

ECOSYSTEM OBSERVATION

Spend 15 minutes in observation of a green space. This can be your yard, a park in your neighborhood, or any environment that includes plants.

Document your observations with either an illustration or written profile.

Include descriptions of the ecosystem structure that includes:

- An inventory of plants (if you aren't able to identify a plant, list its unique characteristics).
- An inventory of all animals that you observe, including insects (if you aren't able to identify an animal, list its characteristics).
- How are the plants and any animals interacting with each other? Note plants that are growing adjacent to each other and how they may be cooperating or obstructing each other. Are any plants seeming invasive?

Describe the ecosystem services this space is providing, including:

- Any foods or resources that the plants are producing.
- Ways in which the observed plants and animals may be improving the environment's conditions or supporting natural cycles.
- How the space may be used by humans for recreation, inspiration, or other cultural activities.

