

Protecting Whetstone Brook Riparian Zones; Invasive Plant Management Project How-To Guide

How to create an iNaturalist account

1. Go to **www.inaturalist.org**
2. Click the “Sign Up” button.
3. Choose one of the two options for joining.

Option One: Create a username and password specific to iNaturalist. To choose this option, fill in the fields and click the “Sign Up” button.

Option Two: Link an existing account to iNaturalist. If you have one, you can use one of the following accounts to sign into iNaturalist: Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, Google, Yahoo, or SoundCloud. To choose this option, click on the type of account you want to use for iNaturalist. Follow the prompts to sign into that account and/or give permission to iNaturalist to access it.

4. You’ve signed up! Once you’ve signed into your account, you’ll be directed to your “Dashboard.” This is the home base for your account. If you need more guidance, there’s a “Getting Started Guide” on the right-hand side of your Dashboard.

If you’ve downloaded the iNaturalist app from the App Store or Google Play Store you will be greeted with a welcome screen and information about how to use the app when you open it on your phone.

At the login page select “New to iNaturalist? Sign up now!” at the bottom of the screen. Enter your email address, a password, and a username.

How to access and join the project

1. Go to www.inaturalist.org
2. At the top of the page, you should see a grey header. Hover your mouse over “Community” then click “Projects.”
3. Once you are in the community section use the search bar and enter “Whetstone Brook Invasive Plants”
4. Once you’ve reached the project page you can click “Join Project” in the upper right corner of the page. Your observations will still be included in the project even if you haven’t joined. Joining the project allows you to receive notifications about the project through iNaturalist.

How to make an observation

Your observation will automatically be included in the project if it is within the Whetstone watershed. More detailed instructions can be found at **www.inaturalist.org/pages/getting+started**

How to make an observation with your phone

1. Tap observe.
2. Add one or more photos as evidence.
3. Choose what you saw.
4. When you saw it should be added automatically
5. Where you saw it should be added automatically. If it doesn't, check Privacy in the Settings app.
6. Save your observation.
7. Check back for activity on your observation from the community or be notified by email to the address in your account settings.

How to make an observation for the Web

1. Start by clicking the green **Upload** button from the header when you are logged in.
2. From the upload page, begin by dragging in one or more photos. Each photo will create an 'observation card' that you can edit before submitting. You can also use the 'Add' button in the upper left to create observation cards without photos or the 'More Import options' menu to upload a CSV or import from external sites.
3. Choose **what** you saw from the suggestions or by searching for a name. If you can't find what you're looking for, leave it blank or use some placeholder text. If you entered a scientific name that's not recognized, click 'Search external name providers' to first import the organism from elsewhere. Use the sidebar to record if the organism you observed was captive or cultivated.
4. Use the calendar to enter **when** you observed the organism.
5. Type in an address and select from the places offered in order to calculate coordinates and an accuracy circle describing **where** you were. You'll probably also need to zoom into the map and manually adjust the marker position and accuracy circle size.
6. **Submit** your observation.

How to access the SEVT CISMA website

Visit our website at sevtcisma.org or scan the QR code below.



How to request a visit

Once you've accessed the website click on "Resources" then "Whetstone Brook Project." If you scanned the QR code, it should take you directly to the Whetstone Brook project page.

There is a link to a form you can fill out on this page.