



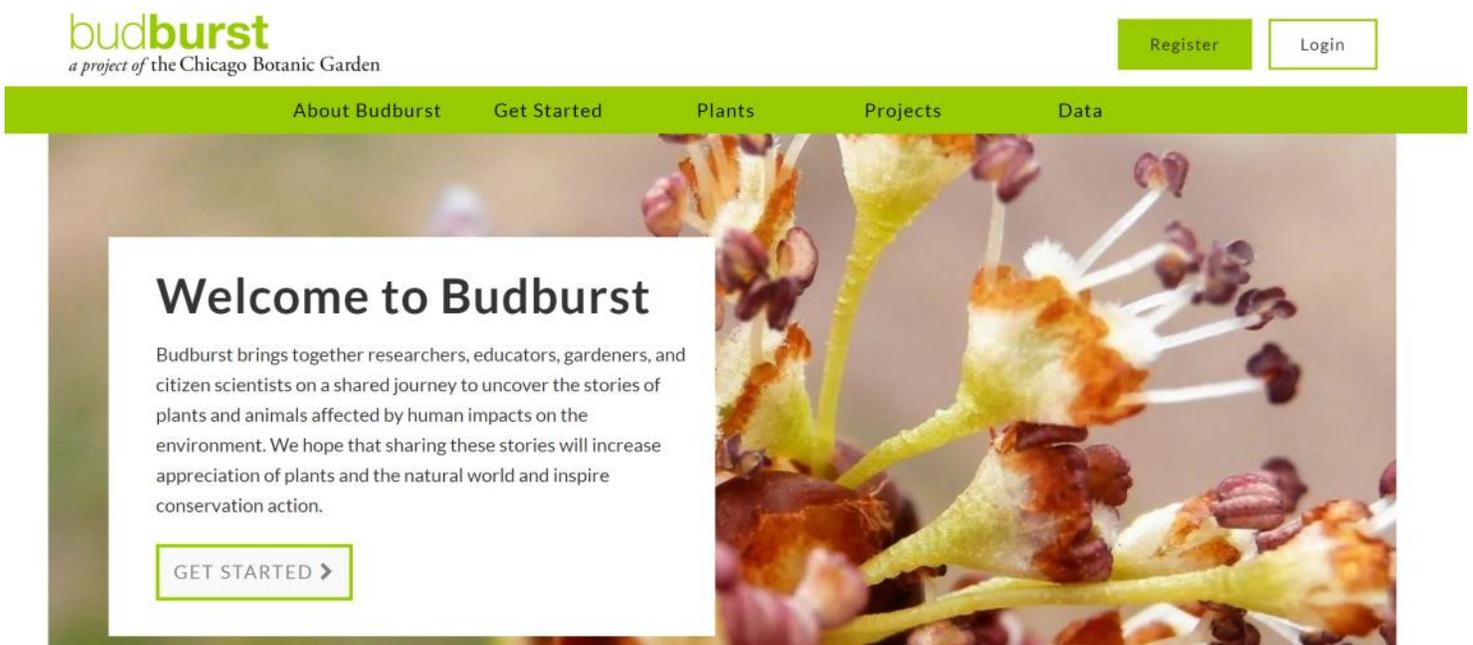
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**This one's perfect for Spring! Lots of local plants to choose from: a quick search turned up 21 species that grow in our area, in yards, orchards, and wild spaces.**

<b>Project website</b>	<a href="https://budburst.org/">https://budburst.org/</a>
<b>Description</b>	Observe specific plant species in your yard or neighborhood. Report what's happening: is it flowering? Leafing out? You can do one-time observations or track a plant through the changing seasons.
<b>Suitable for</b>	All ages
<b>Need to create an online account?</b>	Yes, to share observation data.
<b>Training needed?</b>	No, but there are videos and other resources to learn more about plants and help you collect data.
<b>Learn more about this project</b>	<a href="https://budburst.org/aboutus">https://budburst.org/aboutus</a>



