Texas Nature Trackers and iNaturalist Workshop

Presented by Craig Hensley, Texas Nature Trackers Biologist

TX A&M Agrilife Bexar County Extension Office





Tuesday, March 31, 2020

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The Agenda:

10-11:30 a.m.

- Introduction to Texas Nature Trackers & Collection Projects (20 minutes)
- Introduction to the iNaturalist app and website (70 minutes) 11:30-12:30 p.m.
- Break for lunch and backyard iNaturalist observing 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- Questions from practice session (20 minutes)
- Live Review of iNaturalist website including downloading images from camera (60 minutes)
- City Nature Challenge getting involved (10 minutes)





Texas Nature Trackers, part of TPWD's Wildlife Diversity Program, helps track the status of wild populations of plants and animals throughout Texas.

Texas Nature Trackers brings together community/citizen scientists of all backgrounds and interests to actively engage in collecting those data.

Your participation is a great way for you to learn more about the biodiversity of the state while contributing to TPWD's research and conservation efforts.



Texas Nature Trackers Program



Texas Conservation Action Plan

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- The Texas Conservation Action Plan provides a roadmap to recover our Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)*
- More than 12,000 SGCN nation-wide
- 1,300+ SGCN in Texas





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State/Multi-Region HANDBOOK September 2012

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Goal: Move high quality, robust citizen science data into the Texas Natural Diversity Database



iNaturalist Projects

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Collect data on wide variety of native plants & animals throughout Texas Species of Greatest Conservation Need





planning & research



What is a SGCN?

A Species of Greatest Conservation **Need** is a native plant or animal that is "declining or rare and in need of attention to recover or to prevent the need to list under state or federal regulation."



How Does a Plant or Animal Become a Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)?



Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

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Who are our SGCNs?



1,310 birds, mammals, herps, fishes, invertebrates, & plants



Camera Trap Loan Program

- Game camera kits available to check out for **chapter projects**
- Application form
- Species of Greatest Conservation Need mammal targets will be given priority
- Results must be shared with Texas Nature Trackers iNaturalist projects

Good Water Texas Master Naturalists deploying cameras in the field July 2019



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Urban Loggerhead Shrike Nests Project









Collect data on status and fate of urban Loggerhead Shrike nests

Owner: tania.homayoun_TPWD Created: 2/7/20 Last modified: 2/7/20

The objective of this project is to obtain productivity and mortality data that can be used to help identify sources of Loggerhead Shrike declines. Tracking nests makes it possible to identify whether this life stage is a source of population decline due to site-specific variables. This information can then be used to target management efforts designed to mitigate Loggerhead Shrike declines. This template includes all XLSForm features supported in Survey123 for ArcGIS.





Overview of TNT Website





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Texas Milkweeds for Monarchs

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Milkweeds in the genus Asclepias are important for Monarch conservation, help us document when and where different species of milkweeds can be found in Texas. Through this project, we hope to:

- 1. Document the importance of planted and wild milkweeds (Asclepias spp.) to monarchs in Texas.
- 2. Document the distribution of native, wild milkweed in Texas.

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3. Quantify the changing importance of different milkweed species to monarch caterpillars throughout the year.



Learn about the Monarch Butterfly Texas Milkweeds Identification Guide PDF

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Identification of Milkweeds in Texas

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Curation Call for January Data Pull

Hello Herps of Texas curators! Texas Nature Trackers Biologists Craig and Tania are calling on all our fellow curators and managers for the Herps of Texas project to help curate sightings between now and Friday, January 17, 2020, in advance of a data pull. We are working with the Texas Natural Diversity Database (TXNDD) team to update records for SGONs documented within this project.

