

32. Observing ecological communities

Aim

Students observe key components of one or more major ecosystems in the park.

Activities

1. Draw up a page(s) based on the tables provided below.

Materials

- Activity sheet 32: *Observing ecological communities*.
- Pens/pencils.
- Camera (if available).

2. Observe one or two different sites in the park to gather information about major ecosystems in the park. Complete the page(s) for each site observed. Label them clearly.

Fieldwork sheet

Ecosystem name..... Location

Photograph or sketch

Topography	Aspect
Name location or briefly describe e.g. Main Ridge; lower slopes of Mt	e.g. South-east
Vegetation Dominant Species Canopy • • Understorey • • Groundcover • •	Fauna Mammals • Birds • Reptiles • Amphibians • Fish •
Soil: Soil Type	Soil Characteristics

Draw a profile of the ecosystem
