Milkweeds and Monarchs
Basic 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 number of open flower clusters, eggs, instars at stage 1, and instars at later stages.**

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

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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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