

# LAWN (RE)DISTURBANCE LABORATORY at Green-Wood

## Fieldwork Observation Sheet (page 1)

This art installation is made by the Next Epoch Seed Library in collaboration with seeds, plants, and time. The lawn around you has been mowed continuously for decades. Now the plots inside the three yellow sculptures are rewilding, each in their own way. **Can you spot the differences?** **Plot 1** will never be mowed. **Plot 2** will be mowed four times this year. In **Plot 3** the grass was removed so the seeds lying dormant in the soil can guide the recovery process.

Use this sheet to observe the soil, plants, and other life forms inside each of the three sculptures. Your observations can help us better understand lawn habitats and their impacts on the communities—human and nonhuman—who live in and among them. When you're done, we'd love to see photos of your fieldwork & worksheets! Please email to [info@nextepochseedlibrary.com](mailto:info@nextepochseedlibrary.com) or post on social media tagging [#lawnlabgreenwood](https://twitter.com/lawnlabgreenwood).

### 1. General Fieldwork Notes

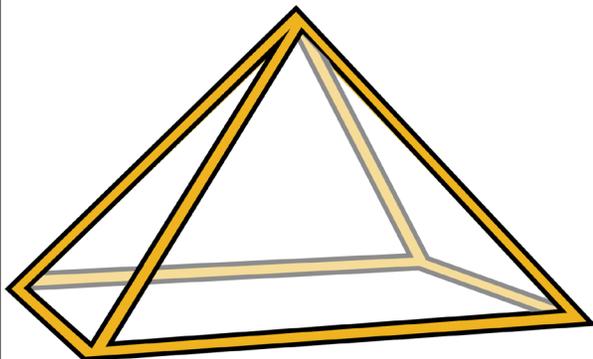
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Visit # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature/Weather \_\_\_\_\_

How does the lawn/ground feel? Touch it! (wet, dry, cool, warm, soft, hard?) \_\_\_\_\_

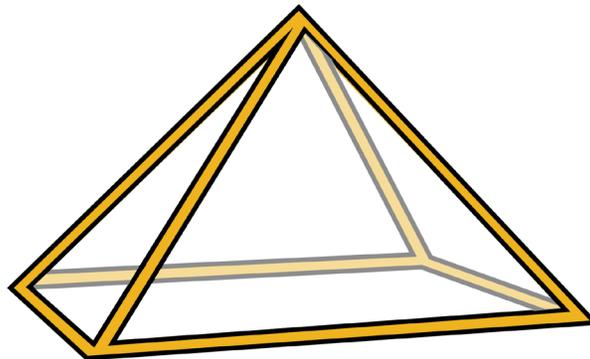
Other notes (What do you hear? What do you smell? What is happening around you?) \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Draw what you see inside each sculpture! (turn over to add details!)

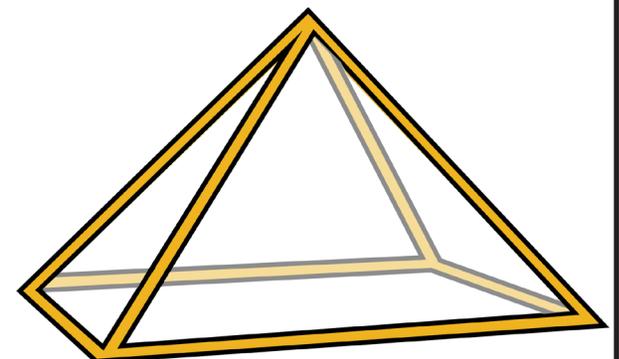
Plot 1



Plot 2



Plot 3



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## Fieldwork Observation Sheet (page 2)

