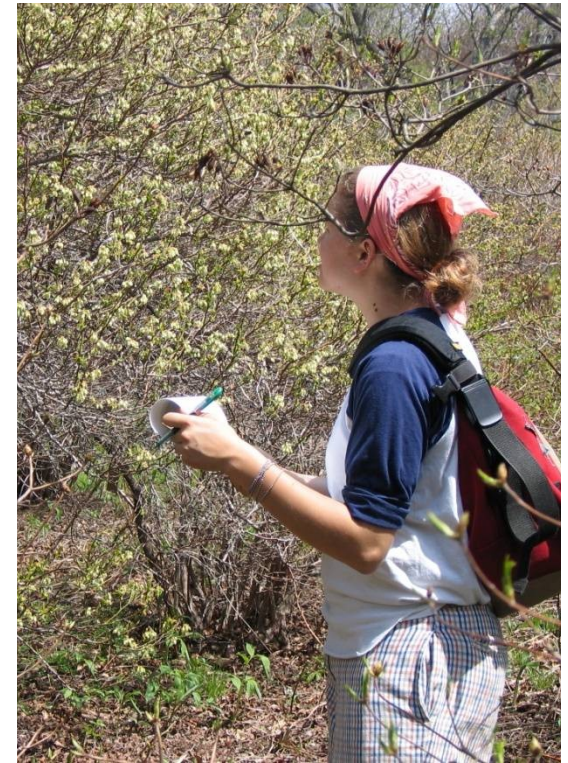
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Less than 5%

5-24%

25-49%

50-74%

75-94%



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A quick example: Red Maple

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What proportion of the canopy is full with leaves?

Less than 5%

5-24%

25-49%

50-74%

75-94%

95% or more

More...

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How many fresh flowers or flower heads are present?

Less than 3

3 to 10

More than 10

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A quick example: Red maple



Fruits

Do you see...?

Fruits

One or more fresh fruits are visible on the plant.

How many fresh fruits are present?

Less than 3

3 to 10

More than 10

Ripe fruits

One or more ripe fruits are visible on the plant.

How many fruits are ripe?

Less than 3

3 to 10

More than 10

Recent fruit drop

One or more fresh mature fruits or seeds have dropped or been removed from the plant since your last visit. Do not include obviously immature fruits that have dropped before ripening, such as in a heavy rain or wind.

How many mature fruits have dropped?

Less than 3

3 to 10

More than 10

[More...](#)



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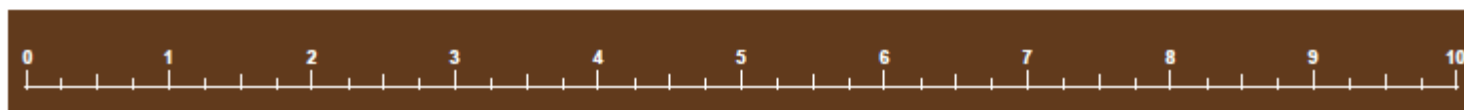
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Making observations

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- On the **Cover Sheet**, please record the amount of time you contribute to this project each day in travel to your site and in making observations. Also please record the time you spent specifically looking for animals that day (if you are observing animals), and the method you used to search for them (see instructions on the Cover Sheet). If there is snow at your site, please report whether it is visible on the ground and/or in the canopy (treetops), and estimate the percent of ground it covers. (See also [How should I answer the various 'Time spent' questions?](#))
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As you fill up and need new datasheets for each plant and animal, you can generate them individually by selecting the plant or animal in the "My Plants & Animals" window in your [Nature's Notebook Home](#) page and clicking on "Create Datasheet (PDF)" under the "Details for this Organism" window. A new datasheet is generated each time, but you may not need to print extras of those if you have already printed a previous plant or animal. You can also click these links to download a

