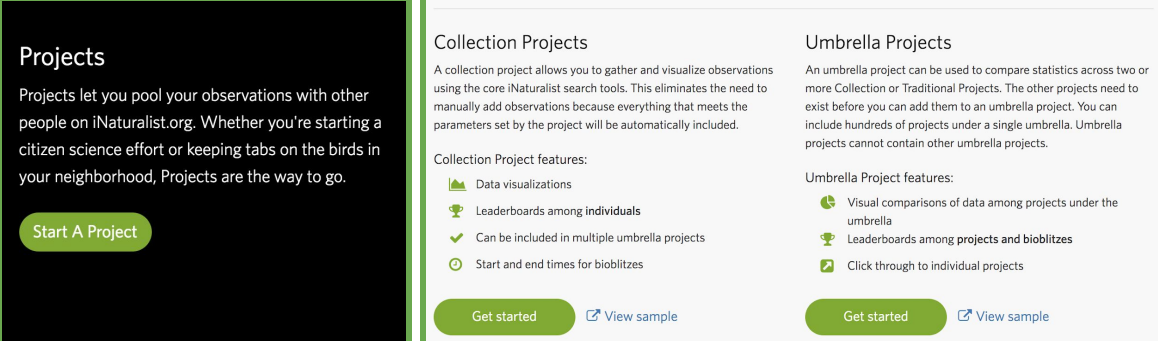


HOW TO MAKE A BIOBLITZ PROJECT ON iNATURALIST

1. Make sure you're logged into iNaturalist, and that your time zone is set correctly in your account settings. Then go to [iNaturalist.org/projects](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects) and click **Start a Project**. On the next page, you'll be given the option of creating a "collection project" or an "umbrella project." Under **Collection Projects**, click **Get started**.



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

[Start A Project](#)

Collection Projects
A collection project allows you to gather and visualize observations using the core iNaturalist search tools. This eliminates the need to manually add observations because everything that meets the parameters set by the project will be automatically included.

Collection Project features:

- Data visualizations
- Leaderboards among individuals
- Can be included in multiple umbrella projects
- Start and end times for bioblitzes

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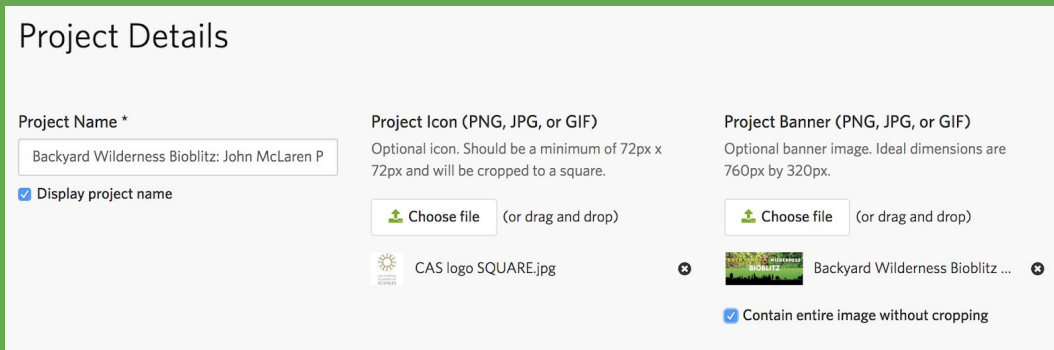
Umbrella Projects
An umbrella project can be used to compare statistics across two or more Collection or Traditional Projects. The other projects need to exist before you can add them to an umbrella project. You can include hundreds of projects under a single umbrella. Umbrella projects cannot contain other umbrella projects.

Umbrella Project features:

- Visual comparisons of data among projects under the umbrella
- Leaderboards among projects and bioblitzes
- Click through to individual projects

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2. In the first section of the **Project Details**, you'll need to:
 - Give your project a title
 - Add a Project Icon— your organization's logo might work well
 - Add the a project banner - you can make this ahead of time with a nice photo of the area and any logos you'd like added to the photo. Note that ideal dimensions are 760x320px.



Project Details

Project Name *
Backyard Wilderness Bioblitz: John McLaren P
 Display project name

Project Icon (PNG, JPG, or GIF)
Optional icon. Should be a minimum of 72px x 72px and will be cropped to a square.

[Choose file](#) (or drag and drop)

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Project Banner (PNG, JPG, or GIF)
Optional banner image. Ideal dimensions are 760px by 320px.

[Choose file](#) (or drag and drop)

Backyard Wilderness Bioblitz ...

Contain entire image without cropping

3. In the next section of **Project Details**, write a summary for your bioblitz, including information about when and where you're bioblitzing, where to meet, and information about what a bioblitz is (see sample below). If you want people to register for your bioblitz, include the link to your registration page early in this section (you can make a free registration page using a service like [Eventbrite](#) or [Brown Paper Tickets](#)). You can also choose a background color for your project summary or leave it as the default dark blue – if you do pick a new color, just make sure it is dark enough that white lettering will show up well on it.

Project Summary *

Give a concise explanation of your project. Approximately the first 200 characters will be visible to the right of the project home screen banner so put the best stuff first!

Join us for a Backyard Wilderness Bioblitz at John McLaren Park on Saturday, June 9! We'll meet at 9am at the June Jordan School for a quick orientation, and then head into the park to bioblitz.

