

Our school is Lincoln Elementary Montessori located in Norfolk, Nebraska, which is in Northeast Nebraska. The area we examined was close to our school building which has some grassy areas and the rest are all gravel.

We chose to compare our findings with Crosby, Texas, because we thought there would be some similarities and some differences. We are both in the middle part of the US, but Cosby, Texas, is much closer to the equator than Norfolk, Nebraska.

We found many things similar to Crosby, Texas, and a few different. They saw way more animals than we did, but it could have been that we did our project later in the year when it was colder, so not as many animals were around. Our square was mostly grass, but looking very closely we found animal life and were able to identify many different plants growing within the grasses. We also did not have as many plants as they did. We think this is because we only have grassy areas around our school. Next time we will try to include a tree or shrub area that is nearby our school.

We loved doing this project because it taught us to look closely and we will see more than meets the eye. We also really liked going through the data submitted by other schools and looking at all the pictures posted because it gave us the opportunity to see what environments are like in other parts of the country and world. Everyone should try this activity because you learn so much and you become better at really looking at things. (Submitted by Group 1.)

