Fall Training Outline

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**AIM**

The goal of this outline is to determine time limits for each section and to deem what is crucial in the training session. We want to be effective and efficient and for this to be reproducible. The hope is to make a solid base to work from for the Spring Training and even the Jump Start Training sessions.

**OUTLINE**

1. Introduction (~35-40 minutes)
   1. Agenda
   2. Overview – why are we doing this and do we need their help?
   3. Explanation – what is phenology
      1. Touch on Climate Change
      2. Discuss Citizen Science
   4. Our Trees – what are they and why we chose them
   5. Phenophases – what are phenophases and how does it tie in with the goal
      1. Highlight Fall phenophases and focus of this training session
   6. Should we still keep the meeting a fellow tree spotter here?

**BREAK** (~10 minutes)

1. Being a Tree Spotter (~35-40 minutes)
   1. Phenophases
      1. Defining Phenophases – highlighting fall phases
      2. Show pictures from Flickr
   2. Making and Recording Observations
      1. Nature’s Notebook – mention training session after
      2. Routes
      3. Datasheets
      4. Explanation of Recordings
2. Goals and Importance (~35-40 minutes)
   1. Explanation of Lizzie’s lab and Arboretum
   2. Explanation of how the data will be used and why
   3. Explanation of our goals and vision
   4. Emphasis on why they (the volunteers) are important – feedback forms here?
   5. Discuss Focus Tree Gatherings, Spotting Together, Botany Blasts, holiday party, etc.
   6. What happens next and first steps as a Tree Spotter
   7. Resources they can use