

Individuals

Do I have to be a biologist to participate?: No, people of all ages, professions, and experience levels are encouraged to participate. All you need is a smartphone with the iNaturalist app. To learn more visit the tutorial here (http://nextgensd.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/BorderBioBlitz_Tutorial_5.pdf)

Do I need to be part of a team to participate?: No, individuals are invited to participate simply by uploading data from the border region to iNaturalist during the event (to learn more visit the tutorial here: http://nextgensd.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/BorderBioBlitz_Tutorial_5.pdf).

What if there isn't a team in my area?: Individuals can participate simply by uploading data from the border region to Border BioBlitz iNaturalist project page during the event (to learn more visit the tutorial here: http://nextgensd.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/BorderBioBlitz_Tutorial_5.pdf).

We also invite you to organize a BioBlitz team in your area if there isn't an existing team already. Please see the "Team" FAQ below for more information.

Teams

How do I start a team?: Please contact nextgensd2012@gmail.com to fill out a short questionnaire for team leaders and have your data uploaded to the BioBlitz website.

Please keep in mind that each team is independently organized and responsible for securing any necessary permits or licenses, and/or coordinating with or alerting local authorities, and as a team leader you will be responsible for organizing and leading all aspects related to your outing.

Can individuals start teams, or only institutions?: Individuals are welcome to start teams.

What do team leaders or lead institutions do?: Team leaders and lead institutions will be in charge of coordinating with possible volunteers for their sampling sites, and providing simple logistical information such as meet-up points and times. The BioBlitz model is very flexible, and very little logistical work is required. We also invite team leaders and institutions to spread word of the event through social media or other channels.