



# *iNaturalist BioBlitz Citizen Science Challenge*

*Southeastern National Wildlife Refuges & Fish Hatcheries  
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## *Observe, Photograph, Learn*

Join the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff, volunteers and citizen scientists in the **2018 iNaturalist BioBlitz Citizen Science Challenge** to document all creatures great and small across the 130 National Wildlife Refuges and 14 National Fish Hatcheries in the Southeast. Support an understanding of the incredible biodiversity of these landscapes through this fun challenge and see which of your favorite refuges and fish hatcheries can document the most species.

**What/Why/How:** iNaturalist is a worldwide community of citizen and professional scientists who work in conjunction with the National Geographic Society and other organizations. Download the iNaturalist app to your smartphone and register your account for free. Then visit a refuge or hatchery and take two or three clear pictures of a plant or animal, identify and upload it. If you are using a digital camera, observations and associated photos can be uploaded from your computer via the iNaturalist web page, provided you have GPS locations to include with the observations.

Even if you are uncertain of the species observed, others using iNaturalist will see your records and provide species identifications back to you. The wildflower along the road or the turtle on the bank just needs a clear photograph for submission. Data from this challenge will contribute to records of the biodiversity of all organisms on the Service's public lands in the Southeast.



**Sign Up today at:** <https://www.iNaturalist.org/> to start making observations and spread the word to your refuge friends group and visitors to contribute as well. Each participant will need to create their own account. You can add observations for any refuge or hatchery you visit. Once you have established your user account, why not join the [USFWS National Wildlife Refuge System](#) and [USFWS National Fish Hatchery System](#) projects to more easily tag your observations?