

An Introduction To Citizen Science

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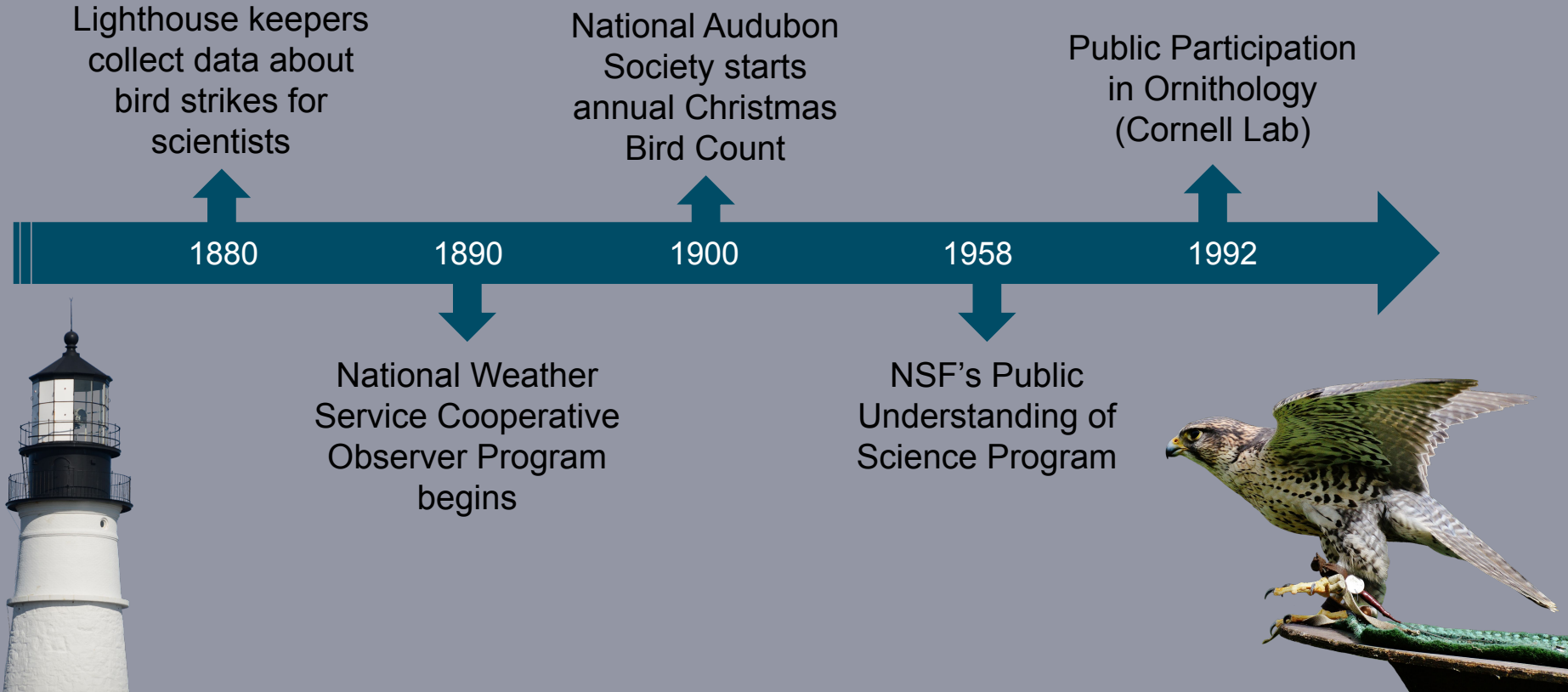
What is Citizen Science?

Scientific work undertaken by members of the general public, often in collaboration with or under the direction of professional scientists and scientific institutions (Oxford English Dictionary).

What is Citizen Science?

Public participation in
scientific research.

A very brief History of Citizen Science




Let's do a project!

Go to: <http://go.uncg.edu/snapshot>
Click on 'classify'



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ABOUT

CLASSIFY 

Click through the tutorial

Classify images

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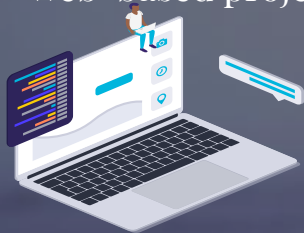
Camera Trap Technology

- Can greatly expand geographic study area
- Noninvasive
- Easy to operate
- Reduces field time commitments
- No trapping/immobilizing training needed
- Produces a large amount of data...



