

Oakwood BioBlitz FAQs

Does it cost anything to download iNaturalist and Seek apps? No. Both these apps are free. You should NOT see any messages about free trials or subscription rates.

Can I participate if I don't have a smartphone? Yes! Stop by the kickoff event at Wright Library, 11am-3pm Saturday September 9, to interact with experts who can help you identify the plants and animals you observe. You can also use print identification guides (from the library!) to identify plants, animals, and fungi around you.

What if I need help figuring out the apps? Stop by the kickoff event at Wright Library, 11am-3pm Saturday September 9, for help.

Do I have to live in Oakwood to participate? No. Anyone can participate. Oakwood is the BioBlitz location however, so all observations should take place within or near the City of Oakwood.

I can't get to Oakwood to make observations. Can I still participate? Yes. Everyone can join the Oakwood BioBlitz project on iNaturalist to watch our progress. We also encourage you to make natural observations wherever you are. Look in iNaturalist for local projects you can share your observations with and share what you're doing with friends, family, and neighbors.

Can my kids participate? Yes. The Seek app is kid-friendly and fun. They will need a parent's help to connect observations to iNaturalist.

Why is Wright Library organizing a BioBlitz? In 2021 Wright Library held a successful community conversation about the book *Nature's Best Hope* by Douglas Tallamy, which promotes the importance of biodiversity and advocates for grass roots efforts to create a Homegrown National Park, one yard at a time. In 2022 with the help of many community groups, Wright Library established Native Plant gardens on Library grounds. The library continues to support biodiversity efforts throughout Oakwood.