

*These Trees Tell a Story* is based on a college course Dr. Charney taught, which in turn was based on courses taught in the University of Vermont Field Naturalist Program. Why should you consider adopting this teaching model? Well, here's what students have to say. These are actual student quotes from the end-of-semester anonymous evaluations of Charney's course, which was called simply "Field Naturalist."

"Field Naturalist is the best and most influential course I have ever taken at college or anticipate taking in my next two years... This course has given me so much more than a set of facts or general knowledge. It has permanently changed the ways in which I interact with others and the natural world."

"Field Naturalist was, by far, the best class I have ever taken. It exceeded all expectations and more. Over only one semester, it changed my course of studies and directions for the future."

"Never before have I been a part of a class that was so enriching and encouraging of my own independent thought."

"This was the best course I have ever taken in any school experience, hands down. The class was engaging and experiential and I came away from it learning so much more than I could have in a classroom."

"Field Naturalist was the most fun and exciting class I've taken at college, while keeping me equally if not more engaged in learning than I have been in any other class... This class stimulated my fascination with the natural world and I hope our college will offer more classes like it in the future."

"This was truly an outstanding course."

"I learned to understand the interconnectedness of everything... there should be more classes like this in the future."

"Field Naturalist - which involved no classroom time, just field trips - was an excellent course... I had a great time and learned a tremendous amount about the natural world; this class was an invaluable experience for all involved."

"This was the best class I have ever taken. It should be a staple in the college curriculum"

"This is the best class I have taken in my time at college.... I can't imagine this class not being taught next year"