

COUNTING BIRDS

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Day 5: Citizen Science

Citizen Science is the type of science everyone—even kids-- can do. You don't need a to be a scientist or an expert. You can join existing Citizen Science groups like the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, or create your own.

MAKE A PLAN:

- Many animals and birds need your help. Pick a bird or other animal that you can support:
- Are there existing groups working to save that bird or animal?
- Research what kind of help this bird/animal needs?
[Example: The Cerulean Warbler needs help creating new habitats and, though, you may not be able to help with that, you can certainly help educate people about buying coffee from companies that are growing shade trees for the birds.](#)
- Form a group. It needs a name:
Invite your friends and family to join your group.
- Create a Symbol for your group:

Some examples:

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Mass Audubon



Now TAKE ACTION!

- Create a poster or flier for your Citizen Science Group.
- Outline ways to Help: Education, joining groups, writing letters to lawmakers.
- Share with friends and family in order to spread the word.
- You can also join an existing group such as Audubon, Nest Watch, or The Great Backyard Bird Watch.