

Schoolyard Ecology Webinars & Resources

2020 Spring Workshop Session 1: Teacher Lightning Round, Discussion of Remote Outreach, and Teacher Recognition Ceremony

- **Recorded Zoom Session:** https://harvard.zoom.us/rec/share/3ZBvHe-p6Xpla7fs5UXbQ5F_GZjmeaa81XJM8_JZnh6MptQ3xNkVFs_G_ZPvaUN8
- [Lightning Round Presentation Slides](#)
- [Teacher Recognition Presentation Slides](#)

Remote Learning Resources Recommended by Teachers in Session 1

- Student-friendly online tree/shrub identification keys (shared by Michael McCarthy):
 - [GoBotany Simple Key](#)
 - [Arbor Day Foundation's What Tree Is That? Online](#)
 - [Trees of Massachusetts](#) by [iNaturalist](#)
- [GooseChase](#) is an app to create scavenger hunts, using some tree id and observation skills, while getting kids outside (shared by Kim McMaken-Marsh)
- [NEWSELA](#): to assign optional reading to environmental science students, currently free for educators (shared by Melanie McCracken)
- [KamiApp](#) – works with Chromebooks to edit PDF files, currently free for educators and students (shared by Elicia Andrews)
- [Instagram: OMaleyAteScience](#) – includes local nature photographs and questions by teachers and students (shared by Dan Thomases)
- [Elementary Phenology Podcast](#) – Developed by Marjorie Porter at Connecticut Audubon, to be used as part of a plant life-cycle outreach unit for at-home learners.
- [Westwood 2020 Yard Challenge](#) by teacher Michael McCarthy has students participating in a biodiversity study in their neighborhoods.
- A summary of how and why to bring branches indoors to grow: [“Forcing Branches”](#) (shared by Laura Schofield). Pamela Snow recommends using the [Budburst Preview lesson by GLOBE](#) to complement this.
- Jane Lucia assigns her students to use the [Harvard Forest online graphing tool](#) to create graphs of the growing season for their study trees.

2020 Spring Workshop Session 2: Buds Presentation by Project Ecologist John O'Keefe

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- [O'Keefe presentation slides](#)