

TradMaD 2023 Bioblitz

Many thanks to all who joined us in tracking the biodiversity of Pinewood Camp this summer during TradMaD using [iNaturalist](#). 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 6 days, 12 participants - campers and crew - recorded an impressive 759 observations, surpassing our 2022 total of 674. Wow!

Of those, 203 observations, representing 106 different species, made it to the level of "research grade", meaning they have been identified to species, and that identification has been verified. We'd love to see if we can top that in 2024.

Among the species identified were, from left to right: Eastern Black Trumpet (s. Lynn Feingold), Summer Fishfly (s. Ann Schunior), and the powerful Eastern Cicada-killer wasp with its prey (s. Ben Gagliardi).



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 for the 2024 TradMaD Bioblitz

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