

Date:

Start Time:

Location:

End Time:

Weather Conditions:

Personal Observations:

Activities Summary:

Data Collected:

Personal Reflection:

A *Naturalist's Journal* is a very important tool for an ecologist. It is a reminder of field conditions during data collections ... or, it may remind an ecologist of events that happened in the field. It is often used years later as a reminder of what an ecologist may have contributed to science during their career!

This is a **template** that you should follow for all of your Nature Journal entries. You will need to complete a journal entry for every field excursion and lab experience. Your entries should be multi-page entries and in as complete of detail as possible. Entries should be started while in the field and completed at home. We will talk early on in the semester about "**making observations**". Remember to observe small ... observe large ... and ask questions about it all! Have fun with this!!!