

# Why an iNaturalist Project?

**From iNaturalist.org site:**

*Projects are a way to pool your observations with other people on iNaturalist. Whether you're interested in starting a citizen science project or just keeping tabs on the birds in a nearby park [or school grounds] with your local birding club. Projects are the way to go.*

# iNaturalist Projects

The screenshot shows the iNaturalist.org website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the iNaturalist.org logo, a search bar, and menu items for Observations, Species, Projects, Places, Guides, and People. A large black arrow points to the 'Projects' menu item. The dropdown menu for 'Projects' is open, displaying a search bar with 'LA Nature Map' and a list of project options: L.A. Nature Map, La Brea Tar Pits Wildlife S..., Monarchs and Milkweed of Lo..., National Geographic's Great..., Nature Gardens Survey @ NHM..., Southern California Squirre..., and All your projects. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a 'Welcome!' message, a 'Learn More »' button, and an 'Add observations' button. On the left, there are sections for 'Explore! Your World!' and 'Learn About' with various nature icons. At the bottom left, the 'Recent additions' section lists three species: Indigo Bunting, Backswimmers, and Mexican Slender Salamander, each with a small image and a 'View »' link. On the bottom right, there is a map of the United States with four red location markers labeled A, B, C, and D. The map includes a search bar, a 'Map' button, and a 'Satellite' button.

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LA Nature Map

- L.A. Nature Map
- La Brea Tar Pits Wildlife S...
- Monarchs and Milkweed of Lo...
- National Geographic's Great...
- Nature Gardens Survey @ NHM...
- Southern California Squirre...
- All your projects

Welcome!

to **iNaturalist.org**, where you can **record** what you see in nature, **meet** other nature lovers, and **learn** about the natural world.

[Learn More »](#)

[Add observations](#)

**Explore!**  
Your World!

**Learn About**

**Recent additions**

- A Indigo Bunting**  
Observer: keimwj  
Date: July 10, 2015  
Date added: July 17, 2015  
[View »](#)
- B Backswimmers**  
Observer: smartrf  
Date: July 17, 2015  
Date added: July 17, 2015  
[View »](#) [2 photos »](#)
- C Mexican Slender Salamander**

Map Satellite

# How to Join Project

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## Reptiles & Amphibians of Southern California

240 of 277 species observed

[Add Observations](#)

Browse the *Amphibians of California* & the *Reptiles of California* Field Guides

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM LOS ANGELES COUNTY

### Stats

Totals

**7595** observations

**196** species

**539** people

#### All observations All species All people

#### Most observed

	430 observations
	finatic 395 observations
	steviekgold 352 observations
	nhm_nature 260 observations
	agua_dulce_snake_guy 204 observations

#### Most species

	fundad 88 species
	chrisperp 81 species
	finatic 67 species
	jaykeller 57 species
	sullivanribbit 47 species

#### Most observed species

	Western Fence Lizard 1454 observations
	Great Basin Fence Lizard 401 observations
	Southern Alligator Lizard 365 observations
	Western Side-blotched Lizard 365 observations
	Common Side-blotched Lizard 276 observations

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**ADD OBSERVATIONS**

**BioBlitz LA**  
June 27, 2015 to September 1, 2015

Event in progress [All observations](#) [All species](#) [All people](#) [About bioblitz results](#) [View real-time stats in a new window »](#)

Totals  
**3415**  
observations

Most observations  
 [cedric\\_lee](#)  
984 observations

Most species  
 [cedric\\_lee](#)  
275 species

Most observed species  
 [Western Fence Lizard](#)  
42 observations

Welcome to BioBlitz LA

# Create Your Own Project

## Projects



Start a new project



Search

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## Projects You've Joined



### Monarchs and Milkweed of Los Angeles

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM) has begun studying our local urban environment to be...



### La Brea Tar Pits Wildlife Survey

With this survey we want to document what types of wildlife use all 23 acres of Hancock Park as habitat.&#1...



