iNaturalist

and the South Wonston 2023 BioBlitz

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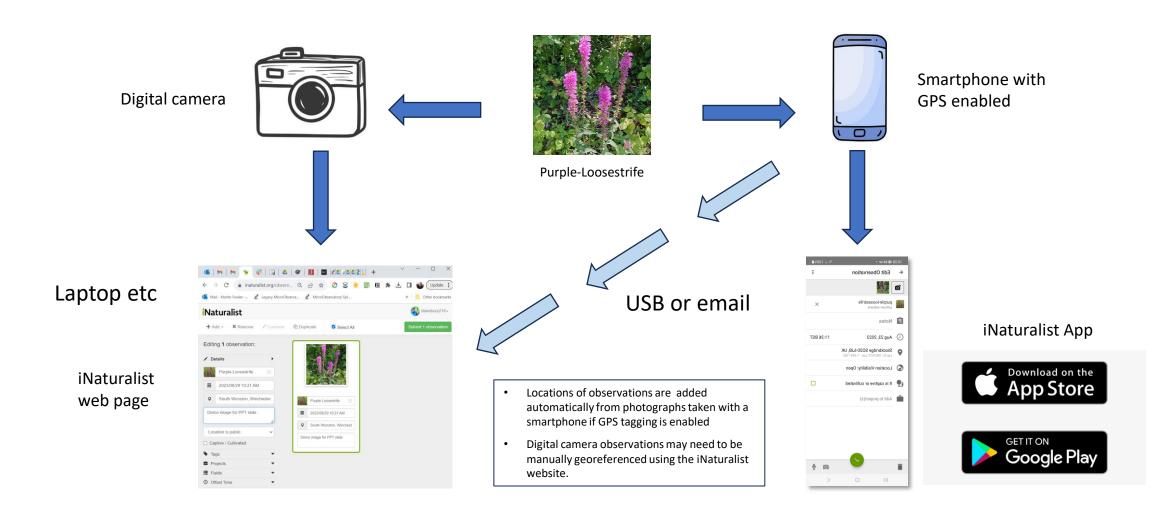


iNaturalist

- Began in 2008 as a University of California Berkeley student project
- Evolved into an online social network of people sharing biodiversity information
- Now a non-profit joint initiative between the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society
- Currently:
 - 3.2 million registered users worldwide
 - 173,598,582 observations reported to date
 - 4,592,213 observations from the UK
- Chosen for use in the South Wonston 2023 BioBlitz because it is free of charge and easy to use



Making observations is easy...

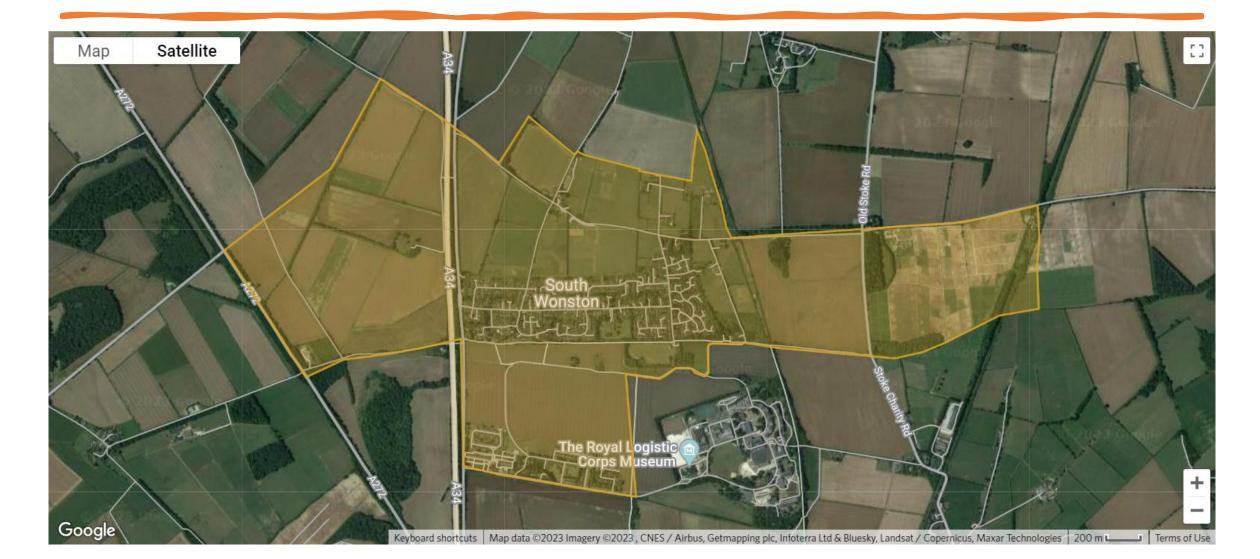


What to observe

- Whatever is interesting to you!
 - Plants, animal, birds, insects, lichen ... whatever!
 - But try to avoid domesticated species (e.g. garden plants, domestic animals)
- Diversity is important.
 - Look for things you personally haven't yet observed.
- Make multiple observations of the same species if they are in different locations.
- Try to take several photographs of one object to show different features — bark, leaves, seeds, flowers, etc.
- Don't worry if you don't know what it is.
 - iNaturalist will suggest possible species for you.

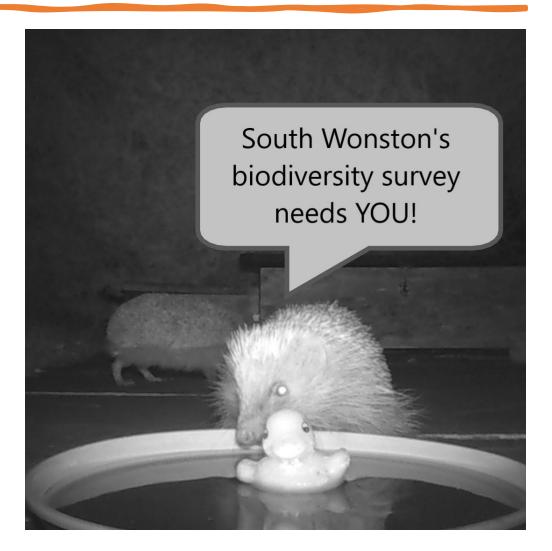


Where to observe

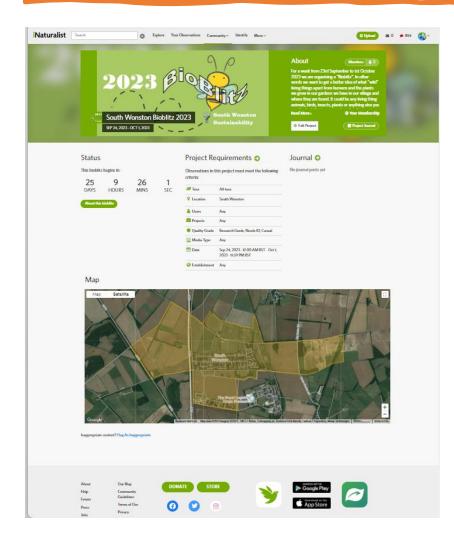


When to observe

- Observations made between 24
 September and 01 October will contribute directly to the BioBlitz.
 - Observations made at other times will contribute to the overall survey of South Wonston's biodiversity.
- So please continue to make observations throughout the year!



View your observation on the project site



Link to website:

https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/south-wonston-bioblitz-2023



Above all, enjoy the BioBlitz!