



Insect ID Quiz

Citizen Science is a way of conducting scientific research in which members of the general public help and collect data. This enables researchers to gather a large data set from a wide range of locations, and can also be fun and educational for the participants.

At the Buzz Club we are interested in finding out more about the pollinators and other insects in our gardens, with the help of citizen scientists. Often it is important that our volunteers can identify different types of insects, so that they can collect useful data. We want to find out how good our volunteers are at this, and whether receiving an insect identification training session helps. We'd also like to find out which types of insects people struggle to identify.

This project is suitable for all levels of experience, including total beginners. You'll learn how to identify common types of insect, and find out how good you are at it!

What you need to do:

1) Sign Up

Sign up via our website or email us at buzzclub.uk@gmail.com

2) Groups

All sign-ups will be randomly assigned a group. This will vary the order in which you do your quizzes and your training. Half of our volunteers will take the training in-between their two quizzes and the other half will take the training after they have completed the quizzes. This will allow us to get a good idea of how effective the training is! All information will be emailed to you in the order you need to complete it in and so don't worry – all of the organisation is down to us!

Equipment:

You will need access to a computer, your emails and the computer program Zoom (which is free to use).



PROJECT KEY



2x 10 minute quizzes and a 1 hour webinar.



No prior knowledge needed



No outdoor space needed. You just need to have access to your emails and Zoom.



Not labour intensive

What you need to do:

Taking part in your quizzes.

We will email you a link to your first insect ID quiz. This quiz will be conducted on Google Forms and will be free for you to take part in. We will be able to see when you have completed your quiz and so, when you are ready, we will email you your next activity – this will be your second quiz or the training webinar details depending on what group you are in. See information regarding the training webinar below.

As with the first quiz, we will email you the link to your second ID quiz. Again, please do not use help during the quiz so that we can determine the impact of the training on your ID accuracy and knowledge. Once the project is completed we will send out all of the answers!

Training Webinar

Depending on what group you are, you will either take your webinar in-between quizzes or after you have completed both quizzes. This means we will be running two webinars. As with the quizzes, you will be emailed a link to your training. Training will be up to an hour long and will be conducted on Zoom, which is free to use. In this session we will look at the difference between groups of insects and how you can best tell them apart. This will be a fun session in which you will learn lots and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

FAQs

1) What if I don't get any answers right?

Don't worry! We are looking for people with a variety of background knowledge in order to put the impact of training to the test.

2) What if I can't attend the training?

The training will be recorded. Please email us letting us know you have completed the training in order to get the link to your second pollinator ID quiz.

3) How much time will I need to spend on this?

This project is designed to be a quick and easy project for you to take part in, at the same time as learning lots! You will need to take part in the 2 quizzes – you will have two weeks to do each, and you can do this at any time in the two weeks. The training webinar will be up to an hour in length.



Any questions? Contact us!

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