

Help Researchers Learn More About Wetlands

You may be able to do your own science-based research and share your data with researchers. Below are a few examples that might interest you:

Citizen science programs such as FrogWatch, Turtle Tally and the Marsh Monitoring Program, are chances to study wildlife right in your own community. Your data will be used by researchers to understand more about biodiversity, the impacts of climate change, species at risk and other important issues. Your class or group can take part or you can participate on your own. To learn more about these programs connect with:

- www.naturewatch.ca - FrogWatch, WormWatch, PlantWatch and IceWatch.
- www.bsc-eoc.org/mmpmain.html - Bird Studies Canada oversees a "Marsh Monitoring Program" which includes different studies that are done several times each year in the same place.
- www.torontozoo.com/AdoptAPond - the Adopt-A-Pond Program links you to Ontario's Turtle Tally and Wetland Guardians programs, as well as to Frogwatch.

Bird banding is carried out by secondary students at some of Ducks Unlimited's Wetland Centres of Excellence and the information is then made available to researchers across North America through computer databases.

Bird banding can only be done with someone who is specially trained and licensed to do this. Sometimes elementary students can take part in special banding programs. For more information on banding, visit education.ducks.ca.



Secondary school students monitor water quality in a wetland behind their school.

Older students help biologists to study the numbers and kinds of fish in a wetland stream (right). There may be similar opportunities in your community.