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About

The purpose of this project is to enhance our understanding of the distribution of reptiles and amphibians in Texas. Our highest priority





2012-Feb 2017: ~41,000 total obs. ~2,200 into TXNDD

Feb 2017-May 2018: ~65,000 total obs. ~1,600 into TXNDD

~3,800 records of tracked herp species added

2019-20: ~1,500 new SGCN records have been curated





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information on the location and status of Bald state of Texas. As eagle populations recover, successful they are in fledging young. If you season, with weekly visits, this information can ...more 1







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Target Species



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Coccyzus americanus (Yellow-billed Cuckoo) Needs ID

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Nature Trackers Targets



Target Species Edwards Plateau Ecoregion

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The Strength of Texas Nature Trackers and iNaturalist: Tracking Spotted Skunks



Importance of Citizen Science Data

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- Research on spotted skunk distribution in Texas
- Researchers used rapid assessment methods (camera traps, track plates, and live traps) in 10 counties
 - -8,000 device nights
 - —12 detections in 4 counties
 (0.15% detection rate, or 1 skunk
 per 672 device nights)

Eastern Spotted Skunk

Spilogale putorius

Request went out for crowdsourced data and sightings in Jan 2016, including an iNaturalist project

85 records submitted

24 confirmed Eastern spotted skunks in 21counties (including 6 county records)80 additional data points





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"iNaturalist is an online social network of people sharing biodiversity information to help each other learn about nature."

Two Primary Goals of iNaturalist:

- **1. Connect people to nature.**
- 2. To generate scientifically valuable biodiversity data from users personal encounters with nature.



History of iNaturalist

Welcome Page

Sketches



Interaction Flow

http://courses.ischool.berkeley.edu/i213/s07/projects/natura list/trac.inaturalist.org/wiki/UIAssignment3.html



Record your observations

Share with fellow naturalists

Discuss your findings



How iNaturalist Works

Who you are

You'll need to make an iNaturalist account and please only post your own personal observations

Where you saw it

Record both the coordinates of the encounter as well as their accuracy. You can obscure the location from the public

What you saw

Choose a group of organisms like **butterflies** or better yet a specific organism like the **Monarch butterfly**. If you provide evidence you can leave this blank and the **community can help**

When you saw it

Record the date of your encounter, not the date you post it to iNaturalist

Evidence of what you saw

By including evidence like a **photo or sound**, the community can help add, improve, or confirm the identification of the organism you encountered. Help the community by taking clear well framed photos, by including multiple photos from different angles



Current state of iNaturalist Globally*



www.inaturalist.org/stats

*as of 30 March 2020


Current state of iNaturalist North America*



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iNaturalist in Texas*

 ${\sim}8\%$ of global observations logged in Texas; 11% of NA total



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Getting Started with iNaturalist



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Getting Started: an Create Account

From your computer: www.inaturalist.org







If you already have an iNat account...

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Getting Started: Create an Account

From your Phone (1st download the app):





Overview of the iNaturalist Webpage





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Anas acuta Northern Pintail ✓ Agree



Steatoda nobilis Noble False Widow ✓ Agree





Nymphalis antiopa Mourning Cloak

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Genus Russula

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Blue-fronted Dancer

Brittlegills



Genus Dudleya Liveforever



Superfamily Helicoidea

Garberia heterophylla

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Helicoid Land Snails



Anolis carolinensis

Green Anole

✓ Agree

Philotes sonorensis

Sonoran Blue

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Since 2012 monthly butterfly surveys have been taking place at Guadalupe River State Park. These efforts co... View your observations »

Cibolo Nature Center iNaturalist Training and mini-bioblitz

This project is part of the on-going CNC Fall Wildlife Field Research Week. We'll begin with a introduction ... View your observations »



eButterfly North America Check out eButterfly www.e-butterfly.org! A

real-time, online checklist program, e-Butterfly.org aims to re... View your observations »



Freshwater Mussels of Texas

Guide to photographing mussels: http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_dive



Caterpillars of Eastern North America The goal of this project is to collect observations of caterpillars from Eastern

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North America. Please help... View your observations »



City Nature Challenge 2018: San Antonio

Join Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Master Naturalists, the Audubon Society, and many others in a fun chal ... View your observations »







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FY 19 BioBlitz Projects Summary

This is a summary of the Bioblitz events that xas_nation_inent/theroughout Texas in FY19 in

Pollinator Bioblitz Training and Kickoff

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Projects

Projects let you pool your observations with other people on iNaturalist. Whether you're starting a citizen science effort or keeping tabs on the birds in your neighborhood, Projects are the way to go.



