

# Be a Citizen Scientist!

**Citizen Science is a partnership between the public (that's you!) and scientists.**

You don't have to be a scientist to work on a real scientific study! Citizen Science enables people from all walks of life to advance scientific research.

## Natural North Carolina

Help the NC Museum of Natural Sciences document the changing biodiversity of our state by photographing the living things you see all around you and uploading your observations to the Natural North Carolina project through the iNaturalist website or app. Your sightings help scientists better understand the environment you live in and help you learn more about the species you encounter everyday.

Get going at [www.inaturalist.org/projects/natural-north-carolina](http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/natural-north-carolina)

## Students Discover

Research scientists at NC State University and the NC Museum of Natural Sciences teamed up to co-create a set of Students Discover lessons along with Kenan Fellows. They fall under four research project themes: Shark Teeth Forensics, Camera Trap Stakeout, Symbiosis in the Soil, and Meet your Mites. They also co-created lessons related to long-running Citizen Science projects.

Get going at [www.studentsdiscover.org/teaching-modules/](http://www.studentsdiscover.org/teaching-modules/)

## ecoEXPLORE

Developed by The North Carolina Arboretum, ecoEXPLORE is an incentive-based citizen science program for children in grades K-8 that combines science exploration with kid-friendly technology to foster a fun learning environment for children while encouraging them to explore the outdoors as they participate in citizen science.

Get going at [www.ecoexplore.net/about](http://www.ecoexplore.net/about)

## Want other options?

Visit [www.scistarter.org](http://www.scistarter.org) to find a project that interests you!

There are HUNDREDS of projects that you can choose from!

