

General Ecology Lab (BIO 341-L03) – Biodiversity Abstract and Figures

Rather than a complete research report on your biodiversity study, you will turn in a detailed abstract and figures. Your abstract should include enough detail that a reader can understand what you tested (and why), how you performed the study, what you found, and what conclusions you draw from your findings. To achieve these goals, your abstract will probably be between 200 and 300 words long. *Due Nov. 15 by 5pm; 30 points possible*

Important guidelines:

- Your abstract should be in the form of a paragraph and should include the following information: background, hypothesis, prediction, methods, results and conclusions.
- Abstracts do not include references to published literature, nor do they include references to tables and figures.
- Abstracts include critical details, but do not include all of the details that would be necessary for another scientist to repeat your study.
- Figures should include clearly labeled axes and an informative caption beginning with the figure number. Figures should not be drawn or labeled by hand.
- Figures should not be redundant with each other or with values reported in the abstract.
- Although you collected data in cooperation with a group, your abstract should be your own.
- Figures may be shared within a group, but each individual must turn in figures with their abstract.