



Wild Back Yards on **INATURALIST**

PROJECT WALKTHROUGH

Note: A Wild Back Yards participant may upload observations to the WBY umbrella project, “Wild Back Yards Inventory – Summit Metro Parks” from the iNaturalist mobile app or the website, but the site-specific collection project must be created on the iNaturalist website, first.

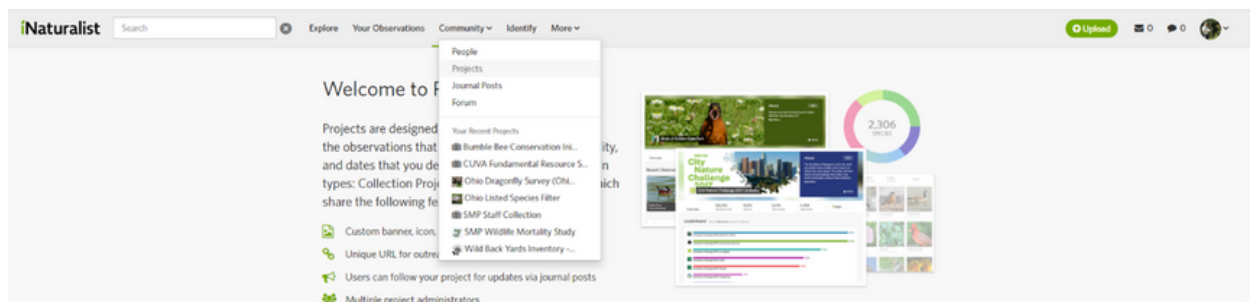
STEP 1: JOIN INATURALIST

Create an iNaturalist account at inaturalist.org.

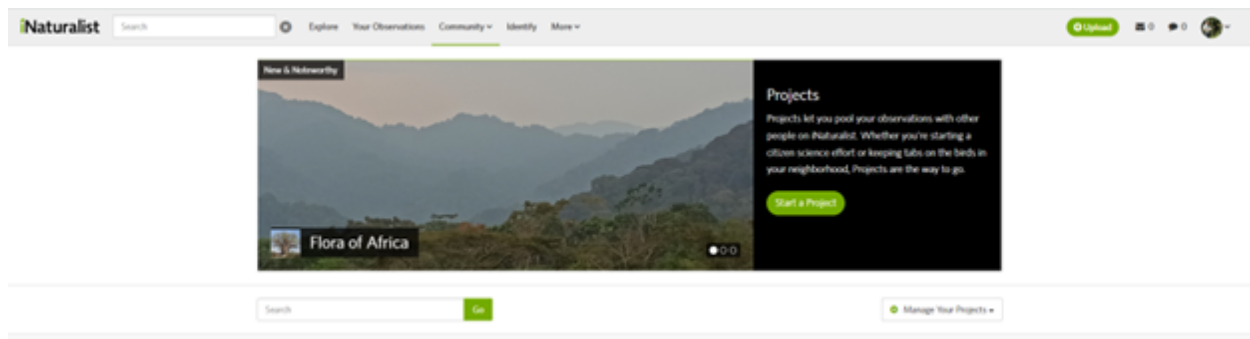
Accounts can be created in such a way as to remain anonymous if you wish – no identifying information is required in your username, though an email address is required for account verification.

STEP 2: CREATE A COLLECTION PROJECT FOR YOUR WILD BACK YARD

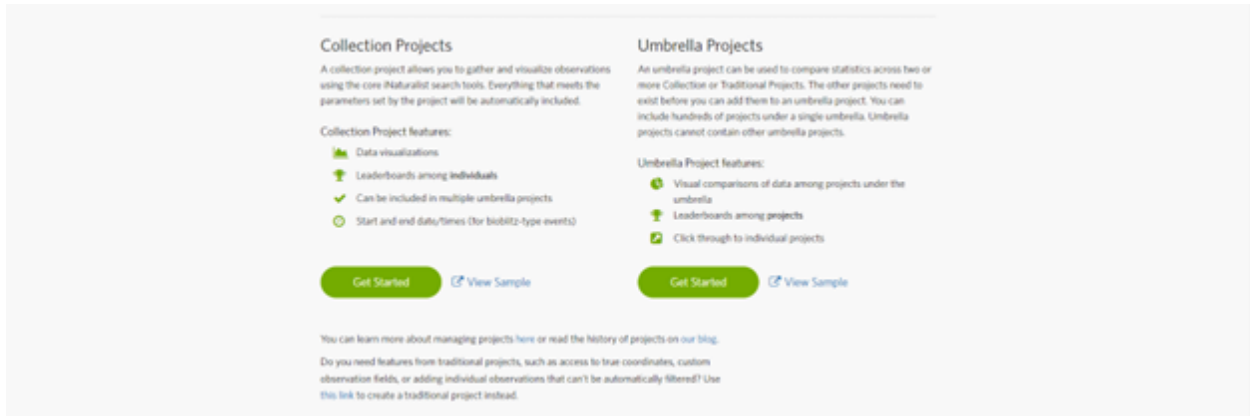
Navigate to the “Community” tab at the top of the page and select “Projects” from the dropdown menu.