### Southern California Squirrel Survey

Squirrels are well-known but sometimes overlooked species of the southern California landscape. For instan...



### L.A. Nature Map

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County opened the Nature Garden and Nature Lab exhibits on Jun,9t...



### National Geographic's Great Nature Project

National Geographic wants to see what you discover today, whether in your own backyard, a local park, or an...



### Nature Gardens Survey @ NHM Los Angeles

Our scientists need your help to document and identify what lives in our new wildilfe garden. We designed a...

# NHM Citizen Science Projects on iNaturalist

## NHM Projects to Join:

- BioSCAN
- L.A. Nature Map
- Reptiles and Amphibians of Southern California (RASCals)
- Southern California Squirrel Survey
- Monarchs and Milkweed of Los Angeles
- COMING SOON: Snails and Slugs In Metropolitan Areas (S.L.I.M.E.)

## Help Today!

- BioBlitz LA: Museum taking observations through August 31<sup>st</sup>

# BioBlitz L.A.

We need your help this summer! Send us your photographs of the plants and animals you encounter in the city. By sharing your observations you will help our scientists better understand the nature in L.A. Our goal is to reach 5,000 images so get your phones out and start taking pictures!



## FOLLOW US

Stay informed about BioBlitz L.A.

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### How to Participate:

Be a part of BioBlitz L.A. by submitting a photo via email OR social media. Please include date and location (address or intersection) for each photo.

- Email us [nature@nhm.org](mailto:nature@nhm.org) OR
- Post it to Instagram, Twitter, Facebook using #BioBlitzLA OR
- Post directly to the [BioBlitz L.A. project page](#) on iNaturalist

### BioBlitz L.A. Meet Ups:

Join us as we explore and document the wildlife throughout the L.A. region. We'll help you take the best wildlife photos, teach you how to post them directly to the L.A. Nature Map, and give you tips on how to identify some of our iconic wildlife.

### Meet up dates:

June 27-28, L.A. Urban Nature Fest, at NHM, 3pm on Sat, 10:30am on Sun

July 11, Griffith Park Boys' Camp, 9am to 1pm

July 25, Moth Night at the La Brea Tar Pits, 7pm to 10pm (SOLD OUT)

August 8, Los Angeles City Hall and Grand Park, 10am to 12pm

August 29, Expo Park BioBlitz, at NHM, 9am to 11am

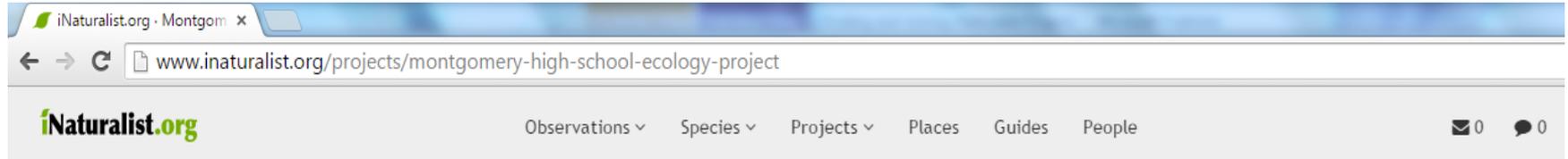
### Cost:

Meet Ups are FREE with advanced registration. To register, email us at [nature@nhm.org](mailto:nature@nhm.org).

