

Share a Wildlife Observation

Leaves are flourishing, flowers are blooming, and there is no better time to step outside and learn from nature's library.

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iNaturalist

iNaturalist is a free app that supports nature enthusiasts in recording their observations by taking photographs, sharing observations with other naturalists, and identifying local plants, animals, and insects. Documenting local flora and fauna assists in environmental research and collective understanding of local ecosystems. Explore the [iNaturalist website](#) for further information and features related to exploring, observing, and studying nature worldwide.

- ★ Access the app store on your mobile device and search for "iNaturalist."
- ★ Install and open the app.
- ★ Create a free account with an email address.
- ★ Take photos of interesting plants and creatures you see around you, and upload them to iNaturalist.
- ★ In the app menu, select Projects and search for "[Skokie Nature with Neighbors.](#)"
If your photo is taken in Skokie, your observation will be automatically added to the project.

Seek by iNaturalist

Seek by iNaturalist is a free app that helps younger nature enthusiasts identify and learn more about species nearby. Users can earn badges for identifying plants and animals. Seek does not include the option to connect with the community or publish observations.

- ★ Access the app store on your mobile device and search for "Seek."
- ★ Install and open the app.
- ★ Create a free account with an email address, or explore the app as a guest user. If you have an iNaturalist account already, you can use the same account with Seek.



When using nature apps, always be aware of your surroundings, avoid taking photographs on private property, and consider observing from a distance to stay safe and keep wildlife unharmed.