

Planting the Seed for Citizen Science: Climate Change and Phenology Workshops for Educators and Scientists in Southern California

Have you been wondering about ways to integrate climate change education into your classroom? Come to a free, one-day workshop focused on phenology (the study of seasonal timing of life events, such as when a flower blooms in the spring), citizen science, and climate change to find out how! The Phenology Stewardship Program at the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) is offering a series of workshops in partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (NRA) that will provide the opportunity to learn about phenology, its relationship to climate change, and how scientists - including student scientists! - can monitor phenology and contribute to a national effort to collect information on climate change and to monitor its pace in California.

Educators, scientists, and citizen scientists are invited to attend a day of hands-on activities, discussion, and designing new classroom & outdoor activities customized for your students. Meet new friends and colleagues, and initiate this novel and creative formal and informal science education effort in your school, park, club, or neighborhood.



The **August 14, 2009** workshop will be tailored to serve formal and informal environmental educators in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. If you cannot attend on this date, please let us know of your interest and we will do our best to provide you with alternative dates in September or October, 2009. The educator phenology workshop will be held at the Santa Monica Mountains NRA Headquarters in Thousand Oaks and will include an afternoon field trip to the NRA Satwiwa Native American Culture Center. Lunch will be provided. Please join us on **August 14, 2009** from **9am to 3pm!**

Please RSVP by August 1 (space is limited!):

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