

Why We Continue the Field Reporter Activities? –Introduction of Our Reports and Field Works-

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Field Reporter is a team to survey and report on a wide range of subjects about living things and traditional culture in Shiga prefecture (e.g. distribution of bagworms, little grebes and traffic safety signboards). Main activity is twice-a-year survey and the team has continued doing field works and summarizing the results for reports for more than 20 years. The team consists of Field Reporter Staffs (FRSs) and Field Reporter Members (FRMs). FRSs send survey sheets to FRMs. FRMs survey in their fields and reply the sheets. Anyone can participate these activities regardless of age, knowledge or experience. We have published more than 50 reports during the past two decades. In our presentation, we introduce some of the surveys and results from the reports. In every surveys, we found new discoveries in various fields such as signs of climate change, breeding ecology of birds and safety management in Shiga prefecture. Discovery is the source of motivation of Field Reporters' activities and every survey we can discover something new. This is why we continue the surveys in the fields and creating reports now. In such a point, there is worth participating Field Reporters' activities rather than achieving the clear results of testing hypotheses.