

# Habitats of Virginia

## WILDLIFE HABITAT ASSESSMENT SHEET

FIELD SCIENTIST: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

### SITE DESCRIPTION

Where is the site located? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the first three things you notice about this habitat? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

What kinds of **plants** do you see? Can you identify three of them?

SKETCH YOUR PLANT HERE	PLANT NAME

Are there animals living in this habitat? If yes, list them. If you're unsure, look for clues!

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### IMPORTANT HABITAT FEATURES

Do you think animals are able to find **food** here? **YES** **NO**

If you answered no, explain why.

If you answered yes, list four kinds of food animals might find in this habitat.

Do you think animals are able to find **shelter** here? **YES** **NO**

Explain why or why not.

If you were an animal living here, where would you take shelter? Describe or draw a shelter.

Do you think animals have **space** here? **YES** **NO**

Explain why or why not.

Do you think animals are able to find **water** here? **YES** **NO**

### HABITAT DEGRADATION

Do you see any natural impacts on this habitat (fire, flooding, etc.)? **YES** **NO**

Do you see any evidence of human impacts on this habitat? **YES** **NO**

If you answered "YES" above, check the box next to any of the following problems you see in your habitat:

- Chemicals
- Trash
- Dumping
- Erosion/cloudy water
- Non-native plants
- Human structures
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFLECT

Look over your habitat assessment. What might make the habitat better?

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