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iNaturalist Webquest



Go to www.iNaturalist.org. “Sign Up” for your iNaturalist account. Be sure to create your username as we discussed. Choose a password that you will remember!!! Be sure to change the time to “Pacific Standard Time”. Keep the check box checked as is. Go to “Projects” and search for our project which is called “_____”. Now “Join this Project” (top right hand corner). Click “Yes I want to join this project” (at bottom). What is the project icon a photograph of? _____

Your biological observations will be documented on the map. Zoom in and zoom out on the map. Are there boundaries? YES or NO

Exactly what does the first sentence under “About” the project say?

What color is the rectangular link you’ll click on when you add observations to this project? _____

Click “Observations/Map”. How many observations have been documented for this project so far? _____

Click “Check List”. How many species have been found for this project so far? _____

You’ll see that I created this project and am the “admin” (scroll to bottom). What’s my username? _____ My photo icon? _____

What’s one piece of information you could find under “Stats”?

Now go back to “Projects” and search for “Pepperwood” to find the “Pepperwood Vital Signs” Project. Click on it. Look at the map. Click on any pin within the Pepperwood Preserve boundaries. What type of information can you immediately see when you hover over a pin? _____ “Join this Project” or any others if you’d like.

Look at Pepperwood’s most “Recent Observation”. Is it research grade? YES or NO

According to Pepperwood’s project’s “Checklist”, how many taxa have been observed? _____

Look at the “Top contributor”.

Username? _____

Number of species observed by this person? _____

Number of observations by this person? _____

Click on “curiousgeorge61”. Click on any one of his Research Grade observations.

Scientific name and/or common name? _____

Date: _____

Number of photos? _____

Go “Back to curiousgeorge61’s observations”. Click on his “Lists” and then click on his “Life List”. For which group did he find the greatest number of taxa?

_____ The fewest? _____

Look for “Search List” at top. Type in “Seven Spotted Ladybird”. Click on the link “Last seen on March 17, 2012”. What did the lady bug do to Curious George? (Hint: Scroll and read the description!)

Click on the main “Seven-spotted ladybird” link (in blue). Look at the “Classification” of the Seven Spotted Ladybird on the left. Beetles are in what **Order**? (Remember Linnaeus’s system of classification: Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species)

What popular website can an iNaturalist “description” link/blend with (scroll down a bit if needed)? _____

Click on your username to edit “Your Profile”. Now add your icon photograph. What did you add a photo of? _____. Now fill out your profile. Keep it professional. Remember, we are part of a greater citizen science project and our data is used and commented on by real scientists globally on a regular basis.

What does your first sentence state?

“Follow” your group members (and anyone else on iNaturalist if interested). Simply look up the project “Members” and click on each group member that you want to follow. There will be the option for you to “Follow” them there. Also, connect your account to Facebook, Twitter, and Imagur (optional).

Explore the iNaturalist website for a few minutes. Name three additional interesting features to iNaturalist that you notice:

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