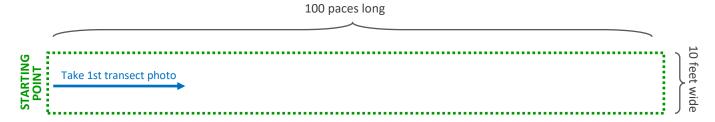


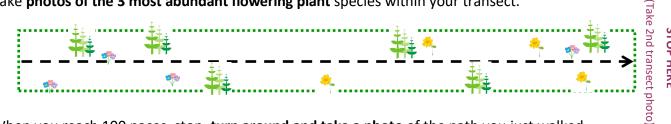
Utah Pollinator Pursuit 2022 Monarch Habitat Assessment Protocol

- 1. When you arrive at your habitat assessment site, head for the edge of a stretch of vegetation (hint: if you see milkweed plants, start there!). First decide which direction you can walk at least 100 paces — this will serve as your assessment "transect."
- 2. Take a photo of your transect BEFORE you walk it, in the direction you will walk (with your camera app).



Vegetation Assessment:

- 3. With long, even strides, walk 100 paces slowly look 5 feet to your left and 5 feet to your right.
- 4. Count the number of milkweed stems you see within that transect, and take at least one photo per milkweed species. (It's OK to estimate # of stems if you have a lot!)
- 5. Take photos of the 3 most abundant flowering plant species within your transect.



6. When you reach 100 paces, stop, turn around and take a photo of the path you just walked.

Monarch Assessment:

- 7. Walk back through your transect and look carefully at the milkweed plants under leaves and on flowers.
- 8. Take photos of any monarch eggs, caterpillars, or chrysalises you find on the plants.
- 9. Take photos of any monarch adults that may be in your transect!



10. Back at your starting point, upload your photos of plants and monarchs with counts to the habitat assessment form in Survey123 and ensure your GPS location is correct.

 $^\sim$ Thanks for completing this assessment for quality monarch habitat with Utah Pollinator Pursuit! $^\sim$