Virginia Master Naturalist Program Basic Training

Citizen Science Notes for Presenters



Thank you for teaching the Virginia Master Naturalist program Citizen Science and Research Skills basic training topic and for using some of our curriculum materials! We have a few tips and recommendations for presenters.

- 1. **Length.** The PowerPoint show and script were designed for the video versions we have posted online. If you stick completely to the script, then the presentation will be less than 1 hour. However, if you embellish the script, add your own perspectives and stories, and solicit and answer questions as you go along, it will be longer. We recommend that you take a look at the presentation and script ahead of time and plan how you will fit it within your given time frame.
- 2. **Covering the Objectives.** We have designed the Citizen Science and Research Skills curriculum materials so that all the pieces the background readings, the presentation, etc.– work together to meet all of the listed learning objectives. We recommend that, if you are the instructor for this topic, you make sure that it is communicated to the trainees that these additional resources are available for them to prepare for class ahead of time and review the material afterwards. It is all posted at http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/citizen-science.html.
- 3. **Handout.** We have provided a one-page (front and back) handout to accompany the presentation. Most of the slides in the presentation are images, so it is not worthwhile to provide the trainees with a printout of all the slides. The handout is designed to capture some of the major points of the presentation and to provide links to projects.
- 4. **Use of images.** Please note that we have carefully curated the collection of images for the PowerPoint presentation. We have ensured that we have permissions for our use of every photo, and we have indicated the image author, source, and license on every slide in the presenter notes area. We have also noted the author directly on every image. The permitted uses include your giving the presentation and our publishing the video version of the presentation on the VMN website. The do not necessarily extend beyond that, so please do not publish all or part of the presentation elsewhere or use the images for other purposes without obtaining the necessary permissions from the authors.

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