Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Data: Research and Conservation with Citizen Science

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Abstract:

Public science is a budding approach among scientists who embrace and adopt open science practices, interactive science communication, and citizen science. To overcome conservation challenges, we need these approaches in order to carry out the most collaborative research of all – research that can involve anyone. Citizen science links two keys to solving problems: (i) producing reliable knowledge of what can be done and (ii) social capital to put the knowledge into practice. (The social networks, cohesion, and individual investment in community that makes democracy work better are social capital). In the context of the emerging disciple of citizen science, within and beyond avian research, Dr. Cooper will dispel myths, discuss best practices, and explore what it means to be public scientists.