

GRADING SCALE

Each field trip will be graded according to the following scale.
The results will be averaged.

All assigned components included	no 0	partial 4	yes 6
Quality of presentation	needs work 0	good 1	superior 2
Additional components	none 0	good 1	superior 2

For example, a field trip section might be graded as follows:

all assigned components included, presentation needs work
=> 6 points

all assigned components included, presentation satisfactory
=> 7 points
additional comments of fair quality included => 8 points

all assigned components included, presentation good => 8 points
additional comments of fair quality included => 9 points
additional comments of good quality included => 10 points

**FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST FOR
Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve**

___ PHOTO OF THE SANTA MARGARITA RIVER

___ PLANT SPECIMENS

SPECIMEN	DESCRIPTION
	...b, approx. 2m tall, oval leaves 6mm white flowers in bunches
	...b, approx. 1m tall, oval leaves approx. 2mm long, yellow flowers approx. 6 mm long with 5 fused petals
Yerba Santa	blah, blah, fuzzy leaves, ...blah, blah, blah

**Example of assigned
components with
superior presentation**

___ SPECIES LIST

SPECIES	DESCRIPTION
Southern Alligator Lizard	Lizard, 9cm length, ... gray spl... unders...
San Diego Banded Gecko	Lizard, ... tail, blah, blah...
California Quail	Bird, about 50cm tall with small head, brown and white speckled plumage with ... blah, blah..., runs on ground

EXAMPLE

___ PHOTO OF AN ORGANISM OF YOUR CHOICE

**Example of assigned
components with
superior presentation**



Yerba Santa

coastal sage scrub/chaparral
blah, blah, fuzzy leaf

EXAMPLE



er weed

coastal sage scrub
most common a few years after a fire
about 1m tall, blah, blah ...

Alligator Lizard photographed 9/17/02



Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve

Habitat types observed:
chaparral, coastal sage scrub

Notes: The Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve is a portion of the Santa Margarita Mountains in southern California.

Example of additional components (not assigned) of good quality



The Santa Margarita River

Some problems the area faces include invasion by exotic species – particularly Arundo donax, which grows along rivers and takes up a lot of water. Another problem is development in the region, which cuts off wildlife corridors.



Arundo donax