



# Zooniverse Planet Hunters: your feedback

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## Page 1: The Planet Hunters team needs your feedback!

We are evaluating the [Planet Hunters](#) platform to understand its impact; gain a better understanding of who takes part and why volunteers engage; and explore the possible benefits and barriers to volunteers. We want to hear your feedback so we can learn how to improve Planet Hunters TESS and other projects on Zooniverse.

Please complete this short survey and let us know your thoughts.

This survey should take around 5-10 minutes to complete.

### **How will my data be used?**

We will use your data for the purposes of understanding who is engaging with Zooniverse Planet Hunters, and exploring your experiences of the project. This feedback will inform the overall learning and evaluation of Planet Hunters. The results will be published in a case study that will be publicly available on our Planet Hunters [blog page](#) and the University of Oxford webpages. Please note, your responses will be anonymised and no names will be published. If you have a concern about any aspect of the evaluation, please email [contact@zooniverse.org](mailto:contact@zooniverse.org). For Zooniverse's User Agreement and Privacy Policy, please visit [www.zooniverse.org/privacy](http://www.zooniverse.org/privacy). For further details about how your data will be used in this survey, see [Privacy Notice](#).

### **Who is conducting this evaluation and why?**

Annalise Depper (Public Engagement with Research Evaluation Officer, University of Oxford). I work with researchers at Oxford who are engaging the public through their research and support

researchers to explore and evidence the impact of their engagement activities.

I was particularly interested in collaborating with the Zooniverse Planet Hunters team, as they are working on an innovative citizen science project that is constantly expanding and making scientific research more accessible. At the University of Oxford, Zooniverse is one of our most long-standing public engagement with research projects that involves, engages and collaborates with members of the public in a very unique way.

I am interested in finding out what impact does the platform have on its volunteer community? What are the benefits and potential challenges? And how can Planet Hunters become even more inclusive of its growing, diverse community? This survey will help us explore your thoughts and experiences, and we look forward to sharing the results with the Planet Hunters community. If you would like to add any additional comments or thoughts, please feel free to email me at: [annaleise.depper@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:annaleise.depper@admin.ox.ac.uk). Find out more about Oxford's Public Engagement with Research team [here](#).

## Page 2: Your Planet Hunters experience

1. How would you rate your experience of Planet Hunters?

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Below average
- Poor

2. How often do you volunteer on Planet Hunters?

- Daily
- Several times a week
- Once a week
- 2-3 times a month
- Once a month
- Less than once a month
- Only once
- Not sure
- Other

2.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

3. For what reasons do you engage in Planet Hunters? (select all that apply)

- I enjoy learning about astronomy

- I want to contribute to scientific research
- I am interested in searching for new planets
- I enjoy meeting other people with similar interests
- I am interested in astronomy research
- I am interested in science
- I find it entertaining
- Other

3.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

4. Did you learn anything through taking part in Planet Hunters?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

4.a. If yes, what did you learn?

4.b. If no or maybe, please tell us why.

5. Is there anything that prevents you spending time on Planet Hunters?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

5.a. If yes, please explain what prevents you spending time on Planet Hunters?

6. Do you use Planet Hunters Talk? ([Planet Hunters Talk](#) is an online chat forum for discussion about Zooniverse Planet Hunters)

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

6.a. If yes, why do you use Planet Hunters Talk? (select all that apply)

- To have a question answered
- To post something interesting you have found
- To talk to a researcher
- To talk to other volunteers

Other

6.a.i. If you selected Other, please specify:

6.b. If no, why do you not use Planet Hunters Talk? (select all that apply)

- I did not know it existed
- It does not interest me
- I do not have the time
- It is not helpful to me
- Other

6.b.i. If you selected Other, please specify:

7. Do you promote or share Planet Hunters with others?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

## Page 3: Planet Hunters, and beyond

8. Since engaging in Planet Hunters, have you volunteered in other projects on Zooniverse?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

8.a. If yes, please select any other Zooniverse projects you have volunteered in, since engaging in Planet Hunters.

- 1961 Census
- African American Civil War Soldiers
- Agent NEO
- Amazon Aerobotany
- AmazonCam Tambopata
- Amazo'N'Oil
- AnnoTate
- Anti-Slavery Manuscripts
- Arizona BatWatch
- Asteroid Zoo
- Astro-Ecology
- Astronomy Rewind
- Backyard Worlds: Planet 9
- Bash the Bug
- Bat Detective
- Battling Birds
- Beluga Bits
- Brain Match
- Calgary Captured
- Camera CATalogue

