Milkweeds and Monarchs
Advanced Observation Data Sheet

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1. Name of observer(s): _____

   Location: _____

   Date: _____

2. Choose a milkweed patch to observe

   Milkweed species observed: _____

   Plant Nickname: _____

   Patch Name: _____

   How many milkweeds are in your patch? (circle) 1-10 11-25 26-50 51-100 >100

3. **Observe your patch of flowering and non-flowering plants. For each, record the following:**

Plant Flowering Stage (Flowering-Early, Middle, or Late; OR Non-Flowering-Clipped or Not clipped)	Open Flower Clusters	Eggs	Instar 1	Instar 2	Instar 3	Instar 4	Instar 5
Ex: Late Flowering	5	3	2	1	1	2	3

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3. **Observations continued**

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4. Did you monitor all milkweed plants in this patch? (circle) Yes No

5. Were other insects or spiders present in the patch? (circle those you saw)

Japanese beetles Ants Milkweed aphids (*Aphis nerii*)

Milkweed beetles Spiders

Milkweed bugs None Other: _____

6. Notes: (Ex: nearby plants in bloom)

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