

Post-Virtual Field Trip Activity #2: Become a Citizen Scientist

Directions: Follow the directions below to start contributing to local and global environmental initiatives:

1. Visit [SciStarter.org](https://www.scistarter.org).
2. In the *Find a Project* box on the right side of the webpage, click *Advanced Search*.
3. Filter your search by the following three criteria:
 - *Select a topic: Ecology and the Environment and Climate and Weather*, in addition to any other topics that interest you
 - *Only projects that: Can be done online*
 - *Age group: Select the age group that best describes you*

Then click *Find Projects*.

4. Browse the results, and click to learn more about at least three projects. Look for initiatives that interest you *and* that will help scientists learn more about environmental issues related to land, water, air, and/or waste.
5. Select one project that you would like to contribute to. Use its website to investigate the initiative further, and then record a quick summary in the space below. Be sure to include:
 - The goal(s) of the initiative
 - How the initiative will further science's understanding of the environment and why this understanding is important
 - Your role as a citizen scientist
 - How your role will contribute to the initiative's goal

6. Share your summary with your teacher. Then follow the website's instructions and begin your work as a citizen scientist!