- Canid Camera
- Cedar Creek: Eyes on the Wild
- Cell Slider
- Cheetahs of Central Namibia
- Chicago Wildlife Watch
- Chimp & See
- Colorado Corridors Project
- Comet Hunters
- Computer Vision: Serengeti
- Condor Watch
- COSMIC
- Count flowers for bees
- Cyclone Center
- Danish Butterflies and Moths 2020 Challenge
- Decoding Punch Cards
- Decoding the Civil War
- Disk Detective
- Earthquake Detective
- Elephant Expedition
- eMammal
- Emigrant City
- Etch a Cell
- Exoplanet Explorers
- Floating Forests
- Floating Forests v1
- Focus on Wildlife -- Cleveland Metroparks
- Fossil Atmospheres
- Fossil Finder
- Galaxy Builder
- Galaxy Nurseries
- Galaxy Zoo
- Galaxy Zoo: 3D



- Gravity Spy
- Grouse Grooves
- Hawk Talk
- Higgs Hunters
- Hubble's Hot Stars
- HumBug
- Identify New Zealand animals
- Interior Least Tern and Piping Plover Predators
- Invader ID
- Jungle Rhythms
- Lakeside Dark Data
- Leaf Targeting
- League of Nations in the Digital Age
- Local Group Cluster Search
- London Bird Records
- Manatee Chat
- Mapping Change
- Measuring the ANZACs
- Michigan ZoomIN
- Microscopy Masters
- Milky Way Project
- Monkey Health Explorer
- Moon Zoo
- Muon Hunter
- Mutual Muses
- Nebraska Wildlife Watch
- Notes from Nature
- Numbat Discovery
- Old Weather
- Operation War Diary
- Orangutan Nest Watch

- Orchid Observers
- Parasite Safari
- Parochial Archive Project in Rome
- Pattern Perception
- PELlcams
- Penguin Watch
- Planet 9
- Planetary Response Network & Rescue Global: Caribbean Storms 2017
- Planet Four
- Planet Four: Ridges
- Planet Four: Terrains
- Plankton Portal
- Poppin' Galaxy
- Project Plumage
- Protect Our Planet From Solar Storms
- Radio Galaxy Zoo
- Radio Meteor Zoo
- Rainforest Flowers
- Reading Nature's Library
- Roll The Credits
- Science Gossip
- Science Scribbler
- Science Scribbler: Virus Factory
- SCOTUS Notes: Behind the Scenes at Supreme Court Conference
- Scribes of the Cairo Geniza
- Seabirdwatch
- Season Spotter Image Marking
- Season Spotter Questions
- Serengeti Wildebeest Count
- Shakespeare's World
- Snapshot APNR
- Snapshot Gondwana

- Snapshot Grumeti
- Snapshot Hoge Veluwe
- Snapshot Karoo
- Snapshot Mariri
- Snapshot Mountain Zebra
- Snapshot Pilanesberg
- Snapshot Ruaha
- Snapshots at Sea
- Snapshot Serengeti
- Snapshot Wisconsin
- Snow Spotter
- Solar Stormwatch II
- Sounds of New York City (SONYC)
- Southern Weather Discovery
- South Sudan DiversityCam
- Space Warps - HSC
- Steelpan Vibrations
- Steller Watch
- Sunspotter
- Supernova Hunters
- Supernova Sighting
- SuperWASP Variable Stars
- The American Soldier
- The Community Seagrass Initiative - Seagrass Explorer
- The Hunt for Galaxy Clusters
- The Plastic Tide
- The Wilds' Wildlife Watch
- Toledo Zoo Wild Shots
- TreeVersity
- Understanding Animal Faces
- Unearthing Michigan Ecological Data

- Variable Star Zoo
- Weather Rescue
- Weather Rescue Ben Nevis
- Weather Rescue DWR
- Weddell Seal Count
- Western Montana Wildlife
- Western Shield " Camera Watch
- Whale FM
- Whales as Individuals
- Where are my body organs?
- WildCam Dariñ
- WildCam Gorongosa
- Wildwatch Kenya
- Wild Wolf Watch
- Worm Watch Lab
- Zen of Dragons
- Zwicky's Quirky Transients

## Page 4: Demographic information

Please complete the following demographic information to help us understand who is engaging with the Planet Hunters platform.

If you do not wish to provide this information please leave the answers blank.

9. What country do you live in?

10. What is your highest level of education?

- No formal education
- Secondary/ high school equivalent
- Vocational training (i.e. job-specific training leading to a certificate or diploma)
- Bachelor's degree (e.g. BA, BS)
- Master's degree (e.g. MSc, MA, MRes)
- PhD or other advanced professional degree
- Prefer not to answer
- Other

10.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

11. What is your current employment status?

- Employed (full time)
- Employed (part time)
- Retired
- Student
- Unemployed, looking for work
- Unemployed, not looking for work
- Other

11.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

12. Please describe your occupation

13. Do you have a background in science?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not sure
- Other

13.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

14. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65-74 years old
- 75 years or older
- Prefer not to answer

15. What best describes your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe

15.a. Prefer to self-describe (please write below):

## Page 5: Final thoughts

16. Since engaging in Planet Hunters, have there been any changes or events in your life as a result of volunteering on the platform?

