

Nest Quest Go!

By the numbers

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PROJECT LEADER

The Nest Quest Go! project endeavors to digitize, transcribe, and integrate more than 300,000 historical nest records from the North American Nest Record Card collection into the NestWatch database. Nest Quest Go! uses the Zooniverse platform to crowd-source nest record card transcription, and we organize these cards into individual “projects.” With the help of thousands of Zooniverse users, and a team of students and volunteers, we are making incredible progress.

As the transcription activity in Zooniverse continues to grow, our filing cabinets become more sparse! We have had another productive year with the launch of 11 Nest Quest Go! projects. Two of those completed projects were some of our largest, consisting of 11,342

KILLDEER BY SHIRLEY DONALD

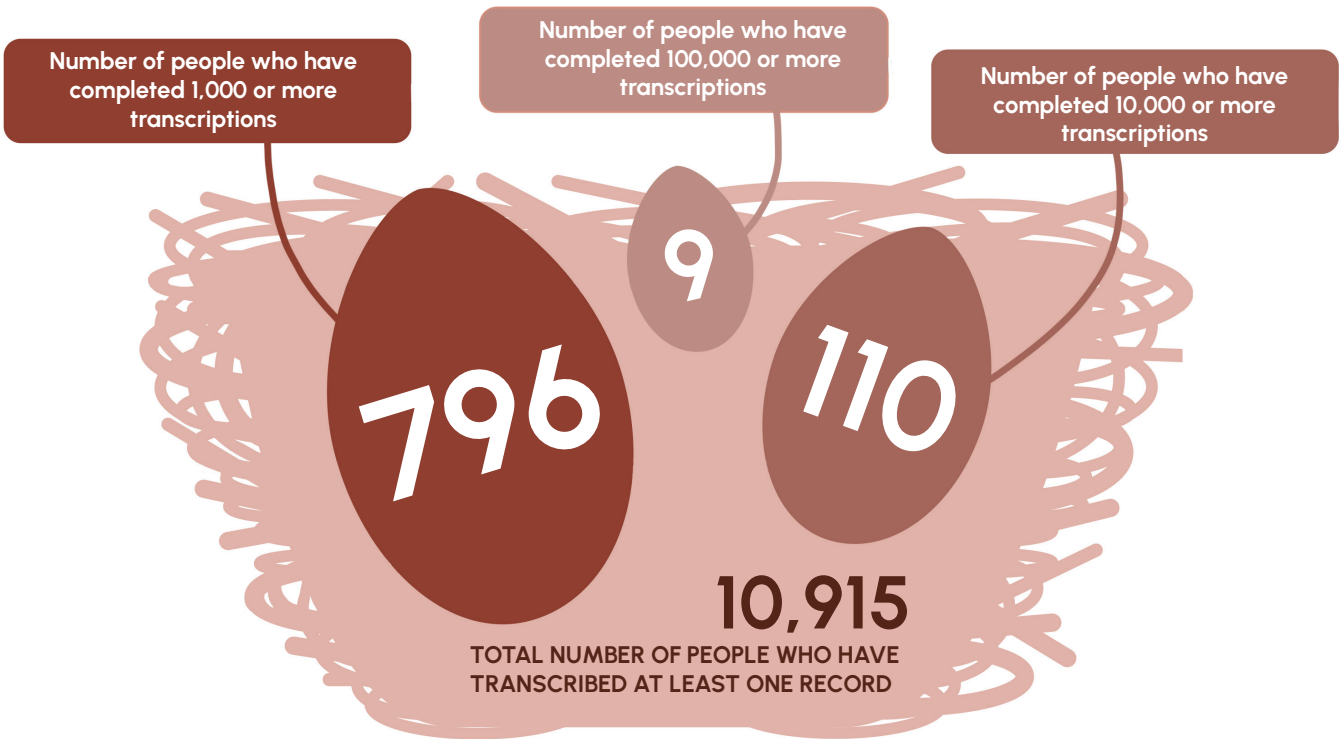


The Killdeer dataset was one of the 11 new Nest Quest Go! projects that were launched in 2021.