### 3. Close observation: Choose one plant that interests you

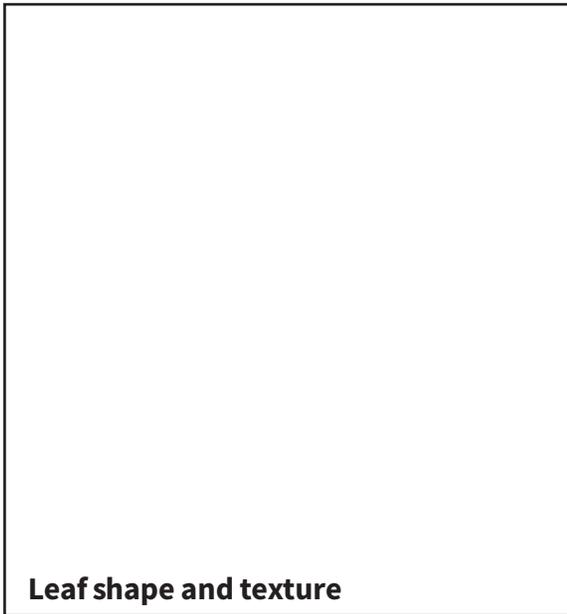
Describe the plant in words. How tall is the plant? What shape are the leaves? Do you see flowers or seeds? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the plant look healthy? happy? tired? stressed? How can you tell? \_\_\_\_\_

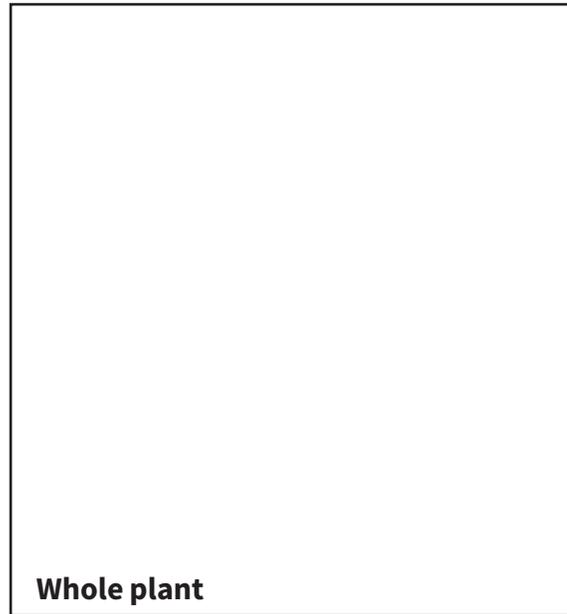
Do you know what kind of plant this is? Can you try to identify the plant using iNaturalist or another web app? \_\_\_\_\_

What name would you give this plant, if it was up to you? \_\_\_\_\_

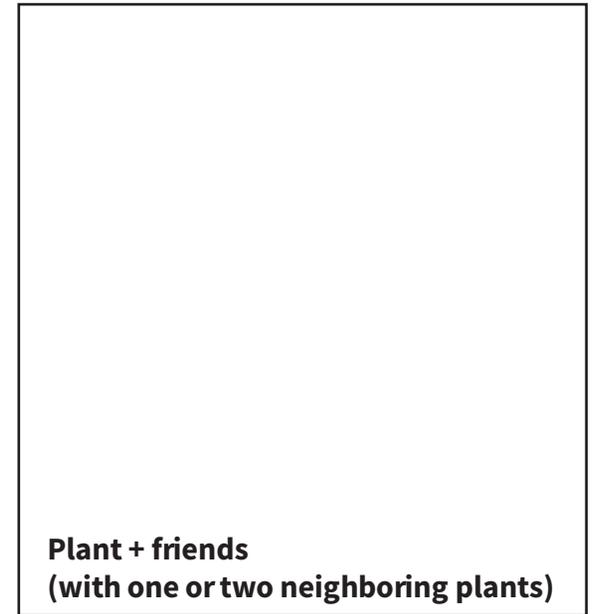
### 4. Plant Portraits! Draw some details of the plant you observed.



**Leaf shape and texture**



**Whole plant**



**Plant + friends  
(with one or two neighboring plants)**

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