

Habitat Journal Rubric

	Novice	Developing	Proficient	Exceeding
Journal Entries	2 or less journal entries <i>1 Point</i>	3–4 journal entries <i>2 Points</i>	5 or more journal entries <i>3 Points</i>	Journal entries every day for the assigned period of time <i>4 Points</i>
Writing	Some information is included but lacks details; ideas not written in complete sentences <i>1 Point</i>	Identifies habitat; lacks details; some ideas are written in complete sentences <i>2 Points</i>	Describes the habitat; includes facts and details; writes in complete sentences <i>3 Points</i>	Precise information about the habitat; well supported with details; includes observations and questions written in complete sentences <i>4 Points</i>
Illustrations and/or Photos	Less than 2 illustrations or photos for journal entries; lacks detail; pictures do not support writing <i>1 Point</i>	2–3 illustrations or photos for journal entries; some pictures lack details to support writing <i>2 Points</i>	Detailed illustrations or photos for most journal entries; some pictures support writing <i>3 Points</i>	Detailed illustrations or photos for every journal entry; all pictures support writing <i>4 Points</i>
Communication/ Presentation	Not able to discuss the habitats observed; confused <i>1 Point</i>	Needs prompting to explain or discuss the habitats observed <i>2 Points</i>	Adequate explanation or discussion of habitats observed; uses appropriate vocabulary <i>3 Points</i>	Explains information about observed habitats independently, clearly, and confidently; uses precise vocabulary <i>4 Points</i>
Total Points ___/12				