

Groundcover Close Up

Determine the biodiversity of ground cover plants by looking carefully at the variety of plants in a number of sample areas.

1. Find a healthy grassy patch within the area specified.
2. Place your shape firmly on the ground over the area.
3. Count and record the number of species (different looking plants) inside the shape. Count both grasses and non-grassy plants(herbs).



Herb Species

Any plant that does not have a woody stem (including grasses).

Grass Species

A plant with blade leaves that wrap around the stem.

What is the role of grasses and herbs?

There are _____ different ground cover species holding onto the soil on this site while giving the insects a home.



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