

Lesson 2: Insect Collection

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Labeling Insects

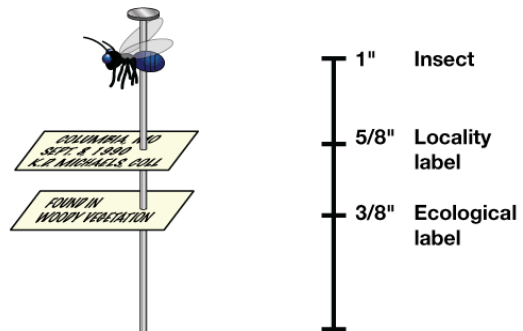
Materials and supplies needed:

1. Stiff white paper
2. Scissors
3. Pen or marker
4. Insect pins
5. Insects (number to be determined by instructor)

Procedure:

1. Cut small pieces of paper, about 1/4 by 3/4 inches or smaller, out of fairly stiff white paper.
2. Prepare the locality label first. Write the date when the insect was found and the place where the insect was found. The name of the collector can also be placed on this label. All information should be written accurately and clearly.
3. On a second label, write any additional information or observations about the insect's environment. This label is called the ecological label.

4. Mount the labels on the pin at the proper height(s) and parallel with the insect (or point). See illustration.



- a. Insect – 1-inch mark
 - b. Locality label – 5/8-inch mark
 - c. Ecological label – 3/8-inch mark
5. After the specimens are arranged in groups according to order, prepare identification labels.
 - a. Cut out pieces of paper about 1 inch square. You will need one label to identify each specimen.
 - b. Write the scientific name of the insect, the name of the person identifying it, and the month and year when the identification was made on the label.
 - c. Place these identification labels at the base of each specimen.

Note: If the identification labels are used to identify the orders, place a label by each order. This label should contain the name of the order and the collector.