

## Using iNaturalist for BioBlitz Events and Roadkill Surveys

1. **Create an iNaturalist.org account by signing up here:**  
<https://www.inaturalist.org/signup>. Creating an account is free.
  - a. You will need an email address and will create a username of your choice and a password.
  - b. Select all 4 check boxes to give consent to the terms of use and to license your observations and photos for scientific use – this enables data sharing while requiring your credit and copyright.
  
2. **Join the NPS – Saguaro National Park Project.** Once logged in, go to <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/nps-saguaro-national-park> and click on the “Join” button in the upper right header.
  
3. **Join the CSDP Safe Passages Project.** Once logged in, go to <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/csdp-safe-passages> and click on the “Join” button in the upper right header.
  
4. **Download the app onto your smartphone device.** iNaturalist currently has separate native mobile apps for [Android](#) and [iOS/iPadOS](#). The Android app currently has more functionality and features, but both work well for data collection.
  
5. **Explore/practice how to make an observation.** We will go over this in person before our survey. Watch a video tutorial here: <https://vimeo.com/162581545>.  
Written step by step instructions are here:  
<https://help.inaturalist.org/en/support/solutions/articles/151000192921-how-to-make-an-observation>.
  - a. **Make sure your phone’s location is turned ON before you start.**
  - b. Choose your Location privacy (open, obscured, or private)
  - c. **Take TWO photos per observation:** 1) A close-up 90° from above with a RULER or scale in the frame, 2) back up to at an angle to show location and context. You are welcome to add more photos if desired.
  - d. **Add the observation to the Project(s)**
  - e. **Every observation should have a photo, GPS location, and date and time.**
  - f. **Include species ID to the best of your ability.**
  
6. **After your survey, please check in with basecamp to confirm your observations have been received, and double check that all data is complete.**