

Lower Lake Erie CSI & Summit Wildlife Mortality Study

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Set up account:

1. Go to web address
2. Choose SIGN UP button
3. Fill in USER NAME, EMAIL address and PASSWORD
4. Choose SIGN UP button again at bottom of page

Sign-in to www.inaturalist.org

1. Go to web address
2. Choose SIGN IN button in upper right corner
3. Enter your USER name and PASSWORD
4. You are now logged on

Choose Projects to participate in:

1. Go to PROJECTS tab on top of screen
2. Browse projects and choose projects you would like to add data to
 - a. Lower Lake Erie Citizen Science Inventory
 - b. Summit Wildlife Mortality Study
 - c. Ohio Bio Blitz



3. Choose the Project and SIGN UP FOR THIS PROJECT button in the top right corner.
4. Agree to the terms and choose YES I WANT TO JOIN THIS PROJECT button.

NEXT:

Download the smart phone app on your apple or android phone. Use the App Store (iPhone) or the Play Store (Android Phone) to find the iNaturalist Application and download it to your phone. The logo looks like: (once downloaded, you can add observations through your smartphone and upload them to the iNaturalist website.)



How to Add an Observation to the iNaturalist website:

Adding Observations:

It is easiest to add observation via your PC directly on a PROJECT page.

1. Once you are signed in, go to your name in the top corner of the screen
 - a. EX: mperdicas
2. Under Your Profile choose PROJECTS
3. Choose the project you want to enter data to
4. Once on the project's page, choose ADD OBSERVATION
5. WHAT DID YOU SEE? Type the species name (common name or scientific name)
 - a. When you press enter, it will give you species options, select the correct species
 - b. Check ID PLEASE button if you need help with the observation you made

6. You may add a DESCRIPTION if you wish
7. WHERE DID YOU SEE IT? Zoom into the map to find the location where you saw the species and click on the map in that location.
8. ADD PHOTO from a file on your computer if you have one
9. CHANGE GEO-PRIVACY
 - a. Open – anyone can see the record
 - b. Obscured- estimated location of the record
 - c. Private – only you and administrator of project can see the location of the record
10. Choose SAVE or SAVE AND ADD ANOTHER
 - a. Choose SAVE AND ADD ANOTHER if you are adding another observation for the same location because it saves your current location.

Other ways to add observations:

In the top corner of ADD OBSERVATIONS page you can choose

1. ADD BATCH – this allows you to provide a laundry list of species from one location
2. ADD FROM LIST – allows you to add observations from a list you’ve already created
3. ADD IMPORT – allows you to add observations from you FLICKR or PICASA account

Project Page

- Can assist with identifications
- Can view CHECKLIST (species documented for project to date)
- Can view BROWSE SPECIES GUIDE (all possible species for study area)
- Can view other observations for project and other users

Your Profile Page

- Edit your PROFILE
- View your OBSERVATIONS and add them to projects
- Look at your LIFE LIST, Add other LISTS
- Add JOURNAL entries
- Follow other iNaturalist users
- Follow dates you’ve entered observations on your CALENDAR

Learn More

- Check out the SPECIES tab from the home page
- Click on a species that has been identified for you or the project for details about that species
- Browse other projects or observations from around the world

SPECIAL NOTES:

- You can add data anywhere on the planet, and participate in any projects.
- For the Lower Lake Erie CSI project your observation needs to be within the project boundaries to include the data.
- Please provide photos whenever possible. This adds value to the observation.
- Contact Marlo or Ramsey: mperdicas@summitmetroparks.org/rlangford@summitmetroparks.org