



STUDENT OBSERVATION AND RECORDING SHEET

Student Name/Group Name

Task One: Discovering the pest animal, insect and plant threats to our local regions

Regional Councils are responsible for carrying out pest animal and pest plant control in their regions. Select your local regional council pest management pages from the list at:

<https://www.biosecurity.org.nz/resources/regional-council-links> and list the biosecurity threats in your local region.

Animal/Insect Pests that threaten your local region and measures to take for their control or eradication.

Pest Plants that threaten your region and measures to take for their control or eradication.

Aquatic Pests causing problems in your region and measures to take for their control or eradication

Marine Pests that threaten our local marine environment and measures to take to prevent this.

Task Two: Identify birds in our local green space

Make regular observations and list all the birds, both native and introduced, that are found in your local green space. Are there any pest birds such as magpies that are present? If you can't identify the bird, take pictures and visit the following websites to aid with identification:

<https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/resources/how-identify-new-zealand-birds>

<http://nzbirdsonline.org.nz>

<https://www.whatbird.co.nz>

Task Three: Identify native trees and plants in your green space

Visit the following website to discover and identify the native plants and trees that you could find in your green space. www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/resources/experiencing-native-trees-in-your-green-space
Carry out regular observations and list the native trees plants you find in your green space.

Task Four: Identify pest plants found in your green space

Use the following websites to discover, identify and list any pest plants that you find in your green space.

www.weedbusters.org.nz

www.landcareresearch.co.nz/resources/identification/plants/weeds-key

Task Five: Identify unwanted pest animals in your green space

Unwanted pest animals are often nocturnal and hard to spot but they leave tell-tale clues that tell us they are in the area. Use the following website to discover and list unwanted pests in your green space.

<http://www.pestdetective.org.nz>

Task Six: Identify unwanted pests and diseases in your green space

Use the following website to identify/report unwanted pests, and diseases in your green space.

www.biosecurity.govt.nz/protection-and-response/finding-and-reporting-pests-and-diseases/pest-and-disease-search

Task Seven: Report what you have found to your local regional council biosecurity team.

Invite your local council biosecurity team to talk to the class about their work in controlling pests and diseases in the local area. Present a group report on what you have found and prepare questions to find out how your group and the class can become involved in taking part in the local pest control programme.