Registration is free, but please let us know you're coming! Click here to register:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mclaren-bioblitz-tickets-29316744171>

A bioblitz is an intensive, short study of biodiversity in a specific location. We'll look for birds, mammals, wildflowers, reptiles, butterflies, beetles, mushrooms... all the nature we can find! People of all ages and skill levels are welcome. You bring your curiosity, a smart phone with the iNaturalist app downloaded (or a digital camera), and tons of enthusiasm. We'll be joined by local naturalists and others who know the area. Together we'll make some science!

Project Summary Background Color

Make sure to choose a color dark enough so the white overlaid text is legible.

Sample project summary, to adapt as needed:

“Join us for a Bioblitz at **[bioblitz location]** on **[date]**! We'll meet at **[time]** at **[meeting location]** for a quick orientation, and then head out to bioblitz.

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4. **Project Type** should already be “collection.”

Project Type

Collection
 Umbrella (tracks multiple projects)

5. **Observation Requirements:** these settings are how iNaturalist knows what observations to pull into your bioblitz project. Since a bioblitz tries to record all species in a particular place within a certain period of time, you'll be filling in the **Places** section and the **Date Observed** section. For **Places**, you can search for the name of the location where you're holding your bioblitz by typing it in. If you can't find your site, you may need to first [create the place in iNaturalist](#). You can leave the default settings for **Data Quality** (don't check any boxes) and **Media Type** (leave it as “Any”).

Observation Requirements


Please specify the requirements for the observations to be added to this project. You can select multiple species, places, and users to be automatically included.

<p>Taxa</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="text" value="Birds, monarch, etc."/> </div>	<p>Places</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="text" value="Zion National Park, Miami, etc."/> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; background-color: #ccc;"> <input type="text" value="John McLaren Park, CA, US"/> </div>	<p>Users</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="text" value="kueda, simon123, etc."/> </div>
<p>Data Quality</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> Needs ID <input type="checkbox"/> Casual </p>	<p>Media Type</p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Any <input type="radio"/> Has sound <input type="radio"/> Has photo <input type="radio"/> Has both photo and sound </p>	

For **Date Observed**, click **Range** and then enter the date of your bioblitz and start time in the first box, then the date and end time in the second box. To get to the time, click the small clock underneath the calendar when you set your date.

6. **Admin(s)**: If you want anyone else to be able to edit your bioblitz project (e.g., another staff member at your organization or at a partner organization), you can add them here as an admin, by typing in their name on iNaturalist and selecting it. This is not required.

7. Click **Done**. You'll be taken out to the main page of your new bioblitz project, where there will a countdown to the start of your bioblitz, an information box about the project requirements, and a map of where your bioblitz will be happening. Once your bioblitz starts, this "status" page will be replaced by an "overview" page, with leaderboards showing the people with the most observations and the most species, and a list of the most-observed species. You'll also see your map populated with markers showing where people have made observations, and the most recently-uploaded observations.



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Status

This bioblitz begins in:

19
DAYS

13
HOURS

52
MIN

8
SEC

[About this bioblitz](#)

Project Requirements

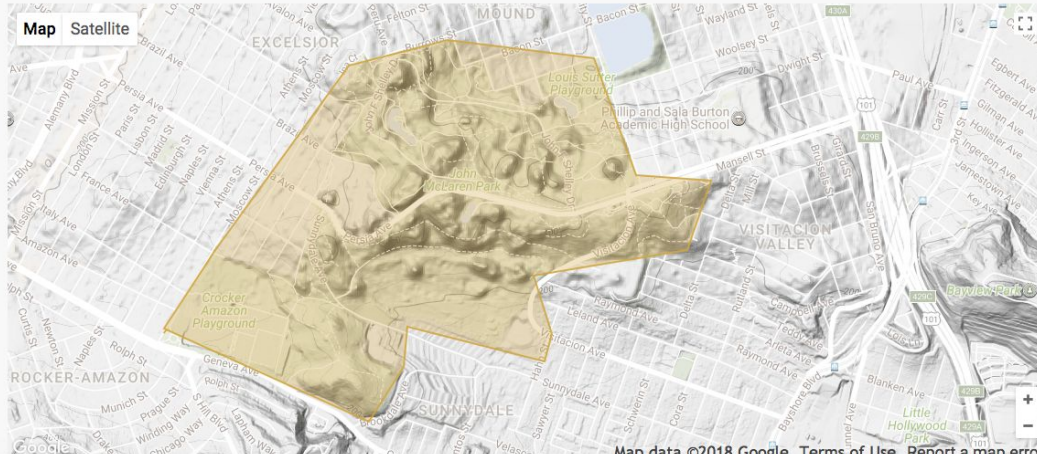
Observations in this project must meet the following criteria:

Taxa	All taxa
Location	John McLaren Park, CA, US
Users	any
Quality Grade	any
Media Type	any
Date	June 9 9:00am PDT to June 9 1:00pm PDT

News

No news yet. Check back soon!

Map



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8. You can now use the url of your iNaturalist bioblitz project page to get the word out about your bioblitz event! People will be able to see where the bioblitz is, the start and stop times, get the link to the registration, and learn more about bioblitzes and iNaturalist—all from this one page.