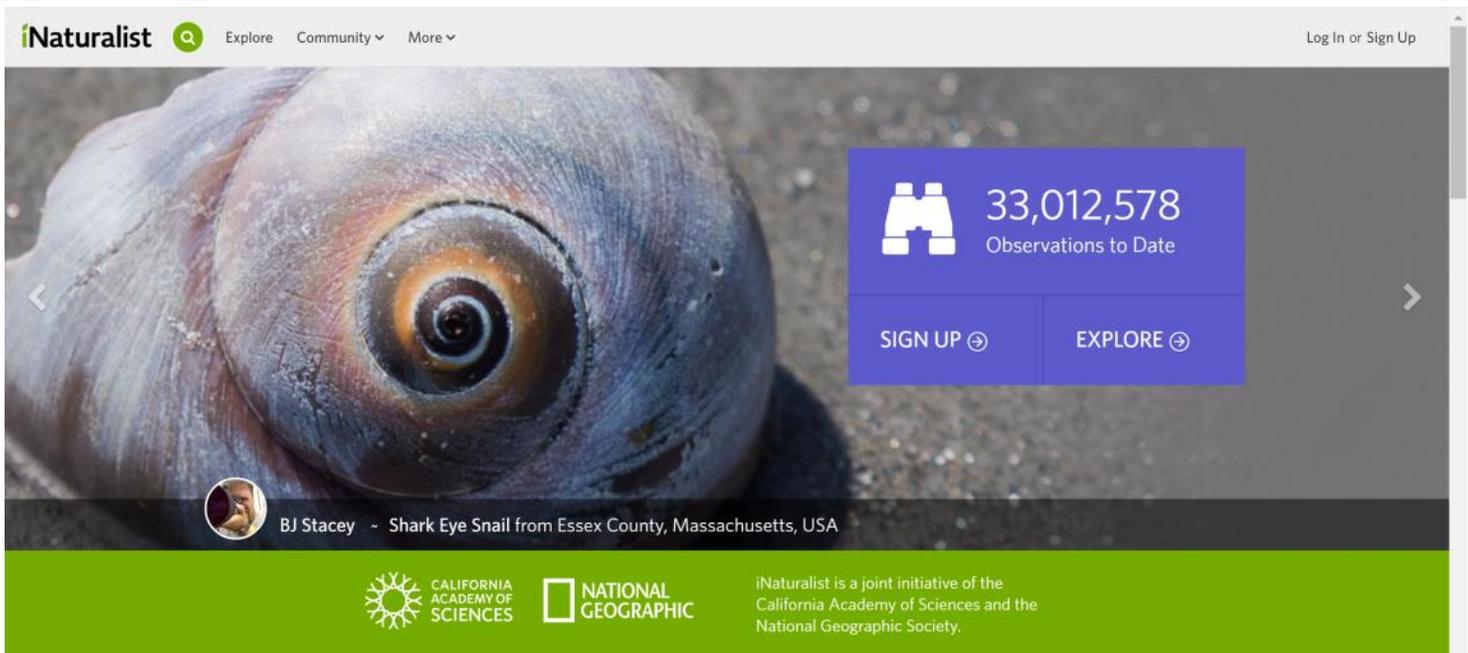
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**iNaturalist is a place to record and organize nature findings, meet other nature enthusiasts, and learn about the natural world. It encourages the participation of a wide variety of people. Get started with a backyard bioblitz! <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/activity/backyard-bioblitz/>**

