

FOSSIL ATMOSPHERES

Partner with Smithsonian scientists
to understand ancient climates



This August, we need
you to send us leaves
from your community!

Leaves can reflect the environmental conditions they grow in. We are studying leaves from Ginkgo trees growing now, and fossil leaves that grew millions of years ago. This will help us understand what the climate was like at different times in Earth's history.

We need the help of citizen scientists to gather and send us leaves from their communities, across North America.

Fossil Atmospheres is a National Science Foundation project based out of the National Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.

Learn how to get started!
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