

# Discovering Home Base

We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color. *-Maya Angelou*

Let's investigate your yard.  
The local mix of plants, animals and watersheds, landscapes define the character and eventually the success of your habitat adventure.

Always have an eye for finding your place within the limits of your bioregion.

Where does your garbage go?  
What trash do you produce?

What is the land use history by humans in your region during the past century?

Were the stars out last night?

## water

Water: creeks, gullies, water movement during storms, flood zones, well, city water, irrigation, catchment potential. Where does it come from? Network of springs, creeks, rivers flowing together.

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Slow it. Spread it. Sink it!

## Climate in your yard

- Wind direction, intensity and the changes it makes over the year, barriers and lees
- Temperatures, highs, lows, first, last and sporadic frosts
- Precipitation amounts, when and where

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## Sunshine and Shade

- Where is solar south?
- Points of sunrise, sunset,
- Areas of sun shade throughout the day

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What feeds on the plants you see?

What bugs do you see and where?

What nests where?

What gathers organic matter?

What gathers water?

What is opportunistic in the shade?

Plant combos

What grows in open areas?

What grows in windy areas?

What grows on the north-sides of things?

What grows on the south-sides of things?

What is thicket forming?

What grows near ditches?

What grows on fence lines?

flora

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