Anage Your Projects -

Butterflies













Environment Recovery Project



Environment Recovery



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Butterflies

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Brian Patrick's moths and butterflies of New Zealand

This project contains the moth and butterfly observations made by New Zealand entomologist Brian Patrick (@butterfly4). Since 1970, when Brian was a teenager, he has been carefully and consistently noting the moths he finds on all his trips. These trips have been to thousands of places, mostly...



Butterflies of Hong Kong 香港蝴蝶

You are welcome to contribute any observations of Hong Kong butterflies for science and conservation by joining this project!



Butterflies of Europe



Maryland Moths and Butterflies

Submit wild butterfly and moth observations from Maryland, USA to this project. Butterflies and especially moths are incompletely documented in Maryland. By simply photographing these important insects and sharing your sightings, you can increase knowledge of the 2500 species found in Maryla...



Butterflies and Moths of Pennsylvania

Butterflies and Moths of North America (BAMONA) is an ambitious effort to collect, store, and share species information and occurrence data. This project will be a portal to funnel Pennsylvania observations of butterflies and moths from iNaturalist to the BAMONA database, to complement the over ...



Butterflies of Singapore

Quick Link : 2018, 2019, 2020 YTD observations, The Butterflies of Singapore citizen science project serves to document the distribution and seasonality of butterflies in Singapore with the objective of establishing conservation status of each species. Casual observations are excluded from this ...



Neotropical butterflies

This project serves to document the distribution of the butterflies living in the Neotropics.



Butterflies and Moths of Hispaniola

Document the occurrence of Leptodoperids of all shapes and sizes on the island of Hispaniola. Documentar la occurencia de especies Leptidopteros en la isla de Hispanola.



Monarch Butterflies

To map citings of Monarch Butterflies through the Sierra Nevada Mountains of North America or anywhere.

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Traditional





Place-based Projects = Bioblitzes

A Bioblitz is an effort to record as many species as possible in a designated area and period of time.

Collection





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October 4 – 20 POLLINATOR 2019 BIOBLITZ

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The Texas Pollinator BioBlitz is organized by a partnership of the

National Butterfly Center, Lady Bird Wildflower Center, US Fish

and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Federation, and Texas

Parks and Wildlife.

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Butterfly

The Texas Pollinator BioBlitz is a statewide event celebrating and documenting the many diverse pollinators vital to healthy Texas ecosystems.



Texas Pollinator BioBlitz on iNaturalist:

In addition to engagement through Facebook, Instagram, and locally-hosted events, participants were encouraged to take photos of pollinators, flower visitors, and flowering plants and share these observations on the Texas Pollinator BioBlitz iNaturalist project.

- Participation from 212 counties- 83% of Texas counties
- More than 33,000 observations
- More than 2,800 species recorded
- More than 4.000 observers
- More than 900 identifiers
- See all results at: https://www.inaturalist.org/ projects/2019-texas-pollinator-bioblitz



The majority of all observations were of flowering plants, with insects making up 30% of observations in the BioBlitz. Other

pollinator groups-birds and mammals-made up less than 2% of the total observations.

More than half of the observations (51%) recorded during the Texas Pollinator BioBlitz were Research Grade - observations of wild organisms with photo or sound vouchers of a quality to merit a specieslevel identification by the majority of identifiers.