# Examples of Projects Created by Teachers

- Montgomery High School Ecology Project
- Westlake High School Survey
- Learning Gate Community School Biology
- Ms. Childress-Honors Science Class
- Perry Local Schools: “School Yard Life” Project

# Example of School Project



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## Montgomery High School Ecology Project

[Add observations to this project](#)

### Stats

Totals  
**1282**  
observations  
**238**  
species  
**106**  
people

[All observations](#) [All species](#) [All people](#)

#### Most observations



franco\_gabe\_3  
147 observations



rowlands\_courtney\_3  
79 observations



rogers\_bobby\_6  
73 observations



goolsby\_jacob\_6  
69 observations



nelsonaudrey1  
61 observations



sheldonsophie1  
28 observations

#### Most species



franco\_gabe\_3  
51 species



rowlands\_courtney\_3  
45 species



sheldonsophie1  
27 species



goolsby\_jacob\_6  
25 species



rogers\_bobby\_6  
22 species



nelsonaudrey1  
17 species

#### Most observed species



California Poppy  
24 observations



Western Fence Lizard  
20 observations



Southern Alligator Lizard  
17 observations

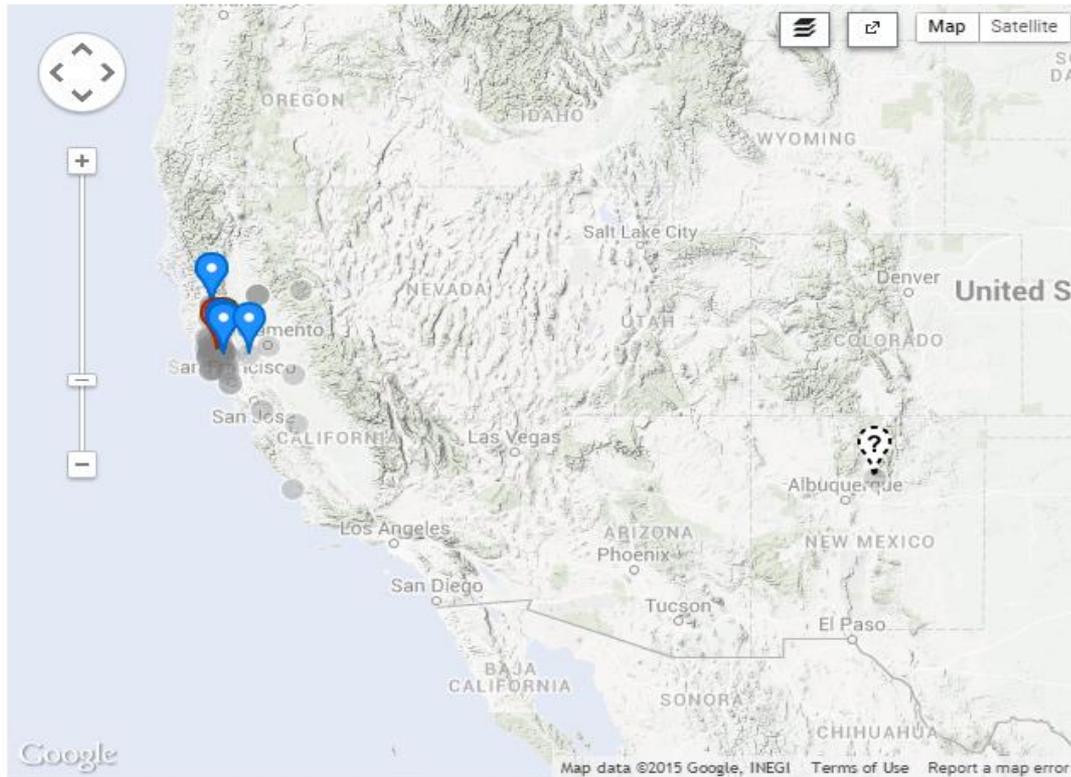


Mallard  
15 observations



Pacific Poison Oak  
15 observations

# Description of Project



## » Members

150 members



[View all members »](#)

## » Export observations

[Atom](#) / [KML](#) / [CSV](#)

## » Checklist

## » Usage stats

## About

This project is designed to encourage students to collect and share biological observations in their local community. At [www.protecthabitat.com](http://www.protecthabitat.com), an outline of the project and curriculum are available free to teachers. This active exploration of biology and technology allows students to become citizen scientists where they interact with a global scientific community seeking to better understand and document biodiversity. [less ↑](#)

## Recent observations [View all »](#)

[Grid](#) [List](#)



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[protecthabitat](#) created this project on April 09, 2012  
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# Tag and Track Observations (without Project)

## Editing Observation 1676738

What did you see?  ID Please?  Where were you?  