17. Do you have any advice for us to make Planet Hunters more engaging?

18. Would you like to tell us anything further about your experience of Planet Hunters or Zooniverse?



## Page 6: Your consent

### Thank you for completing this survey

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19. I consent to the use of my responses in this evaluation. \* *Required*

- Yes
- No

# Page 7: Final page

Thank you for completing this survey. Your response has been recorded.

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## Key for selection options

### 9 - What country do you live in?

Afghanistan  
Akrotiri  
Albania  
Algeria  
American Samoa  
Andorra  
Angola  
Anguilla  
Antarctica  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Aruba  
Ashmore and Cartier Islands  
Australia  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Bahamas, The  
Bahrain  
Bangladesh  
Barbados  
Bassas da India  
Belarus  
Belgium  
Belize  
Benin  
Bermuda  
Bhutan  
Bolivia  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Botswana  
Bouvet Island  
Brazil  
British Indian Ocean Territory  
British Virgin Islands  
Brunei  
Bulgaria  
Burkina Faso  
Burma  
Burundi  
Cambodia  
Cameroon  
Canada  
Cape Verde  
Cayman Islands  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Chile  
China  
Christmas Island  
Clipperton Island  
Cocos (Keeling) Islands  
Colombia  
Comoros  
Congo, Democratic Republic of the  
Congo, Republic of the  
Cook Islands  
Coral Sea Islands  
Costa Rica  
Cote d'Ivoire  
Croatia  
Cuba  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Dhekelia  
Djibouti  
Dominica  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador

Egypt  
El Salvador  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Europa Island  
Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)  
Faroe Islands  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
French Guiana  
French Polynesia  
French Southern and Antarctic Lands  
Gabon  
Gambia, The  
Gaza Strip  
Georgia  
Germany  
Ghana  
Gibraltar  
Glorioso Islands  
Greece  
Greenland  
Grenada  
Guadeloupe  
Guam  
Guatemala  
Guernsey  
Guinea  
Guinea-Bissau  
Guyana  
Haiti  
Heard Island and McDonald Islands  
Holy See (Vatican City)  
Honduras  
Hong Kong  
Hungary  
Iceland

India  
Indonesia  
Iran  
Iraq  
Ireland  
Isle of Man  
Israel  
Italy  
Jamaica  
Jan Mayen  
Japan  
Jersey  
Jordan  
Juan de Nova Island  
Kazakhstan  
Kenya  
Kiribati  
Korea, North  
Korea, South  
Kuwait  
Kyrgyzstan  
Laos  
Latvia  
Lebanon  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Libya  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Macau  
Macedonia  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Malaysia  
Maldives  
Mali  
Malta  
Marshall Islands  
Martinique

Mauritania  
Mauritius  
Mayotte  
Mexico  
Micronesia, Federated States of  
Moldova  
Monaco  
Mongolia  
Montenegro  
Montserrat  
Morocco  
Mozambique  
Namibia  
Nauru  
Navassa Island  
Nepal  
Netherlands  
Netherlands Antilles  
New Caledonia  
New Zealand  
Nicaragua  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Niue  
Norfolk Island  
Northern Mariana Islands  
Norway  
Oman  
Pakistan  
Palau  
Panama  
Papua New Guinea  
Paracel Islands  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Philippines  
Pitcairn Islands  
Poland  
Portugal  
Puerto Rico

Qatar  
Reunion  
Romania  
Russia  
Rwanda  
Saint Helena  
Saint Kitts and Nevis  
Saint Lucia  
Saint Pierre and Miquelon  
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
Samoa  
San Marino  
Sao Tome and Principe  
Saudi Arabia  
Senegal  
Serbia  
Seychelles  
Sierra Leone  
Singapore  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Solomon Islands  
Somalia  
South Africa  
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands  
Spain  
Spratly Islands  
Sri Lanka  
Sudan  
Suriname  
Svalbard  
Swaziland  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Syria  
Taiwan  
Tajikistan  
Tanzania  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste

Togo  
Tokelau  
Tonga  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tromelin Island  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Turkmenistan  
Turks and Caicos Islands  
Tuvalu  
Uganda  
Ukraine  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom  
United States  
Uruguay  
Uzbekistan  
Vanuatu  
Venezuela  
Vietnam  
Virgin Islands  
Wake Island  
Wallis and Futuna  
West Bank  
Western Sahara  
Yemen  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

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