More information at tp wd.texas.gov/education/bioblitz

Umbrella





Left: American Bumblebee, Patty Paztor, CCBY-NC

Center: Comanche Harvester Ant, Sam Kieschnick, CCBY-NC

Right: Sonoran Bumblebee, Donovan Moxley, CCBY-NC



as % of Total RG Taxa 0.3% - 1.7% 1.8% - 3.9%

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Quercus virginiana southern live oak Visually Similar / Seen Nearby



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Photography Tips























Nests



Remember, Sounds Count!*

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1. Download an app



2. Record the Sound



3. Name the File and Email to upload through the webpage

*Sounds must be uploaded from your phone to your computer then added to the iNaturalist webpage as of now; videos not yet



Photographing Wildflowers:







Photographing Woody Plants:





Photographing Leaves - Venation:







Photographing Leaves – Compound Leaves:





Photographing Leaves – Leaf Arrangement:









Photographing Fruit:





Photographing Woody Plants – Tendrils/Thorns:







Photographing Woody Plants -- Bark:











Photographing Invertebrates - Butterflies:





Photographing Invertebrates - Butterflies:







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Photographing Invertebrates – Moths:



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Time for Lunch and Practice!



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For Young Users

Introducing SEEK by iNaturalist



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Take your nature knowledge up a notch with Seek! Seek encourages outdoor exploration and learning by harnessing image recognition technology to help you identify plants and animals from your photos. Choose from a list of nearby plants, animals, and fungi and collect photographs of as many species as you can!

- Earn badges as you photograph new species.
- Become more engaged with the wildlife around you.
- Learn cool facts about the critters and plants that live right in your own backyard wilderness.





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iNaturalist Profile Options





And....Finally...



What iNaturalist Does and Doesn't Do

- iNaturalist measures **species richness**
- Does not measure population numbers/health
- Does not measure absence
- The phone app is simply a data collection tool
- To really explore and benefit from iNaturalist go to the web page really!

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iNaturalist Help Guide

- At the bottom of the iNaturalist pages, click on Help
 - -Tutorials and "howto" articles
 - -Teacher's Guide
 - -BioBlitz Guide
 - –Community Guidelines

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Howdy. If you're just getting started with iNat, check out the Getting Started guide to tour some of the site's features. If you have a question about the site, please peruse the FAQ below. If you're still looking for answers, please email Support at help@inaturalist.org or post your question to our Community Forum.

Frequently Asked Questions

General

- 1. What is iNaturalist?
- 2. Who is behind iNaturalist?
- 3. What technologies and data sources does the project use?
- 4. What can I do to help iNaturalist?
- 5. How do I contact iNaturalist?
- 6. What are staff, curators, and site admins?7. What is considered inappropriate content?
- 8. Spam! What do I do about it?
- 9. Do you have any brochures I can print out?

Observations

- 1. What is an observation? 2. What is an identification? 3. Why doesn't iNaturalist recognize the name I've entered? 4. How can I get help identifying what I saw? 5. What does it mean to link iNaturalist to my Flickr account? 6. Can Ladd photos without a Elickr account? 7. What are tags, observation fields, and annotations? 8. Can I include my iNat observations on my own website or blog? 9. What kind of photos should I attach to observations? Can I attach photos I didn't take? 10. Can I add multiple taxa per observation? What if my photo has a flower AND a cool bug? 11. What is geoprivacy? 12. What does it mean for an observation to be obscured? 13. What is the data quality assessment and how do observations qualify to become "research" grade? 14. Why is my observation not showing up in a Place or Collection project? I know I observed it there. 15. How do I add sounds? 16. What do the map symbols mean? 17. What does captive / cultivated mean? 18. I identified my observation after someone else added a higher-level ID, so why is the observation stuck with the higher level ID?
 - 19. Why do people keep adding "obvious" IDs like "Plants" or "Fungi"?
 - 20. Can I use the photos that are posted on iNaturalist?
 - 21. Can I upload videos to iNaturalist?
 - 22. I don't agree with iNaturalist's taxonomy. Do I have to follow it when I add an ID?

Computer Vision

- 1. What is computer vision?
- 2. Which taxa are included in the computer vision suggestions?
- 3 Why can't computer vision identify my photo correctly?



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