

**Stewardship Network
Huron Arbor Cluster
Stewards' Circle Notes
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Herps & Amphibians**

Midwest Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (Midwest PARC)

<http://mwparc.org/>

We discussed fire and herps:

<http://mwparc.org/products/fire/>

Good basic level info about local herps:

www.a2gov.org/NAPherps

BioKIDS project site, with Critter Catalog

<http://www.biokids.umich.edu>

our list of general resources for teachers might be useful

http://www.biokids.umich.edu/resources/links_for_teachers/general_topics/

NatureMapping project:

<http://depts.washington.edu/natmap/>

They have a contact in Michigan,

<http://depts.washington.edu/natmap/about/state/michigan.html>

CyberTracker is the pda-based animal observation collection program. Their home page is here:

<http://cybertracker.org/>

I'm not sure what the current status of North American sequences for CT is now. You might have to ask some people.

Here's a short paper we wrote about our use of it. Several years old now, but might have some useful references:

http://www.cybertracker.org/CTC_BioKids.html

If you're interested in taking a "citizen science" approach, with school kids contributing national database projects, you should look at the various bird programs at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (eBird, FeederWatch, Nest Watch etc.), they also have curriculum units for school kids.

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=708>

Journey North sponsors migration watches of many taxa. They've been around for years, and have lots of curriculum resources too:

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/>

Project Budburst is newer. They're collecting data on plant phenology, so have a good connection to climate change. Plus, the logistics of data collection are more practical for school groups. They have resources for teachers, but I don't know how much.

http://www.windows.ucar.edu/citizen_science/budburst/

There are more, I'm sure, but that should get you going.

Oh, I mentioned the National Science Digital Library. This is a huge compendium, and it may take some effort to find things that are useful to you, but there is a lot of material there.

<http://nsdl.org/>

For instance, a search just on "salamanders" got 186 hits, many of them are ADW pages (heh). You'll want to use the advanced search options as much as you can here.

I hope this is helpful. Let me know more about the proposal if you like, I'll be happy to help.

cheers,

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