



THE LINDA HALL

SCIENCE LIBRARY & ARBORETUM

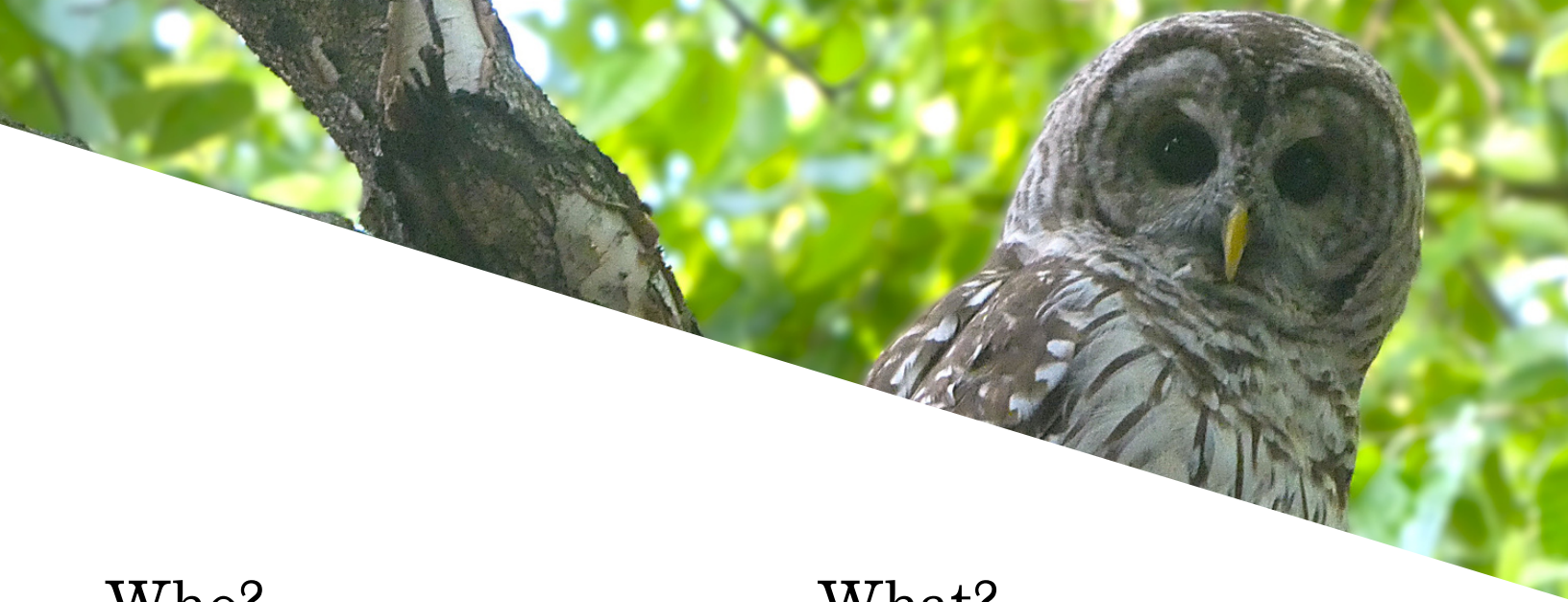
What is the Curious Naturalist Challenge?

Twice a year, starting the second Saturday in April and September, explore The Linda Hall Arboretum for two weeks at your own pace to help document its biodiversity. This self-guided survey allows participants to visit anytime from dawn to dusk and record insects, animals, fungi, and other organisms you observe. All observations must be made within the boundaries of the Arboretum. Your contributions will help build a richer picture of the species that call this unique green space home!

What is a community science biodiversity study?

A community-driven event where volunteers, scientists, and nature enthusiasts work together to find and identify as many species as possible in a specific area, over a short period of time. These rapid biodiversity surveys help document the variety of life in a place, contribute valuable data for conservation, and connect people to nature through hands-on discovery.

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Who?

- Volunteers
- Scientists
- Nature Enthusiasts
- You!

What?

- Birds
- Animals
- Insects & Spiders
- Fungi, Lichens, & Mosses
- ✗ Plants, pets, & humans do not count

Where?

The Linda Hall Arboretum

5109 Cherry St Kansas City, MO
64110

Bordered by Cherry Street to the west, 51st Street to the north, Holmes Street to the east, and 52nd Street to the south.

When?

- Start: Second Saturday in April (Spring) September (Fall)
- Duration: 2 Weeks Daily from 5am to 11pm

