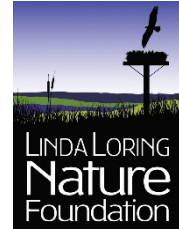


## LLNF BioBlitz Using iNaturalist

Discover the nature around you while practicing social distancing



Spring is arriving and we're all stuck at home and trying to get out into the solace of nature. We're all trying to keep our community healthy and the Linda Loring Nature Foundation is following CDC guidelines for safe practices. Outdoor activities are limited to self-guided possibilities so we are launching the first **LLNF BioBlitz for Nantucket – social distancing in nature**. Using a public, free app (iNaturalist) we can all take photos of cool things in nature on our daily walks and share them with the community. Then, you can check out the maps online for what other people have seen and where. Learn about the creatures and plants that you see; you don't even have to know what anything is! Take a good, quality photo, and iNaturalist's community members of scientists and nature enthusiasts will identify it for you! You'll end up with a list of what you've seen during this time – while watching spring emerge on Nantucket!

How it works:

- On any smartphone device download the iNaturalist app and set up an account (it's totally free) <https://www.inaturalist.org/>
- Take a walk on any of Nantucket's amazing conservation areas or go into your backyard.
- Take photos of what you see and submit them to iNaturalist
  - You can take photos directly in the app or you can use your phone and upload later
- iNaturalist's on-line community of scientists, naturalists, researchers, and nature enthusiasts will help identify your photos.
- Each photo is a data point for scientists to use – what species was found where and when. But it's also a record of what you've seen during your social isolation



Here is a link to some great tutorials including a video on how to make an observation with the mobile app: <https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/video+tutorials>

### It's social isolation as a group!

The Linda Loring Nature Foundation staff (Dr. Sarah Bois and Seth Engelbourg) will post daily updates via social media about what we are all seeing and exploring. We will also provide support for learning about the app and iNaturalist in general. There will be a leader board for the most observations, most species seen, and even a category for the most observed species!

Make sure to follow the Linda Loring Nature Foundation Facebook page to get all the updates. We're all in this together! Let's check out the world around us.