

# iNaturalist, Bioblitzes, and Behavioral Change



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Your World!



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to **iNaturalist.org**, where you can **record** what you see in nature, **meet** other nature lovers, and **learn** about the natural world.

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### Recent additions



**small bird with long beak**

Observer: [johngcramer](#)  
Observed: Apr. 6, 2011  
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**silver bush lupine**

Observer: [loarie](#)  
Observed: Apr. 6, 2011  
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**royal larkspur**

Observer: [loarie](#)  
Observed: Apr. 6, 2011  
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**Lesser Goldfinch**

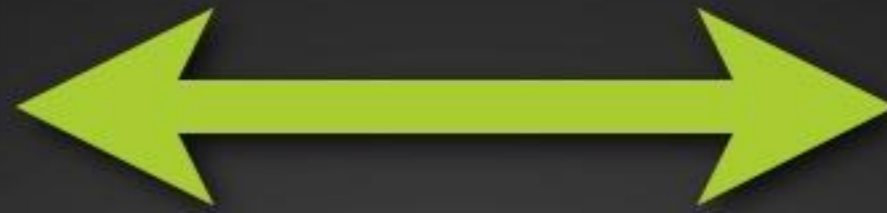








**Connect**  
**people**



**to**  
**nature**



**through** **technology**

And **bioblitzes** are...?



# bioBlitz March 2 Golden Gate

## Event Stats

Totals  
**11517**  
observations  
**1577**  
species  
**376**  
people

### Most observations



**goga-bioblitz-mahe**  
881 observations



**gogabioblitzdm**  
745 observations





# BIOBLITZ

**MCLAREN PARK**  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Saturday May 11, 2013

Join Nerds for Nature, Bay Nature  
and iNaturalist.org as we explore

## Event Stats

Totals  
**1312**  
observations  
**234**  
species  
**43**  
people

### Most observations

-  **loarle**  
112 observations
-  **greenrosettas**  
83 observations

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**So whenever someone tells me they can't see nature where they are [...] I can show them that just about anywhere you can find a ton of neat stuff.**

“Bio-blitzes have also made me fall in love with moths and moth lamps. From the perspective of my mother, that may be the single biggest change in my behavior, since, **when I was a child, I hated all insects**, but, for inexplicable reasons, moths most of all - a peccadillo that followed me into young adulthood. She says that **my newfound love of spiders and moths is quite puzzling, but I just can't get enough of them!**”

**Jennifer Rycenga**



“One of my coworkers found a neat moth in the stairwell to our parking structure, so I started looking for moths there. One day I found 15 different kinds! I'm an ecologist, but when it comes to moths I am a clear amateur... most of these species were identified by other people for me, though I since have learned some of the more common ones. So whenever someone tells me they can't see nature where they are [...] I can show them that just about anywhere you can find a ton of neat stuff. I won't deny that I still prefer to be in the field, but **considering all the time I spent in that stairwell before starting to see the moths... doing so has added a lot to my life.**”

**Charlie Hohn**



“BioBlitzes have definitely made our being out in nature more purposeful. We feel we are contributing, learning and having fun at the same time. Not only are we learning so much every time but meeting like-minded people feels great. [My son’s] peer group in school isn’t nearly as connected with nature as he would like them to be, so BioBlitzes are when he can connect with people who have a passion for bugs and other organisms like he does.

**Not only have we gone out bug hunting more often, our family travels are like mini BioBlitzes now. Our interests have expanded to different kinds of organisms and continue to do so.”**

**Prerna Jain**



iNat as awakened my love for bugs and being out in nature! **As a child I was constantly outside searching for bugs and other creatures.** My mom would be terrified every time I'd come home with a shoebox of new friends! I even made a bug hospital complete with tiny handmade hospital beds. I know, not very helpful, but at the time I thought I was doing something amazing.

**Unfortunately that need to explore faded away as I became older.** I was so busy with work, school, trying to figure out how to make a career in theatre. Now that I've been hiking more often, **iNat has helped bring back that side of myself. I don't just look at a plant and see a plant. I get close enough to see what could be crawling on that plant, and I want to know everything about it.** Even when I'm not hiking, I'm finding that I'm so much more aware of the life that's surrounding me. I could be walking home from the train station, and I'll notice a bird sitting in a tree, and I'll want to know what kind of bird it is, and try to take photos whenever I can.

**Danielle Doyle**



**“iNaturalist has replaced facebook for me. I know -- monumental! :)”**

**Sam Kieschnick**

**“iNat made me buy and add a camera to my gear bag!”**

**Dave Barry**



**“Normally I wouldn't photograph the same species so frequently, but with Sea Star Wasting Syndrome, I now post an Ochre or Blood Sea Star whenever I find one.”**

**Wendy Feltham**

**“I am [...] simultaneously more interested and lazier about identifying unknown species I grab a photo of. I want to see what they are, but I will often let the community do the hard work. :/ (BAD NATURALIST.)”**



**Captain Fantastika Malone**



**“iNat has [...] made me more attuned to the environment when I go out into the field or even when I'm walking to the grocery.”**

**joelferree**

**Broader interests**

**Deeper focus**

**Access to a community**

**Slower walking / chagrined life  
partners**

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