**Experiment**

Materials needed:

- 5’ piece of string

- Measuring tape

- Camera for pictures

- Note book to record data in

- Calf-high waders

# **Procedure**

1. Identify the sites to be counting at

*\*we tried to select sites that were approximately the same distance from the water as a source of control. We also choose sites that were of varying age as a means of comparison. We also choose a large number of sites in order to have an appropriate sample*

2. Took pictures of the sites and recorded naturalistic observations about the sites

3. Cut a piece of 5 ft long string

*\*We used florescent yellow string so that it would be easily seen*

4. Laid string down and one end of the first selected site

5. Counted and identified all plants that touched the string. Then recorded the collected information in notebook.

6. Moved string over one foot, and counted again.

7. We repeated this until we had counted a five ft section at our selected site.

8. We repeated steps 4-7 for each selected site

9. We then compiled the data and did analyses on it, to draw conclusions about the sites.