

TradMaD 2025 Bioblitz Summary

Many thanks to all who joined us in tracking the biodiversity of Pinewoods Camp in 2025 during TradMaD using [iNaturalist](#).

In those 6 days, 11 participants recorded an impressive 637 observations of 268 different species. Wow! Of those, 253 observations, representing 126 different species, made it to the level of Research Grade (identified to species with that identification verified). We'd love to see if we can do even better in 2026.

Most observations were plants, with 157 species observed (56.88%), followed by insects, with 65 species observed (23.55%). Click [here](#) to see all the data if you are interested in learning more.

Among the species identified this year were, from left to right: Spoonleaf Sundew (s. Chris Jacobs), a Four-toothed Mason Wasp (s. Ann Schunior), and a Red-spotted Purple (s. Lindsey Smith).



Started as a joint initiative between the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society, [iNaturalist](#) is a platform for science and conservation efforts, providing valuable open data to research projects as well as to the public. It's also lots of fun!

If you do not already use iNaturalist, we encourage you to try it out to help you identify the plants and animals you see on your own nature walks. It's a great way to learn more about your own environment while also contributing your findings to a world-wide database. Just visit <https://www.inaturalist.org/home> and sign up. It will open up a whole new world, I promise! And that way, you'll be prepared to join us in the 2026 TradMaD Bioblitz.

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Related Resources

Recording of the **Photography 101: Here's how to take great photos with your phone that can be used for science** event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8IA8zCF558>

Photography 101 Powerpoint presentation: https://media.scistarter.org/curated/2023-06-21/2023-06-20_SciStarter_LIVE_Nature_Photos_mini-training.pdf

Nature Photography book recommendations: https://media.scistarter.org/curated/2023-06-20/Nature_Photography_Booklist.docx.pdf

Visit **Damon Tighe's** iNaturalist profile to see expert observation examples: <https://www.inaturalist.org/people/3494>

Visit the Global Entomology Coalition for more info on insects: <https://www.entomologycoalition.org/>

Damon's Favorite Cheap Tools & Hacks. Librarians: Consider ways to customize the Exploring Biodiversity citizen science kit (<https://scistarter.org/citizen-science-kit-exploring-biodiversity>) with these materials: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/nq1lqwjs42sde66qz811w/Damon-s-favorite-cheap-tools-and-hacks.ppt?rlkey=kgxe3sxexg6pba2ehommfn99b&e=1&dl=0>

Examples of projects that would love your nature photos

- iNaturalist: Join a project from anywhere in the world, such as Fungal Diversity Survey (<https://scistarter.org/fundis>) & Never Home Alone (<https://scistarter.org/never-home-alone-the-wild-life-of-our-homes>)
- eBird (<https://scistarter.org/ebird>)
- ISeeChange (<https://scistarter.org/Affiliates/iseechange-Affiliates>)

Looking for more? Use the SciStarter Project Finder (<https://scistarter.org/finder?projects=true&longitude=-71.05654&latitude=42.35551&active=true>) and refer to the “task” in each project page to determine if you will be practicing your new photography knowledge.

(source: [SciStarter](https://www.scistarter.org))