

## How to Join FOSI's iNaturalist Project and Report Observations on Sears Island

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There are several ways to join our “Animals and Plants of Sears Island” iNaturalist biodiversity project and start reporting your flora and fauna observations:

### → *Through the iNaturalist App*

- Go to <http://www.inaturalist.org>
- To download the free app, scroll to the bottom of the homepage where you can either click on “Android App on Google Play” or “Download on the App Store.”
- Once you have downloaded the app to your smartphone, you will need to create a free account (username and password) to join our project and begin posting your observations.
- Once logged into the app, you can search for the project “Animals and Plants of Sears Island,” opt to join the project, and then when you are out on the island and see a species you’d like to observe/ report, just tap the “observe” option along the bottom toolbar of the app. This will prompt you to take a photo of your observation, and then you can input any other details about what you saw before clicking “share” at the bottom of the screen!

### → *Through the iNaturalist Website*

- If you prefer to work directly through the iNaturalist website, go to <http://www.inaturalist.org>
- Along the top menu bar of the iNaturalist homepage there is a tab named “Projects” and when you click this you can search for projects by name. Type in “Animals and Plants of Sears Island” and it should show up in the search results.
- Click on this project and you will be taken to our project page where you can then click the blue “Add observations to this project” button in the upper right corner of the page.
- You will then be prompted to upload a photo and fill out a form describing what you saw on the island. Once you’ve filled out the observation form, be sure to click on the “save observation” button at the bottom of the page.

### → *Through the Friends of Sears Island Website*

- Go to <http://www.friendsofsearsisland.org/explore-the-island/>
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and either click the blue “Report an Observation” button or the “Go to iNaturalist Project” button.
- When you click “Report an Observation,” you will be taken to a new screen where you can fill out a simple form to send us an email. You can include details

about your observations and attach photos. We can then add them to the iNaturalist project for you.

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- If you click the “Go to iNaturalist Project” button on FOSI’s “Explore” page, you will be directed to the Sears Island project page on the iNaturalist website. In the upper right, you can click a blue button that says, “Add observations to this project.”
- You will then be prompted to create a free login- just a username and password, and then you will have access to our project page where you can fill out a form to add your observation details and a photo directly to the project. Once you’ve filled out the observation form, be sure to click on the “save observation” button at the bottom of the page. You can also see what observations others have made on our general project page.