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Anthropology 130 Extra Credit - Chimp&See.org

10 points maximum

Citizen science is the name given to programs that allow the public to contribute to scientific research. One citizen science project is called Chimp&See (get it?). Volunteers can view short video clips taken from motion-sensitive wildlife cameras in Africa and attempt to identify any animals that are visible. Who knows what you could see!

Part One

1. Optional: Watch my tutorial video here: <https://youtu.be/zuwhBkl-YfA>
2. Go to the Chimp&See website: <http://www.chimpandsee.org>
3. Click on the green “Get Started” button to proceed.
4. Follow the instructions to understand the interface and the procedure.
5. For each video clip, mark any visible animals and their behavior. Do not worry about being wrong since many volunteers will see each clip to reach a consensus. Make your best guess for each one.
6. Make notes about what you saw to help you complete this assignment.

Part Two

After viewing at least 25 clips, you can proceed with the assignment. Try to have at least one primate sighting, though this may not happen due to chance. Write at least a paragraph about what you saw, answering each of the following questions if applicable:

1. What types of environments did you see?
2. What primates did you see?
3. What primate behaviors did you witness?
4. What other animals did you see living in the same environment?
5. What surprised you about what you saw?

Your writeup should be at least 300 words. Turn in your completed assignment on Blackboard by the due date.

Grading

A full score will be given to a reflection that addresses all of the required points. The breakdown of the assigned score are:

- Addresses the requirements in Part Two in detail (8 points)
- College level writing: free from spelling and grammatical problems (2 points)

Conclusion

Chimp&See is very addictive! I urge you to continue with the project if you find it enjoyable since your effort goes toward a great cause. Your instructor has viewed over 900 clips. He has seen leopards, elephants, porcupines, warthogs, and of course many monkeys and chimpanzees.



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