K-12 Student Contributions to the CAP LTER Project Monica Elser and Charlene Saltz



Students participate by:

- Surveying local bird populationsSurveying local insect populations
- Ground Arthropods & Bruchid Beetles)

 Surveying local plant diversity



Web site

http://capiter.asu.edu/explorers/

Each protocol and project clearly explained
Data entry feature/retrieval feature
PDF Teacher's Guides
PDF Lesson Plans
"Ask a Scientist"
"Meet the Scientist"
Kid's Newsletter
Resource Page
Arthropod Simulation
Bird Identification Interactive
Soon...Land Use Exploration





New Projects

*Making data more accessible to students and teachers

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*Exploration of the agricultural-urban interface

Land Use Protocol

*Using various techniques to look at land use changes in the Valley over the past 30 years



Community Outreach
SEE ASU

Valley Forward EarthFest Gilbert Feather Friends Science Fairs







Classroom Support

Presentations Field tips Provide resources Tech support Grant writing



Aission: Ecology Explorers encourages teachers and students to learn about their urban vironment through engaging in scientific inquiry and linking with the CAP LTER project at ASU's Center for Environmental Studies.

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Ecology Explorers began in the 1998-99 academic year and has grown to 77 teachers at 54 public schools (encompassing 22 school districts), 3 charter schools and 2 private schools.



Workshops for Teachers

Insects in the Classroom
Birds, Birds, Birds
Introduction to Ecology Explorers
Data Analysis and Technology
Social Science: Surveys and More
Ecology in the Schoolyard
Mapping
Exploring Plants (New this year!)

District Workshops



Two Week Summer Internships at ASU

Teachers work with Education Liaisons to:
•Learn ways to incorporate research into their curriculum and meet the state standards

Develop lesson plans for their classrooms

Urbanization and Insects

Teachers works with CAP LTER scientists to learn:

ow to collect and identify ground arthropods in their schoolyard

•How to analyze insect data

What ASU scientists are discovering about local insects
 How to study the effects of urbanization on insections.

Bird Diversity and Urban Habitat Teachers work with CAP LTER scientists to learn:

•How to survey and identify plants and birds in their schoolyard

How to analyze plant and bird data

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