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For classroom use a digital game camera is desired for ease of sharing data. Due to the price of these cameras securing funding for them is important. I currently have four Predator Evolution Cameras. Together they would cost more than \$1600. Therefore I wrote grants to several different entities. In the description I described that the cameras would take pictures of wildlife without human presence twenty four hours a day. This data would provide a wealth of knowledge for students. To more easily receive grant money, I personally contacted Predator and they gave me a cost discount to show the committees that there was a cost share present. This usually always helps in grant funding. It is important to note for those planning on stepping into this endeavor to consider power supply. Some game cameras, especially with flash will go through batteries on a weekly basis. My cameras are infrared with no flash and I have been able to get over 500 pictures on the same set of ten AA batteries. Cameras should be placed on highly used game trails or a location where some sort of attractant can be used dependent upon state and local regulations. Cameras should be placed slightly below waist level to a tree within five feet of the intended target area. Cameras should be secured to trees with locks on preferably on public land.