Citizen Science

What is Citizen Science?
Citizen science is a way for community members and scientists, to collaborate on projects to work towards a common goal.

Why Participate?
- Citizen science uses the power of people working together!
- Gets people excited about being part of bigger science research.
- Helps all people see themselves as scientists.
- Helps people care about the environment and world around them.
- It’s fun!

Who can be a Citizen Scientist?
EVERYONE! A citizen scientist is anyone who contributes his/her time, effort, and resources toward science research in collaboration with professional scientists.
- Doesn’t need a formal science background
- Come from all walks of life
- Are all ages

What are Examples of Citizen Science Projects?

Project Squirrel—Help scientists understand tree squirrels by counting squirrels anytime, anywhere!

I See Change—Lets communities investigate changes in the climate and weather in their region by sharing observations they notice.

Celebrate Urban Birds—Help scientists learn about 16 different kinds of birds by watching birds in urban, suburban, and rural spaces.

Where Does Citizen Science Take Place?
Citizen science is happening everywhere! In parks, backyards, cities, towns, ponds, forests, schools, libraries, etc. Some projects use mobile apps for participants to share photos and observations of wildlife. Other projects, participants don’t even go outside and instead use a computer!

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SciStarter is the place to find, join, and contribute to science. The site provides access to more than 2700 searchable research projects and events. But more than just a project directory, SciStarter also offers a coordinated place to record contributions and access the tools and instruments needed to participate in citizen science projects.

Using the Project Finder at scistarter.com/finder you can search by location, word or phrase, by activity type or sort through all topics.

**What is SciStarter**

**How to Search for Projects?**

Enter a word or phrase

Enter a location

All Activities

All Topics

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Here are some examples of Citizen Science Projects that can be found in SciStarter:

**iNaturalist**—Record what you see in nature, meet other nature lovers, and learn about the natural world.

**Budburst**—Share observations to help scientists understand how plants adjust to changes in climate over time.

**Project Squirrel**—Help scientists understand tree squirrels by counting squirrels anytime, anywhere!

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**Celebrate Urban Birds**—Help scientists learn about different kinds of birds by watching birds in urban, suburban, and rural spaces.
CitSci Projects

Here are some family-friendly Citizen Science Projects:

**Celebrate Urban Birds**
Help scientists learn about different kinds of birds by watching birds in urban, suburban, and rural spaces.

**iNaturalist**
Record what you see in nature, meet other nature lovers, and learn about the natural world. Participate in local projects in your area!

**The Great Sunflower Project**
This project works to identify where pollinators, like bees, are declining and help improve habitats. There are 3 ways to participate.

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**Monarch Larva Monitoring Project**
Help scientists understand why monarch butterfly populations vary in time and space—specifically in North America.

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