

## **FRIENDS OF HOYT PARK**

### **iNaturalist Field day**

What is iNaturalist? “iNaturalist provides a place to record and organize nature findings, meet other nature enthusiasts, and learn about the natural world. It encourages the participation of a wide variety of nature enthusiasts, including, but not exclusive to, hikers, hunters, birders, beach combers, mushroom foragers, park rangers, ecologists, and fishermen. Through connecting these different perceptions and expertise of the natural world, iNaturalist hopes to create extensive community awareness of local biodiversity and promote further exploration of local environments.”

#### **Getting Started:**

Go to [www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org)

Go to “Sign Up”

Enter account information and hit “Sign Up”!

From your dashboard you will see tabs for “Home”, “Profile”, “Observations”, and etc. Explore these and add a little bit of information to your profile if you’d like.

At the top-middle of the page there is a tab for “Projects”. Click it and in the pull down window search for “Wildlife Friends of Hoyt Park”.

Click on the “Friends of Hoyt Park” page and in the top right corner above the banner click “Join This Project”.

Finally, download the iNaturalist app to your mobile device and log into your account.

#### **Posting:**

There are two ways to post, immediately using a mobile device or at a later day by uploading the photo to a desktop computer.

#### **Posting from desktop:**

Click on your profile picture in the top right corner and select dashboard. Click the “+ observation button”. Choose a photo. Add time of observation if needed, location, and any description you think could aid in identification. (ex. For a picture of an unknown caterpillar, perhaps add additional information on location, such as “on milkweed plant”).

Choose a location. (Ex: search Hoyt Park, Madison and move the pin to the approximate location you took the photo).

Lastly add the photo to the Hoyt Park project by clicking the Project tab on the left side “Wildlife Friends of Hoyt Park”.

#### **Posting from phone:**

Tap Observe and add a photo. Enter an identification or leave blank if you don’t know what it is. When and where you saw it should be recorded automatically. Save and upload.

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