



Nature Observer Workshop



BE A CITIZEN SCIENTIST WITH iNATURALIST!

STEP 1: Take some cool photos of animals, plants and fungi IN NATURE (these should not be photos of your pets or plants in pots or in your garden).

- Make sure to take a couple photo from different angles.
- Include a size reference, if necessary.
- Make sure to get as close as safely possible.
- Make sure the photo is in focus.
- Photos that are not of proper quality may be removed from database.

STEP 2: Select photos to submit. Use this checklist to determine if your photos are appropriate:

- ☐ You personally took the photo (it was not downloaded from a website).
- ☐ This photo is of an organism in nature (it is not a pet, potted plant or something planted in my garden).
- ☐ This photo is of a single individual or individuals of the same species.
- ☐ The organism is obvious.
- ☐ The photo is in focus.

STEP 3: Download the iNaturalist app on a phone or tablet or open the iNaturalist website www.inaturalist.org (make sure you have your parents' permission).

STEP 4: Create your own account with a parent or sign in with our account:

Username: DSCGirlScouts

Password: DSCGirlScouts

STEP 5: Add OBSERVATIONS by uploading your photos (do one organism at a time, but include multiple photos if you have them).

STEP 6: View suggestions to try to figure out what you saw. If it looks right, select the suggestion. Reviewers will often verify the observation. If you are not sure, you can submit without an identification.

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STEP 7: If your photo app has the location tracker enabled, the location of the photo will be automatically included in the submission. If you are taking photos in your yard, you can click GEOPRIVACY before your submit (or edit it later) so it does not give the exact location where the photo was taken. You can also do this after you submit the photos by editing the submission at any time.

STEP 8: Select PROJECTS and select Discover Science Girl Scout Project to be added to our database (if you can not select it, it probably means it will automatically share it there). If you are using your own personal iNaturalist account, you will have to search for our group name and join before you can share it to the project. You can also do this after you submit the photos by editing the submission at any time.

STEP 9: Submit the submission by clicking SHARE.

STEP 10: Use the EXPLORE (app) or BROWSE OBSERVATIONS (website) functions to view submissions from others.

STEP 11: Select PROJECTS (website) and click on Discover Science Girl Scout Project to see what other Girl Scouts around the world have submitted to our project.

STEP 12: Check back after a few days to see if anyone has verified the identification of your organism to create a research-grade submission.

WELL DONE GIRL SCOUTS!!

**YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
WITH YOUR PHOTO SUBMISSION!**