

The Field Guide to Citizen Science

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I have to admit that I didn't know what citizen science is, so what better way to find out than a good field guide? And this guide is just that starting with explaining what citizen science is and then sharing successful tips that make for a good citizen science engagement.

The body of the book is then divided into categories of citizen science projects in the following formats: online, at home, in nature, at night, in your community, and even by chance. Here, you will find descriptions of the different types of citizen science projects, more of which can be found on Sci Starter, a citizen science portal with an active community of citizen scientists.

Are you a dog or cat person? There's a project where you can monitor their behavior. Are you concerned about clean water? Most drinking water comes through streams, and scientists need people to track observations on even the smallest of them. Are you constantly intrigued by all the different biodiversity that you experience on a nature hike? Scientists need your help in documenting the things you see. I found this book to be a great introduction to the field of citizen science, and how you can get involved in a project where you can make your own unique contribution.