Riparian Vegetation: Canopy Cover

1. Measure a 100 foot stretch along the stream. Mark the beginning and end points with a flag.

2. Standing at the first flag, point the ocular tube straight into the air and look through with one eye. Tell the recorder whether the “x” at the end of the tube points at the sky (a “miss”) or points at vegetation (a “hit”).

3. Take one pace toward the other flag and stop. Again, point the ocular tube straight up and record a “hit” or a “miss.” Repeat steps 1-3 until you reach the other flag.

4. Follow the instructions on the Canopy Cover worksheet.