

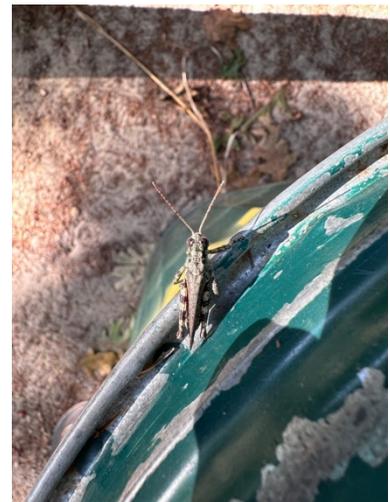
# TradMaD 2024 Bioblitz

Many thanks to all who joined us in tracking the biodiversity of Pinewoods Camp in 2024 during TradMaD using [iNaturalist](https://www.inaturalist.org/). 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!

In those 6 days last summer, 17 participants (up from 12 in 2023) recorded an impressive 690 observations. Wow!

Of those, 340 observations, representing 293 different species, made it to the level of Research Grade, meaning they have been identified to species and that identification has been verified. That's a big increase over the 203 observations that made it to Research Grade in 2023. We'd love to see if we can do even better in 2025.

Among the species identified were, from left to right: Little Floatingheart (s. Chris Jacobs), an Orange-tipped Oakworm Moth caterpillar (s. Ann Schunior), and a Pine Tree Spur-throat Grasshopper (s. Suzanne Mrozak).



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 2025 TradMaD Bioblitz.

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