

# Citizen Scientist

## Environment & Outdoors



EXPLORE



MEETING



### What You Will Discover

Have you ever heard of a bioblitz? Find out how you can get involved and become a citizen scientist.

### The Adventure

Bioblitzes are a great example of a citizen science project. Citizen science projects rely on non-experts in a field to help collect data about a certain topic, like animals present in an area or water flow. Run your own mini bioblitz by surveying an area around you, or get involved with a local bioblitz!



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It starts with Scouts.

## Plan

- What tools will you use to do your bioblitz?
- How will you record what you have found?
- Where can you learn more about getting involved with a local bioblitz?

## Do

**#ScoutsDoStuff:** Share what you've found with a citizen science app or a citizen science program to get involved!

## Review

- What was the coolest thing you discovered during your survey?
- How do you think bioblitzes impact our world?
- How can you teach others about the biodiversity around them?

## Safety Note

- How can you help yourself safe while doing this activity? What hazardous **plants** and **bugs** should you watch out for?
- How can you keep the animals and insects you're observing safe?

## Try this

### Keep it Simple

Take a look outside your meeting hall, or visit a nearby park. What wildlife can you see? What plants are around? Make your own scavenger hunt and see what's in the area without touching or disturbing any of it.

### Take it Further

Do you know of any other citizen science projects in your community? How can you participate in them? Try doing a bioblitz or other citizen science activity in another area or habitat.

