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**Pittsburgh Screening of Documentary Questions What It Means to be a Scientist**  
*Phipps Conservatory monthly event addresses climate change, biodiversity and conservation*

**Pittsburgh, Pa.** – [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) will screen the documentary *Field Biologist* on Wed., July 21 from 7 – 9 p.m. as part of its monthly Environmental Film Series. Attendance to these screenings is free with regular admission, but tickets are required.

The film, directed by Jared Flesher, follows precocious 22-year-old Tyler Christensen as he travels to Costa Rica to save the critically endangered mangrove hummingbird, despite his own lack of scientific credentials. As it tours the stunning Monteverde and Nicoya Peninsula, the film explores some of the most pressing challenges to Earth’s biodiversity. It also raises probing questions about our role in this story: What makes someone a scientist? What risks are worth taking? What should we do with our lives?

A post-screening discussion will be led by Phipps’ Research Outreach Coordinator, Maria Wheeler-Dubas, an expert in wildlife population and conservation. Viewers will ponder the film’s toughest questions about climate change, habitat destruction and humans’ place in the conservation effort.

Environmental Film Series screenings take place on the third Friday of each month from 7 – 9 p.m. in Phipps Conservatory’s Botany Hall Auditorium. Tickets to the screening will be distributed in the Welcome Center from 5 p.m. To learn more, visit [phipps.conservatory.org](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

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**About Phipps:** Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: [phipps.conservatory.org](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

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