 Mason, Leafcutter,   
Megachilidae

Was it captive / cultivated?

When did you see it?  
   
(GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (U!   
e.g. "2015-07-17 15:04:08", yesterday at 4pm

Description

**Selected photos**  
  Sync?  
  
[View original](#)

**Select one or more photos**  
 No file chosen  
 Sync obs. w/ photo metadata?

*We also support Flickr, Picasa, and Facebook for image hosting.*

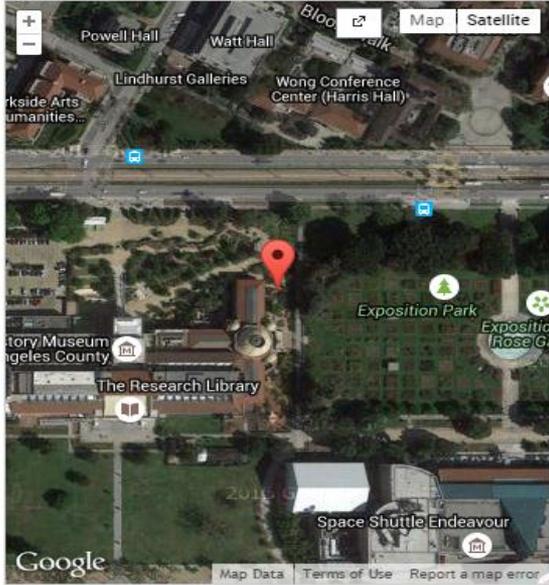
Re-order photos >

Change geoprivacy  

Tags *Comma-separated, please* 

**More fields** 

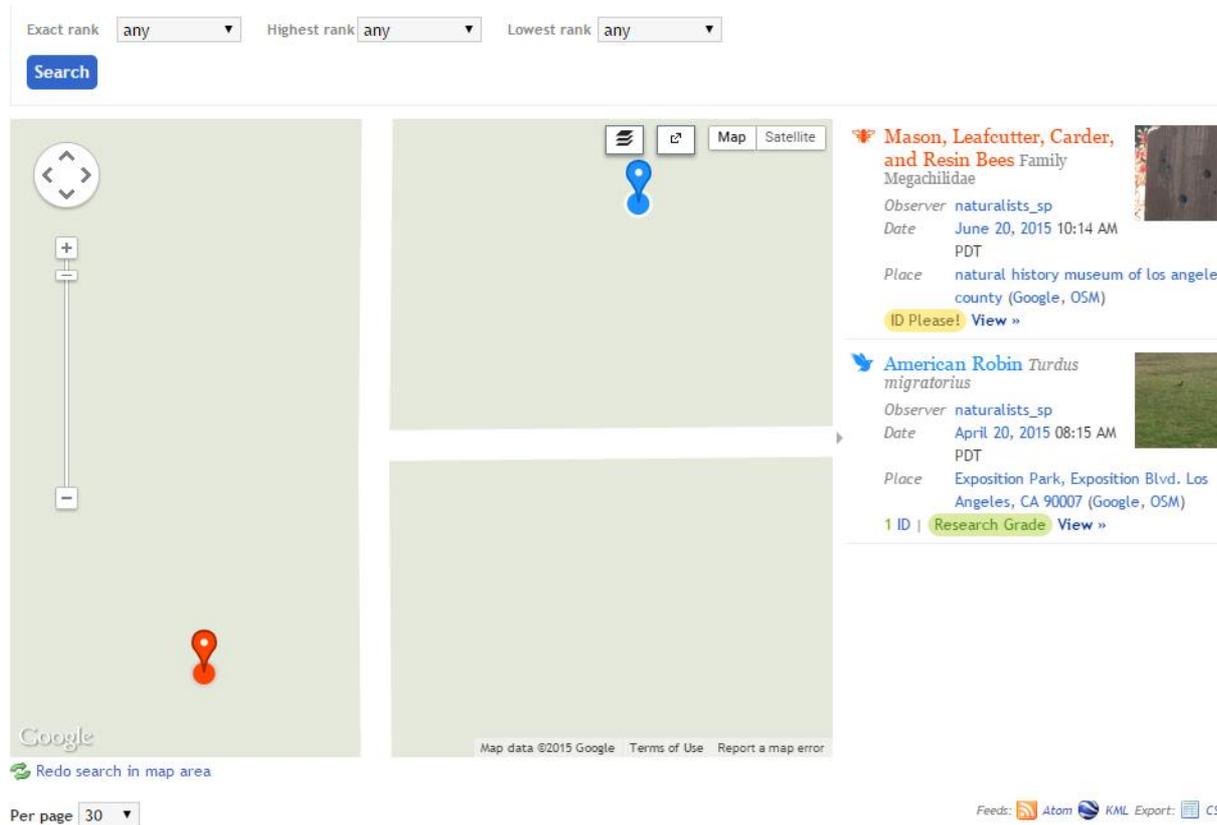
Add a field    [View all fields](#)