Types of Projects

Web-based projects

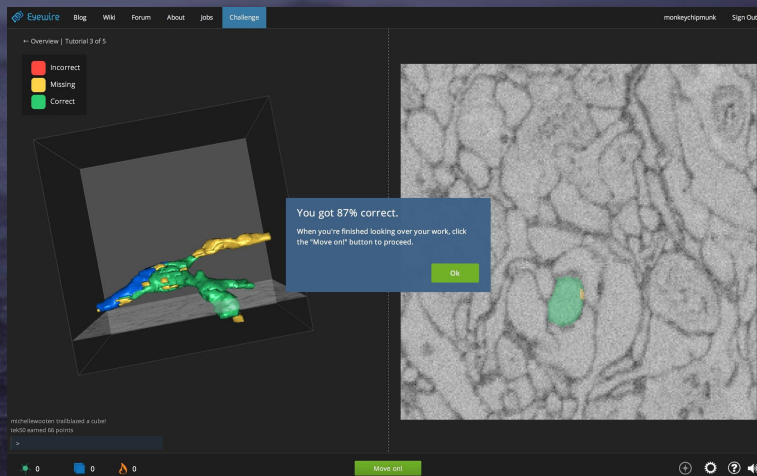
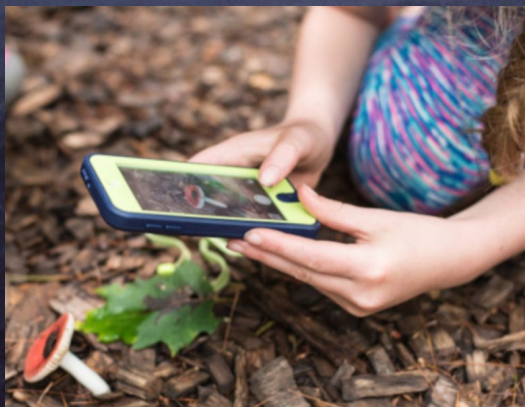


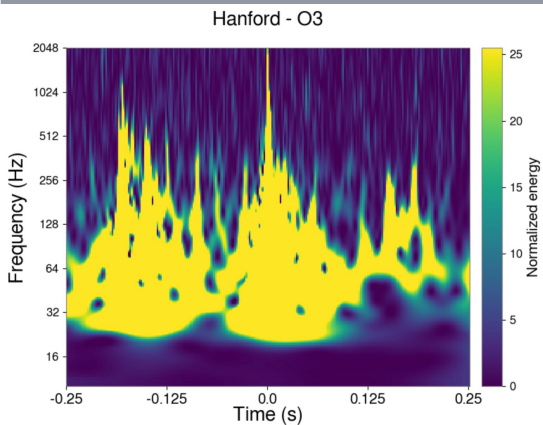
Community-based projects



Games

Field-based projects





White River Junction, }
Oct. 9, 1862.

Dear Wife:

I know not what weather you are having in Boston; but yesterday it was as hot and sultry as in July; and we experienced the full power of the heat in an excursion to Devil's Mountain, about six miles from friend Johnson's residence.



iNaturalist

Nature At Your Fingertips



Keep Track

Record your encounters with other organisms and maintain life lists, all in the cloud.



Create Useful Data

Help scientists and resource managers understand when and where organisms occur.



Crowdsourcing Identifications

Connect with experts who can identify the organisms you observe.



Become a Citizen Scientist

Find a project with a mission that interests you, or start your own.



Learn About Nature

Build your knowledge by talking with other naturalists and helping others.



Run a Bioblitz

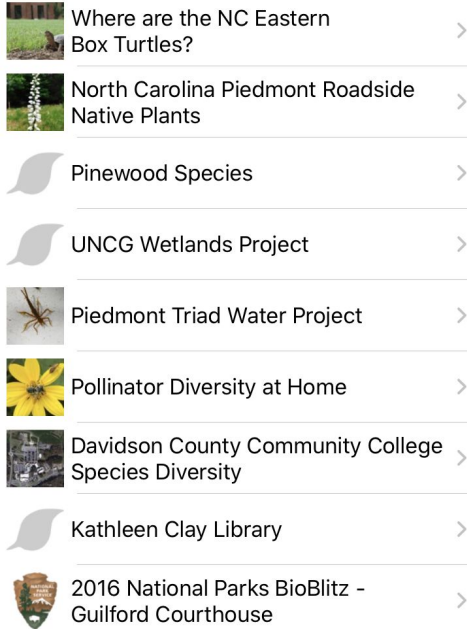
Hold an event where people try to find as many species as possible.

City Nature Challenge 2020

April 24-27

April 24-27

**City
Nature
Challenge
2020**



About

Leave

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Show us your birds, your bees, your butterflies, bugs, and the beautiful botany you see around you. Your hosts will help you identify your discoveries and cheer you on! Prizes awarded for observations of aquatic plants and animals, and a grand prize to the observer of the most species!

