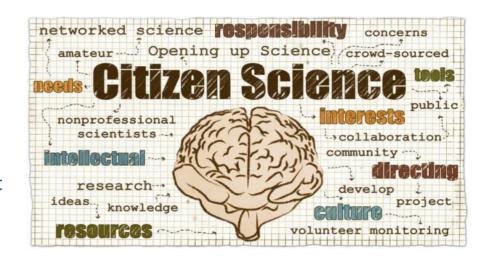


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# Indoor Activity: Research acceleration with Zooniverse

Zooniverse is an interactive platform for community-based research. Scientists that use Zooniverse rely on the community to assist them in data collection and assessment for their research.



#### Materials:

- Computer, Tablet, Cellphone
- Internet access
- Email address

### What to do:

- With the help of a trusted adult, visit the Zooniverse.org website.
- Click on the tab labeled "Projects".
- In the projects tab, you will see active, paused, and finished projects.
- In the active tab, there are many different projects to get involved in as well as a filter full of topics to choose from.
- When you have found a project you are interested in working on, you can click the "get started tab" on that project's page.



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## Outdoor Activity: Bird Identification

Merlin is a bird identification app developed by the Cornell Lab of ornithology. This app is a way for bird enthusiasts to identify bird species without the hassle of rummaging through search engines or the numerous pages in field guides. The app also asks questions an expert birder would, to identify mystery birds. This app is a great reference for bird watchers at all experience levels.



#### Materials:

- Cellphone
- Internet access
- Cornell Lab Merlin app

### What to do:

- Download the Cornell Lab Merlin app.
- Go for a walk around your neighborhood or a local park.
- Keep an eye out for birds!
- If you see a bird, snap a picture of it! You can upload that picture into merlin to identify the bird.
- If you hear a bird, Merlin also has a listening feature that gives suggestions on what birds are singing around you.
- You can also use the app to find lists of bird species in your area to create a bird watching bingo sheet, scavenger hunt, or make your own lists of favorites to look out for.