

2023 Community Science Opportunities

Amphibian Projects

Salamander Cover-board Monitoring

- What: Walk a line of boards in the woods; look for salamanders (ID, capture, weigh); record basic meta data
- Where: Crossways and Camp Woods Preserves
- When: March – May AND September – November
- How Often: Once per 9-day period; ~1 hour each to assigned site
- For this project it is possible to volunteer for only the Spring session (6 visits), only the Fall session (6 visits) or for the whole year (12 visits)

Bird Projects

Woodcock Call Surveys

- What: Listen for displaying woodcocks during the breeding season
- Where: Crossways Preserve, Armentrout Preserve, Willow Lake Preserve, Dodsworth Run Preserve
- When: March – April; Sunset
- How often: 4-6 visits ~30 minutes each at assigned site

Nest Box Monitoring

- What: Monitor nest boxes for bird species using, presence of eggs/young
- Where: Crossways, Dodsworth, Armentrout, Willow Lake Preserves
- When: April – August
- How Often: Weekly at assigned site

Pollinator Projects

Caterpillars Count!

- What: Conduct surveys of insects and caterpillars on trees and bushes
- Where: Crossways and Camp Woods Preserves
- When: Mid April – Early August
- How Often: Weekly for an hour (do not need to commit to entire time period)

Monarch Butterfly Projects

- What: Monitor milkweed plants for monarch eggs and caterpillars
- Where: Preserve locations to be determined
- When: July 28 – August 6
- How Often: Multiple locations and times to be determined to occur during the national Monarch Monitoring Blitz week. Volunteers may attend only one or multiple sessions based on their availability.

Creek Watch

- What: Streamside visual monitoring
- Where: At assigned site throughout the watershed
- When: year round
- How Often: Monthly
- Trainings: Vary. Held at least twice per year

To receive more information about any of these projects, please fill out the volunteer form on our [website](#), and indicate in the comments field which project(s) you are interested in.