

Project Update: March 2022

The previous update was after 3 months (April - June 2021), the second from the time period from July - September (3 months), the third one from October to December (3 months), and this one from January to March 2022. It has been exactly 1 year since the start of the project, and I've reached all of my goals thus far.

The data collection of all species of trees was successfully obtained. This saw me, after individual tree identification and monitoring, climbing trees and spending 144 hours in the flowering canopy doing observations.

I noted every insect flower visitor, the species of insect and how often it interacts with the flower. Also, I took abiotic variables, which include temperature (using a handheld anemometer), wind (using the same device) and cloud cover. Notes were also made on the number of flowers, the height of the observer and the height of the tree.

Field work for the first section of my research project is thus successfully completed. Currently, I am working in the laboratory, sorting and identifying captured insect samples, as well as retrieving pollen from insect samples.

I plan on finishing the first section of this research project around June 2022. Please see attached some photos.





