Permanent 1-m^2 plots were established beside each of the 88 Saddle grid stakes in 1989 by Marilyn Walker, who led the sampling effort until 1997. Each plot was located within 2 m of the stake, but always in the same vegetation type as that associated with the stake. The distance and direction from the grid stake were randomly selected, and thus varied from plot to plot. Point quadrat measurements have been made at irregular intervals from 1989 to the present (1989, 1990, 1995, 1997, 2006, 2008, and yearly from 2010 onward).