[Read More >](#)

PROJECT MEMBERS ONLY

Project Journal



Tufted Titmouse

Baeolophus bicolor

Research Grade

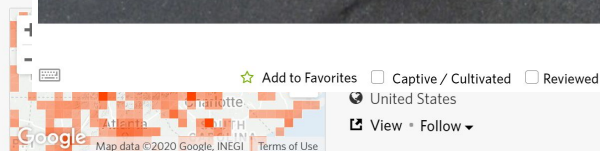


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Holarctic Treefrogs

Genus *Hyla*

Needs ID



Add to Favorites ☐ Captive / Cultivated ☐ Reviewed

United States

View Follow

ecoEXPLORE Username: mjm903



buncombe_nc suggested an ID

Improving 18m



Tufted Titmouse

Baeolophus bicolor



jmcar75 suggested an ID

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Tufted Titmouse

Baeolophus bicolor

Info

Suggestions

Annotations

Data Quality

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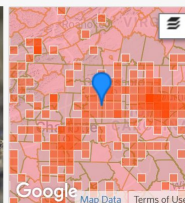
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Source: Observations Taxon: Holarctic Treefrogs (Genus *Hyla*)

Place: Davidson County, US, NC

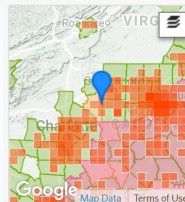
Cope's Gray Tree Frog (*Hyla chrysoscelis*)

Select



Green Tree Frog (*Hyla cinerea*)

Select



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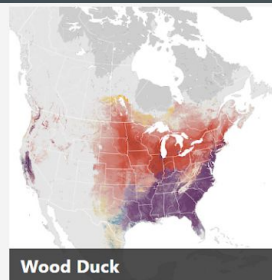
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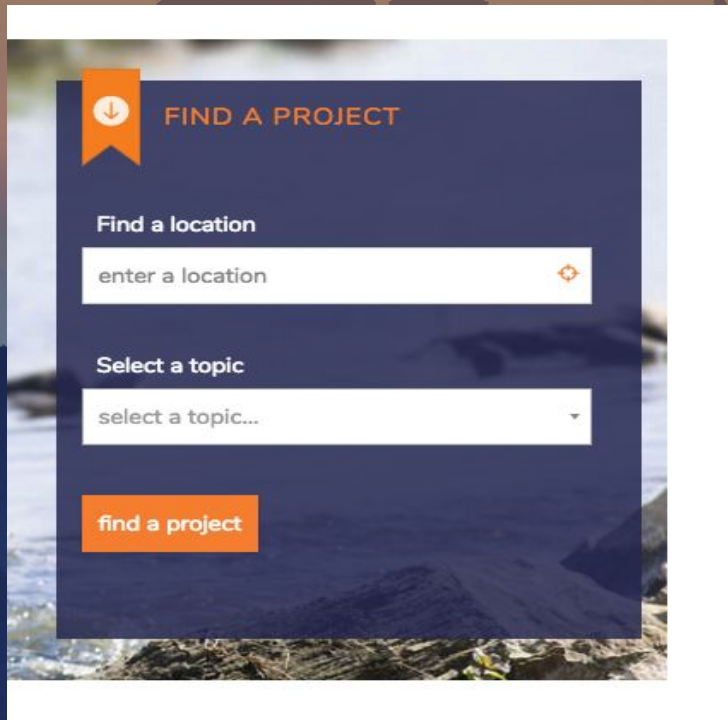
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SciStarter



The interface features a dark blue background with a white search bar and a red 'find a project' button. The search bar is labeled 'Find a location' and 'enter a location'. Below it is a 'Select a topic' dropdown menu labeled 'select a topic...'. A red banner at the top left says 'FIND A PROJECT' with a downward arrow icon.

FIND A PROJECT

Find a location

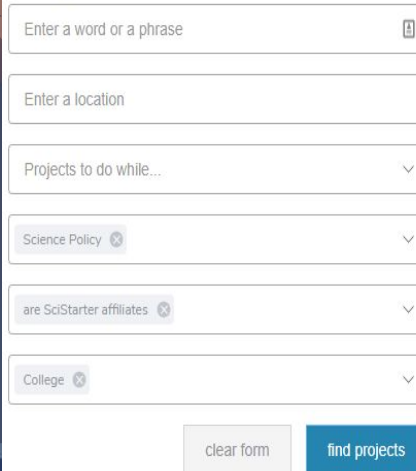
enter a location

Select a topic

select a topic...

find a project

Project Finder



The interface is a white form with several input fields and a 'find projects' button. The fields are: 'Enter a word or a phrase', 'Enter a location', 'Projects to do while...', 'Science Policy', 'are SciStarter affiliates', and 'College'. The 'find projects' button is blue and located at the bottom right of the form.

Enter a word or a phrase

Enter a location

Projects to do while...

Science Policy

are SciStarter affiliates

College

clear form

find projects

1-8 of 8 Newest [Oldest](#)



NASA

Globe at Night *

Goal Raise awareness about light pollution.

Task Measure the night sky brightness.

Where Global, anywhere on the planet

Resources

[SciStarter.org](https://www.scistarter.org)

[iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org)

[Zooniverse.org](https://www.zooniverse.org)

[Citizenscience.gov](https://www.citizenscience.gov)



“When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.” - John Muir