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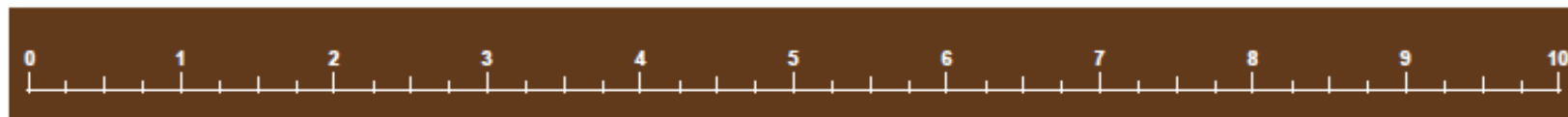
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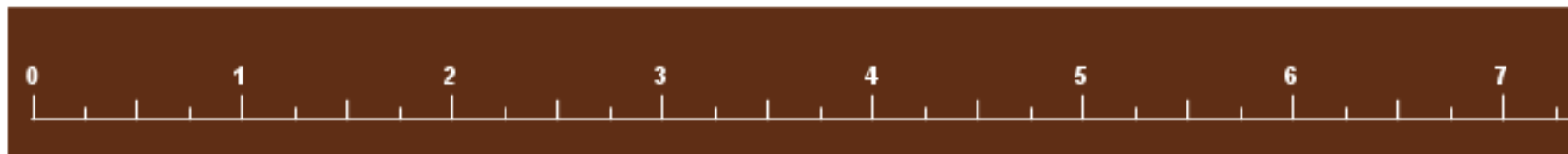
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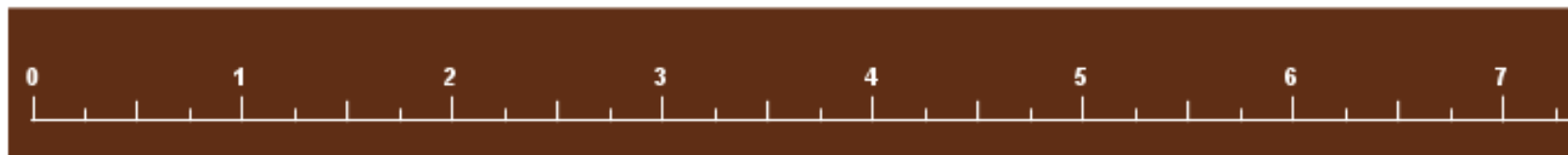


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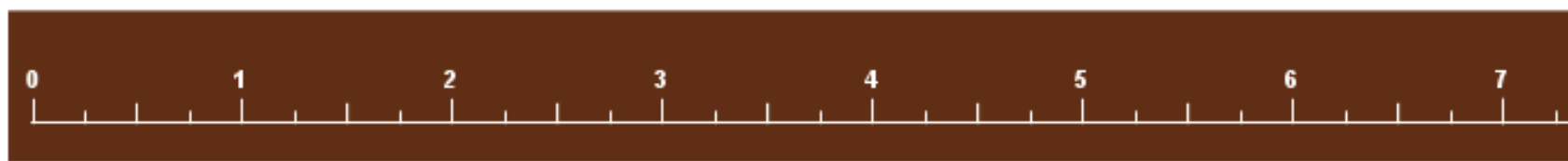




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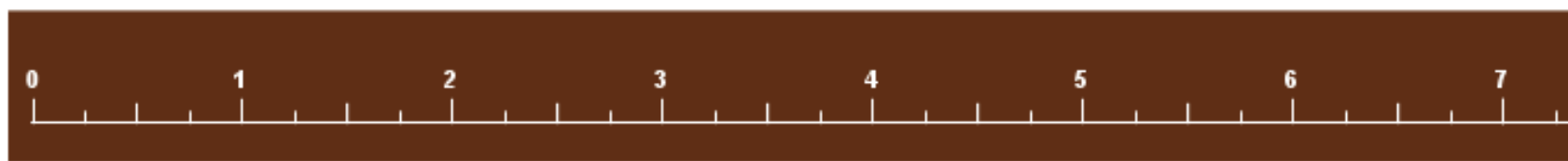
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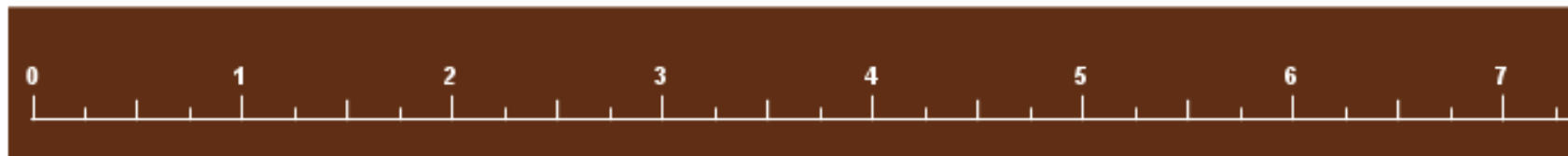
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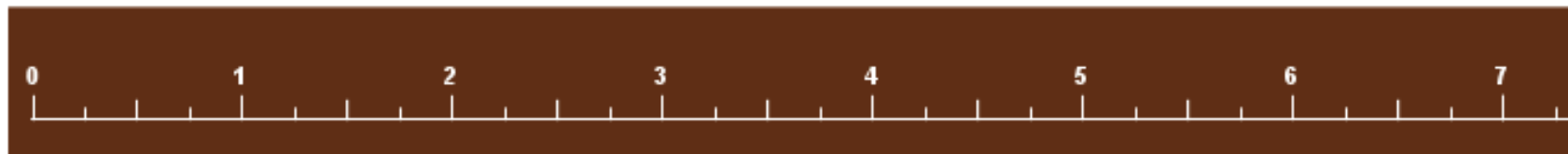
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Site: My Back Yard
Year: 2011
Observer: USA-NPN Fan

