



## Just looking around sampling method

**Where you are:** Freshwater, coastal, and upland ecosystems  
**What you're looking for:** Any species

1. Go to a place that interests you.
2. Search all around you for the species you are looking for.
3. Use your species cards to determine whether you think you found, or think you did not find the species you are looking for. Support your claims with written and photo evidence.
4. **Write in your Field Notes** approximately how long you looked for the species.
5. **Write in your Field Notes** approximately how big or small of an area you looked in.
6. **Write in your Field Notes** how focused you were. Were you doing another activity while looking around – hiking, running, bird watching, fishing....?

**Note:** This protocol often comes in handy when you are looking for a species in your quadrat, along your transect, or with your kicknet, but actually see the species *outside* your study area. You want to record your finding, but simply can't confuse it with your quadrat, transect, or kicknet results. Record this finding as a separate investigation with a different time, sampling method, and GPS coordinates.