Red-winged Blackbird cards and 11,766 Mourning Dove cards. There were 40,571 total cards transcribed in 2021, which equals more than 111 cards transcribed per day, on average. We also made strides in processing the data from Zooniverse so it can be added to our NestWatch database. While continuing to keep projects running in Zooniverse, we will prioritize beginning to make data available for researchers to use via NestWatch in 2022.

The graphic below shows the total number of unique participants who have transcribed at least one section of a card, as well as the breakdown of the number of participants who have completed more than 1,000, 10,000, and 100,000 transcriptions during their time with Nest Quest Go! Note: Each nest record card is transcribed multiple times to ensure accuracy.

It's all about the transcribers:



Good Words

“I suffer from anxiety, but I like to feel like I can contribute. Nest Quest Go! and projects in Zooniverse allow me to feel a part of something bigger from the comfort of my home.”

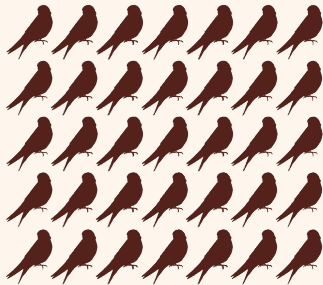
-Anonymous Zooniverse User



RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD BY MICAH GROVE

Transcription Progress 2019 - 2021

35 projects launched in Zooniverse



893 days of transcription

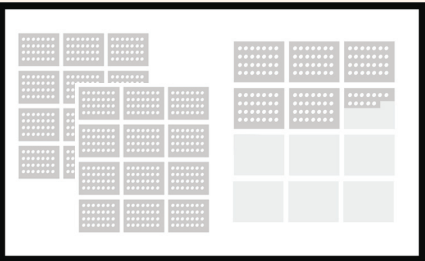


10,915 people transcribed data



1 person icon = 100 people

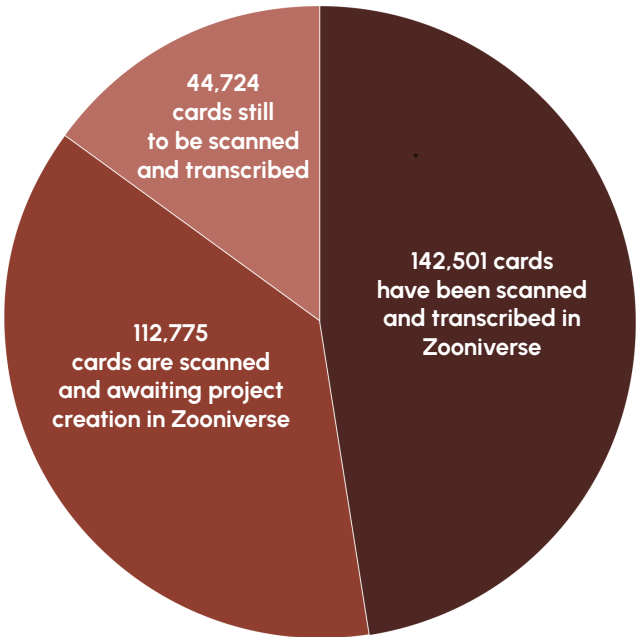
21,432 volunteer hours



That's more than 2 years and 5 months of effort!

We need your help!

You can help too, by transcribing our scanned cards in Zooniverse. Visit the [Nest Quest Go! project](#) on Zooniverse.org or download the Zooniverse app, and start transcribing today!



Help Transcribe Nest Cards

Thanks a bunch

Over the past two and a half years the success of Nest Quest Go! is due in large part to a group of devoted Cornell students and volunteers. Pictured left to right beginning with the top row: Grace Ogden, Joy Pojim, Pamela R. Smith, and Susana Zeng. Second row includes: Lynn Bertoia, Dawna Badie, Jewel Alston, and Nick Thomas. Pictured in the third row are: Christian Geramita, Clara Hewson, Alessandra Farmer, and Sophia Mathews. Not pictured, but integral to the work are: Beverly Stockard, Deb Fyler, Fenya Bartram, Liz Chartier, Rachael Ashdown, Sena Awoonor, and Turner Wilson. Thank you all for bringing your talents and energy to this project.

