

Soil profile and litter layer measurements and description sheet

In the diagram below, draw the different layers you can distinguish in the litter and the soil and indicate the depth of the layers. Measure depth of freshly fallen leaves and decomposed litter at 5 randomly chosen spots within the square meter plot. Then gather ALL leaves and organic material in a bag and bring down to weigh. Use the surface of the mineral soil as the starting point (surface = 0 cm). Then describe the various layers in terms of color, texture, structure and/or composition below the diagram (use reverse of page or attach an extra one if needed).

Repeat this procedure for each of the three plots within your sample area.

