

CITIZEN SCIENCE



What is Citizen Science?

It is a **collaborative approach** to scientific research that actively involves **individuals** who are **not professional scientists**.

First examples of citizen science projects:

Bird observations

The first true citizen science project was launched by ornithologist Wells Cooke. He reached out to amateur birding enthusiasts to collect information about bird migration.

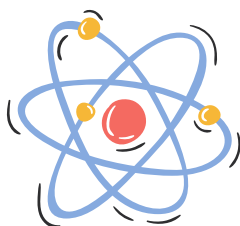
Star count

Volunteers observe and report the number of visible stars in specific constellations to measure light pollution.

Sea Ice Records by Mariners:

Mariners and whalers kept detailed logs of sea ice conditions, which are now valuable for understanding historical climate patterns in polar regions.

Citizen science projects use the **power of crowdsourcing** to gather **large amounts of data**, solve problems, and make discoveries.



If you want to join a citizen science project, check these platforms: Zooniverse, iNaturalist, SciStarter, eBird, etc.

