

Grass Green-Up and Green-Down Site Selection

Field Guide

Task

Define the site for green-up and green-down measurement of grasses.

What You Need

- ☐ *Green-Up and Green-Down Site Definition Sheet*
- ☐ *GPS Data Sheet*
- ☐ *GPS Protocol Field Guide*
- ☐ GPS receiver
- ☐ Pencil or pen
- ☐ Nails or stakes or other durable identifiers
- ☐ Meter stick or tape measure
- ☐ Dichotomous keys and/or other local species guides

In the Field

1. Complete the top of the *Green-Up and Green-Down Site Definition Sheet*.
2. Identify genus using field guides or help of plant specialists. Record the genus on the *Green-Up and Green-Down Site Definition Sheet*.
3. Select a one-meter square area dominated by grass plants. Mark your one-meter square plot with nails or stakes or other durable identifiers.
4. Take a GPS measurement following the *GPS Protocol*.