Click on the green, “Start a Project” button to the center right of the screen.



Scroll down and click on the “this link” text under “Collection Projects” and “Umbrella Projects” to create a traditional project.



Under, “New Project” title your project with the prefix, “WBY –”; and upload a project icon and/or cover (optional).

Example: “WBY – Flora and Fauna of Bird Song”

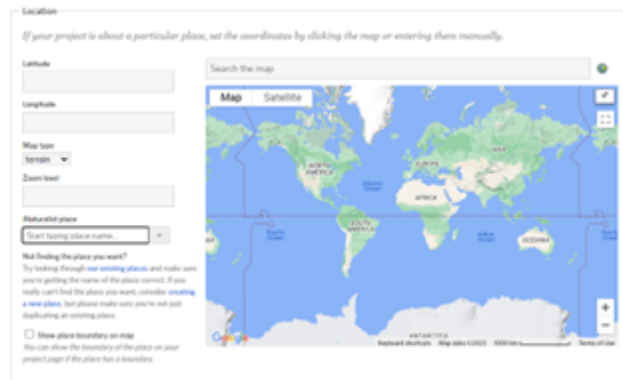
Under, “Project type” please select normal; and under, “Preferred membership model” you may opt to keep the project open to anybody or limit membership by invitation.



Please include a short description of the project. You may opt to include terms for any new users of the project.



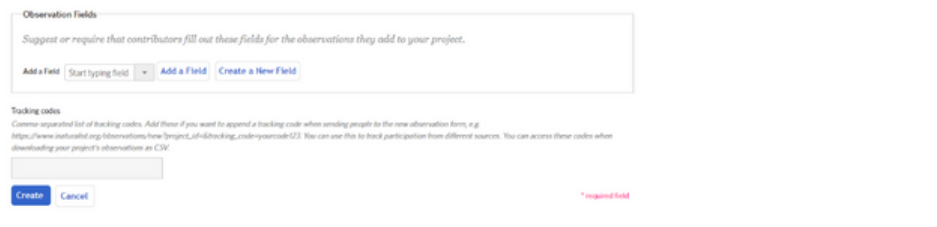
Under, “Location” you may enter the coordinates of the corresponding Wild Back Yard if known, and the map will center on these coordinates. Alternatively, you may scroll and zoom in the map to find your Wild Back Yard and drop a pin to represent its location. The pin does not need to be precisely located within the Wild Back Yard if you would prefer to obscure the location; but it should be placed within a couple of miles of the actual Wild Back Yard. Regardless of the stated location of the Wild Back Yard, all observations added to this project should only come from within the boundaries of the actual Wild Back Yard space.



Please, leave the checkboxes and fields under, “Observation Rules” and “Project List” blank.



If you set your project to open under, “Preferred membership model,” you may opt to participants may opt to include suggestions or requirements for fields to be included in observations made by other iNaturalist users that could be expected to make observation in the same Wild Back Yard (Optional). You may also opt to include tracking codes to track observations from different sources.



Now, click the blue, “Create” button to finish creating your Wild Back Yards traditional project.

STEP 3: JOIN YOUR PROJECT TO THE WILD BACK YARDS UMBRELLA PROJECT

Email Park Biologist Christopher Chaney at cchaney@summitmetroparks.org with “WBY iNaturalist” in the subject and the title of your project in the body. Your traditional project will be added to the Wild Back Yards umbrella project; and the entire Wild Back Yards community will be able to track the impact of Wild Back Yards on regional biodiversity.

STEP 3: JOIN YOUR PROJECT TO THE WILD BACK YARDS UMBRELLA PROJECT

Enter any and all observations from your Wild Back Yard to your WBY project. This can be done on the website or through the mobile app, and these observations will automatically be included in the WBY umbrella project.

When adding plant species that you planted, indicate by checking the box next to “Captive/Cultivated.”

You may opt to obscure the location of each observation by selecting obscured or private on the entry screen. If your Wild Back Yard is in a public space, please ensure that observation locations are open.