# Tag Map

Exact rank  Highest rank  Lowest rank

[Search](#)



The screenshot shows a web interface for a 'Tag Map'. At the top, there are three dropdown menus for 'Exact rank', 'Highest rank', and 'Lowest rank', all set to 'any'. Below them is a blue 'Search' button. The main area is divided into three sections: a left sidebar with map navigation controls (compass, zoom in/out), a central map area with two pins (one blue, one red), and a right sidebar with a list of tagged items. The first item is 'Mason, Leafcutter, Carder, and Resin Bees Family' (Megachilidae) with a photo of a wooden surface. The second item is 'American Robin' (Turdus migratorius) with a photo of a bird in a field. At the bottom, there are options for 'Per page' (set to 30) and 'Feeds' (Atom, KML Export, CSV).

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Per page

Feeds: [Atom](#) [KML Export](#) [CSV](#)

**Tag Today:** Educator Workshop: S.L.I.M.E.

# How to Add Project Later...

« Your observations

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**Mason, Leafcutter, Carder, and Resin Bees** (Family Megachilidae) - Observed by [naturalists\\_sp](#) · June 20, 2015 · 10:14 AM PDT

[Edit](#) [Copy](#) [Delete](#) [Add to favorites](#) [+ Add to project](#) [Share](#)



Map view showing a list of projects to add to the observation. A large arrow points to the 'Add to project' button.

- [Add](#) BioBlitz LA
- [Add](#) La Brea Tar Pits Wildlife Survey
- [Remove](#) L.A. Nature Map
- [Add](#) Monarchs and Milkweed of Los Angeles
- [Add](#) National Geographic's Great Nature Pr...
- [Remove](#) Nature Gardens Survey @ NHM Los Angeles
- [Add](#) Southern California Squirrel Survey

Your ID:  
**Mason, Leafcutter, Carder, and Resin Bees** (Family Megachilidae)  
[Remove](#)

Added to ID Please [Remove](#)

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## Projects

- [Nature Gardens Survey @ NHM...](#)
- [L.A. Nature Map](#)

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Location: [natural history museum of l...](#) (Google, OSM) [Details](#)

Tags: [Educator Workshop: Butterflies, Bees, and Seeds](#)  
Added: Jun. 23, 2015 11:49:01 -0700  
[Add/edit more fields](#)

## Comments & Identifications

## Data Quality Assessment

Community-supported ID?	No 0 people agree 0 people disagree
Date?	Yes
Georeferenced?	Yes