<b>Project website</b>	<a href="https://www.inaturalist.org/">https://www.inaturalist.org/</a>
<b>Description</b>	By connecting peoples' different perceptions and expertise of the natural world, iNaturalist hopes to create extensive community awareness of local biodiversity and promote further exploration of local environments.
<b>Suitable for</b>	All ages
<b>Need to create an online account?</b>	Yes, to share observation data.
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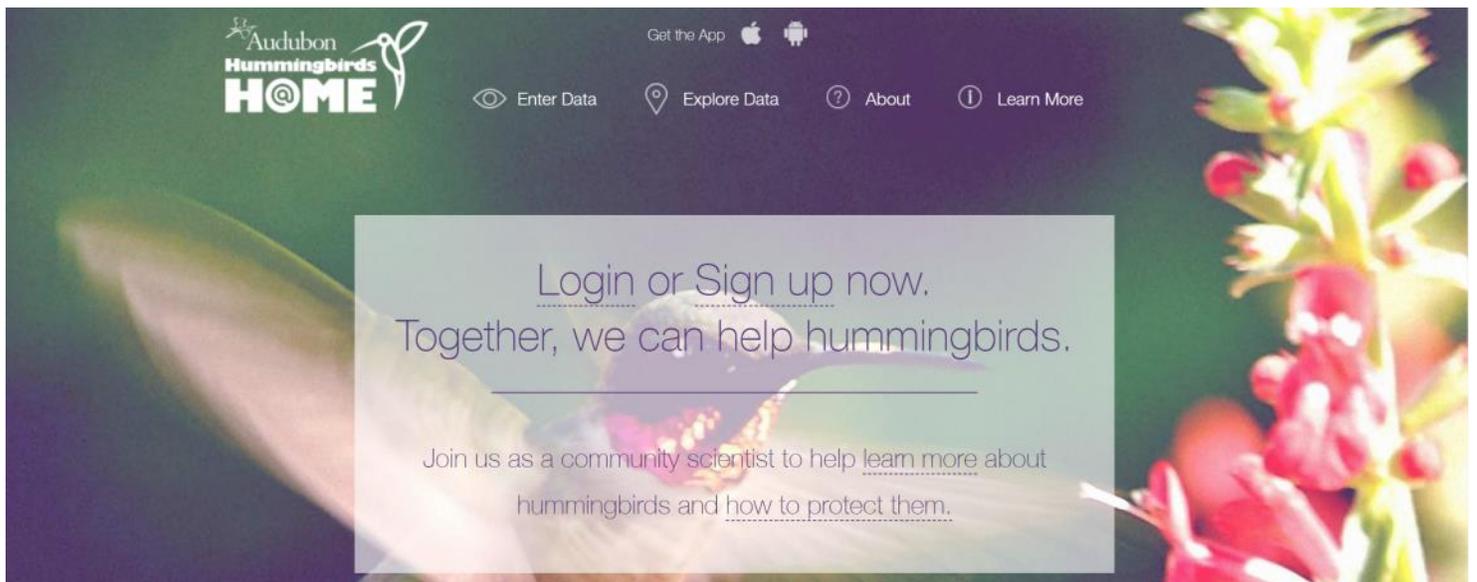
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Do you love hummingbirds? Us too! Did you know they might be in trouble? We can help figure out what's happening by observing them and sharing what we see to this project.

<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.hummingbirdsathome.org/">http://www.hummingbirdsathome.org/</a>
<b>Description</b>	There is a growing mismatch between flowering times and the arrival of hummingbirds in their breeding areas and we don't know how this is going to impact hummingbirds. Hummingbirds at Home collects data on how hummingbirds interact with nectar sources so that we can begin to understand. We also hope to gain insight into what effect providing nectar feeders has on hummingbirds.
<b>Suitable for</b>	All ages
<b>Need to create an online account?</b>	Yes, to share observation data.
<b>Training needed?</b>	No, but there are videos and other resources to learn more about hummingbirds and help you collect data.
<b>Learn more about this project</b>	<a href="https://www.audubon.org/content/hummingbirds-home-faq">https://www.audubon.org/content/hummingbirds-home-faq</a>



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The butterflies are waking up around the Okanogan! Share the ones you are seeing in your neighborhood to this online database. Even if you don't record observations, this website has lots of data and photos to explore and build your butterfly knowledge and identification skills.

<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.e-butterfly.org/">http://www.e-butterfly.org/</a>
<b>Description</b>	A real-time, online checklist and photo storage program, e-Butterfly is providing a new way for the butterfly community to report, organize and access information about butterflies in North America. With your help, we will amass one of the largest and fastest growing insect data resources to inform our understanding of ecological and agricultural systems in North America.
<b>Suitable for</b>	All ages, but you need to have some butterfly identification skills.
<b>Need to create an online account?</b>	Yes, to share observation data and see species lists.
<b>Training needed?</b>	No, but if you are not up on your butterfly identification, you may need to do more research about local species. Washington Butterfly Association provides these resources. <a href="https://wabutterflyassoc.org/links-and-downloads/learning-aids/">https://wabutterflyassoc.org/links-and-downloads/learning-aids/</a> There's a guide to Butterflies of Okanogan County that you can purchase: <a href="https://wabutterflyassoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Caitlin-OCFG-AdFlyer.pdf">https://wabutterflyassoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Caitlin-OCFG-AdFlyer.pdf</a>
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