Cover Sheet

Directions:

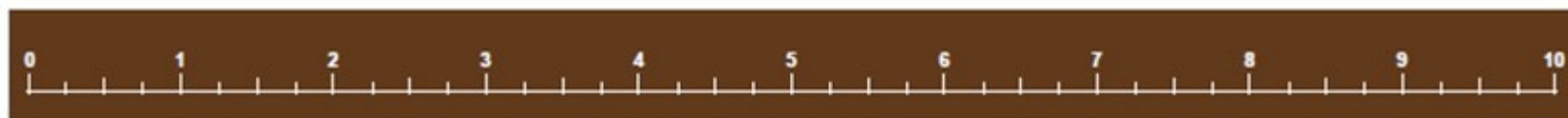
On this Cover Sheet, please report information to describe each day you visit the site. On the Animal Checklist, please list the species of animals you are looking for at the site and record whether or not you saw or heard that species on each visit. On the Plant and Animal Phenophase Datasheets, please record the phenophases you observed on each visit for your individual plants and your animal species.

Below, please fill in the date of your site visit in the first row. Then, estimate your contribution of time to the project for that date, separating the time it took you to travel to the site and the time you spent making observations on plants and animals once you arrived at the site. If you are observing animals, report the time you specifically spent searching for animals and circle the appropriate letter for your observation method:

- w - walking: a single pass or transect through your site
- s - stationary: standing or sitting at a single point
- a - area search: multiple passes through your site

If there is snow on the ground or in the canopy (treetops), please make a note of it in the third section and estimate the percent of the ground at your site that the snow is covering. After each visit, please enter the information from these datasheets online.

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% of ground covered															
Is there snow in the canopy?	y(n)?	y(n)?	y(n)?	y(n)?	y n ?	y n ?	y n ?	y n ?	y n ?	y n ?	y n ?	y n ?	y n ?	y n ?	y n ?
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Frequency of observations

- As often as possible
- At least once a week
- All observations are valuable!



Time of day of observations

- Convenient for you
- Consistently
- For species on Nature's Notebook list, during the day



What if I missed a phenophase?

- Make a note of it in the **comments** section of your data form

Do you see...?	Date: 2/25/2011	Date: 3/9/2011	Date:	Date:	Date:
Breaking leaf buds	y n ? >10	y n ? >10	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Leaves	y n ? _____	y n ? 5-24	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Increasing leaf size	y n ? _____	y n ? 5-24	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Colored leaves	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Falling leaves	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Flowers	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Open flowers	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Pollen release	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Fruits	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Ripe fruits	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Recent fruit drop	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
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Comments:	Flowers appeared and wilted between 2/25 and 3/9				

What if a phenophase isn't occurring?

- Continue to watch
- Make a note of it in the **comments** section of your data form

Do you see...?	Date: 9/25/2011	Date: 10/9/2011	Date:	Date:	Date:
Breaking leaf buds	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Leaves	y n ? 50-74	y n ? 5-24	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Increasing leaf size	y n ? _____	n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Colored leaves	y n ? 50-74	y n ? 95+	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Falling leaves	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Flowers	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
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Fruits	y n ? _____	n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
Ripe fruits	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____	y n ? _____
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Comments:	No fruits produced this season				

Keep looking for a phenophase, even after it has ended



Keep looking for a phenophase, even after it has ended



Keep looking for a phenophase, even after it has ended



A graphic featuring a spiral-bound notebook with a light brown cover and lined pages. The text "nature's notebook" is written in a brown, sans-serif font across the notebook. The word "nature's" is on the top line and "notebook" is on the bottom line. A small yellow bird is perched on the top of the letter 'o' in "notebook". There are also two small green leaves: one above the 'e' in "nature's" and one above the 't' in "notebook".

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