

A student wanted to estimate the number of Buttercup flowers on a field using quadrats. Each quadrat measured 1m by 1m.



Buttercups on the field.[5 marks]Randomly place a quadrat on the field [1]throw behind back/use a random number generator to ensure random placement[1]count the number of buttercups inside quadrat [1]repeat this 10 (or any other number) more times [1]calculate the average number of buttercups per quadrat/total number ofbuttercups counted divided by the number of times the quadrat was thrown [1](1 quadrat fits into the field 1000 times so...) multiply this average by 1000 [1] (togive an estimate of the total number of buttercups on the field)

Describe a method that the student could use to estimate the number of

Describe how you could use a 30cm ruler, a 50m tape measure and a light meter to investigate the relationship between light intensity and the width of lvy leaves in a woodland. [5 marks]

lay the 50m tape measure across the floor of a woodland to act as a transect [1] from an exposed edge of the wood towards the centre of the wood [1] use a light meter to measure light intensity. [1] do this at regular intervals along the transect[1] try to do at the same time of day/hold the light meter at the same height [1] at each location use a 30cm ruler to measure the width of 3 ivy leaves (at a set height) [1] take an average width for that location/light intensity [1] plot a graph of light intensity against average leaf width [1] or distance from woodland edge against leaf width [1]

to see if there is a relationship between the two variables [1]