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Observation Requirements

- Species Name
- Date & Time
- Location
- Photo

iNaturalist Platform

- Desktop: www.inaturalist.org
- Mobile: iNaturalist App



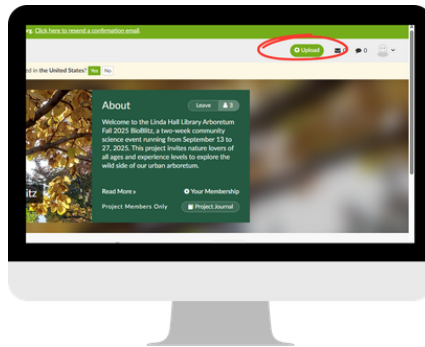
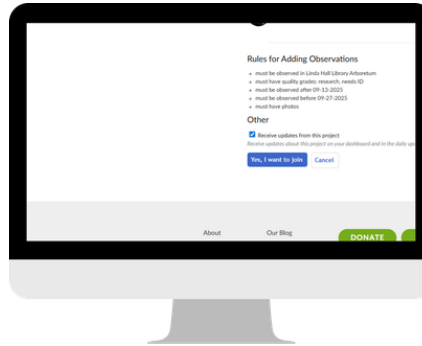
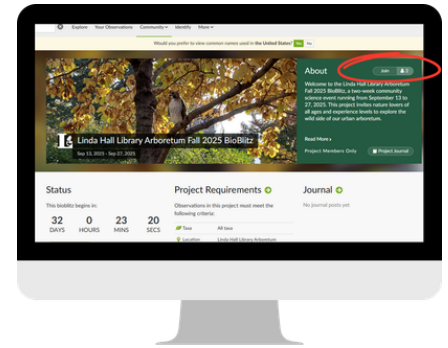
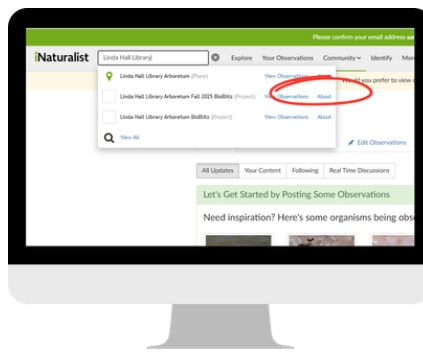
Rules

- Stay within the boundaries
- 5am to 11pm only
- Leave no trace
- Avoid restricted or staff only areas
- No climbing trees
- Be courteous
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult
- Observe without harming, collecting, or disturbing
- Leashed pets are welcome, however they may make observations more difficult for yourself and others
- Follow all rules posted on: www.lindahall.org/library-rules

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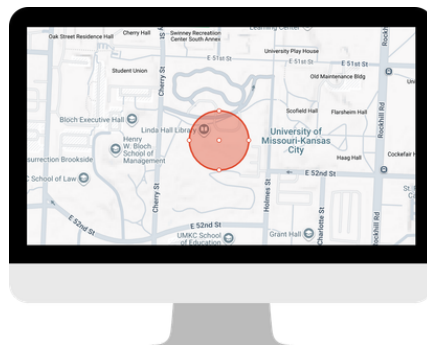
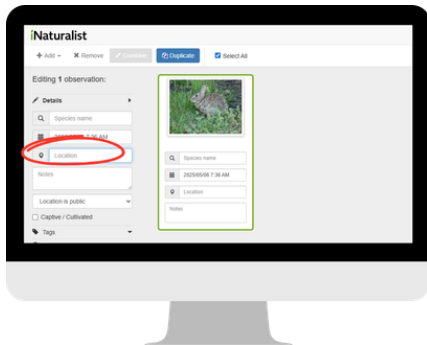
Desktop

- www.iNaturalist.org
- Log in or Sign Up
 - Create an account
- Search “The Linda Hall”
- Select “About” for the “Fall 2026 Curious Naturalist Challenge”
- Select “Join”
- Select “Yes, I want to join”



How to Upload

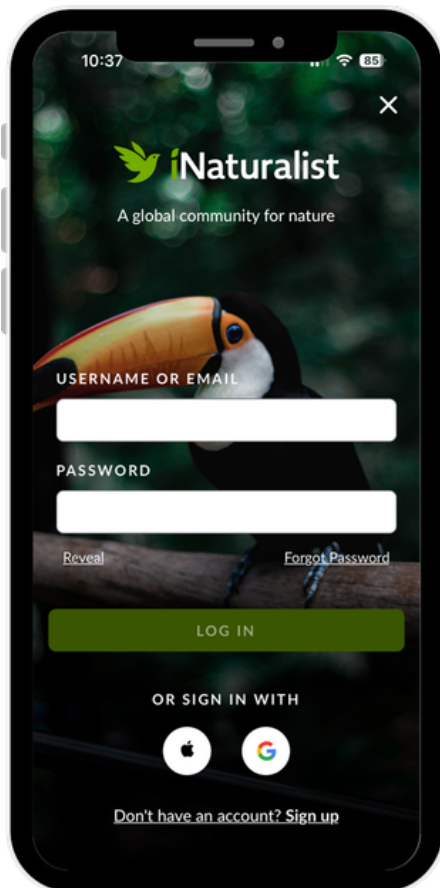
- Select “Upload”
- Enter all pertinent details
- Click on Location
- Type in and select “The Linda Hall Arboretum”
 - Make sure the location accuracy circle is within the full property boundary
- Select “Submit 1 observation”



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Mobile

- iNaturalist app
- Log in or Sign Up
- Menu
- Select “Projects”
- Select the magnifying glass icon
 - Search “The Linda Hall”
- Select “Fall 2026 Curious Naturalist Challenge”
- Select “Join”



How to Upload

- Go to profile
- Select “Observations”
- Select
 - Android: “Make an observation” or the “+” icon
 - iPhone: Press & hold camera icon for options or tap to take a picture
- Choose how you will upload your file
- Fill in information
- Select “Location”
 - Type in and select “The Linda Hall Arboretum”
 - Make sure the location accuracy circle is within the full property boundary
- Select
 - Android: The check mark icon
 - iPhone: Save location
- Once all info is filled in, select:
 - Android: The green check mark
 - iPhone: “Upload Now”

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