

TREE LOCATION SURVEY

This survey is to locate where all of the study trees are in the Tiny Forest. This will help us to better understand any differences between different parts of the forest, such as the middle compared to the edge.

NOTE: This should ONLY be completed once, during the first monitoring event at each Tiny Forest

EQUIPMENT PER GROUP:

1x Tree species ID guide 1x Tree species list 1x tablet/phone/printed field sheet

WHEN TO SURVEY

Any time of day. Spring-Summer is best. It is easiest to identify trees when they are in leaf.

INSTRUCTIONS

During this survey all of the tagged trees (100 in total per Tiny Forest) will need to be checked. A member of staff will direct you to an area of the forest to work in. Find a tree that has a monitoring tag. You might need to search carefully, low down the tree trunk in the mulch. Once you have located the tag, complete the steps below.

STEP 1:

The tag will have a number between 1 and 100 on it. Record this number on your tablet or field sheet.

Look at the tree species which has been assigned to this tag number. If you are using a tablet, this should be filled automatically. If you are using a paper form, check the tree species list for your Tiny Forest – this will show what species have which tag numbers.



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Using the tree ID guide, see if you can tell whether the tree that you are looking at has the correct species name. If you think it is correct, or you are not sure, then you can leave this question blank and move on. If you think the tree has the wrong species name, then enter the correct species on the tablet or field sheet.

STEP 2:

Decide where your selected tree is located using the guidance diagram and notes below and record the location on your tablet or field sheet.

We have divided the Tiny Forest and its surroundings into categories to help us understand if location is important to the measurements we are taking. The categories can be identified as follows:

Middle: A Tiny Forest cannot be less than 4m wide at any one point. If you are 2 metres or more away from any edges, including where the classroom area starts, then you are in the middle of the forest. The middle is shown in light green in the diagram.

Edge: If you are 2 metres or less away from an area where there are no planted trees, including the classroom area, then you are in the edge of the Tiny Forest. The edge is shown in dark green in the diagram.

See if you can check 10 different tagged trees by repeating the above steps.







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