COVER BOARD DATASHEET

(See reverse for instructions)

DATE (mo/day/yr)	TIMEpm/am
OBSERVER(S)	
CURRENT TEMP°C	CLOUD COVER% WIND 0, 1, 2, 3 (circle one)
PRECIPITATION	
SITE DESCRIPTION	
BOARD CHECKED (WOOD TY	PE, LOCATION, ETC.)
Comments	

Common Name Genus Name Species Name # of Animals Remarks

Header Information:

Date, Time, Observers – self-explanatory – give full first and last names.

Current Air Temperature – Please report in degrees Celsius.

Cloud Cover – estimate what part of the sky is covered by clouds (e.g., 10%, 25%, etc.)

Wind -0 = no wind; 1 = breeze, 2 = gusty, 3 = very windy

Precipitation – indicate whether it has rained or snowed recently and approximately how much, measured in mm. If there has been no precipitation recently, please indicate by writing "dry." Comments – any information that might be useful that does not fit into the categories above.

Field Descriptions:

Common Name – record the common name of each type of organism

Genus – Record the genus name of the organism.

Species – Record the specific name of the organism.

Number of Animals – the number of individual animals of the species recorded found under the board indicated (e.g.10 black ant or 6 pillbugs).

Board Description – All cover boards should be individually identified.

Remarks – anything that might be of use (e.g., scars or marks, behavior of animal, size of animal, etc.)

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE ANY VENOMOUS SNAKES!

FIGURE 4. STUDENT DATA SHEET USED TO COLLECT AND RECORD DATA AND OBSERVATIONS