Make an iNaturalist observation

1. Open the app.

2. Tap the camera icon (Apple) or + sign (Android). Choose a photo from your camera roll or take a new photo. You can also make a new sound recording. You may include many photos of the same organism. For example, photographing a plant's leaves, flowers, and stem helps with identification.

3. Type an identification in the blank "What did you see?" (Apple) or "Species name" (Android). You may use broad groups such as "plant" or "animal". You may also say "Uncertain." The app suggests identifications when your phone has service or WiFi.

4. Tap save.

5. When your device is on WiFi, tap "Upload" (Apple) or "Sync" (Android) to share your finds if they haven't automatically uploaded.

All iNaturalist observations from Saturday (September 25, 2021) within Franconia's boundaries will be automatically added to the BioQuest project (inaturalist.org/projects/bioquest). The project includes a publicly available map, such as the one above. By using iNaturalist, your BioQuest adventure will inform and inspire Franconia artists and visitors for years to come.

BioQuest

What adventure will you choose?
What will you discover?

BioQuest

Join the University of Minnesota for a playful program that encourages visitors to pay attention to the plants and animals living amid Franconia's sculptures. Guests of all ages can use their smartphones to photograph plants, insects, birds, mammals, fungi, and other living beings. Upload your photos to iNaturalist to generate a collaborative map of Franconia's biodiversity.

Your observations will inform future artists, scientists, and visitors who want to learn more about Franconia's ecology.

We are visitors

Please do *not* pick plants, capture animals, or disturb living beings. They live here and we are visitors. Take only photos or audio recordings. Leave the environment as you find it.

Photo by Brian DeVore.

Ways to play:

Guided Walks

When: On the half-hour starting at 11 am to 12 pm.
Where: Meet at the Conversation Station, located on the lawn between Franconia Commons and the Artist Residence.

Venture out on a collaborative quest. Explore a variety of ways to notice and document the natural world.

Conversation Station

When: 12–2 pm
Where: On the lawn, between Franconia Commons and the Artist Residence

Enjoy an exchange of ideas about identifying, naming, and noticing the many lifeforms of Franconia. Learn together while browsing reference materials on a variety of topics.

Self-guided BioQuest

When: 9 am to 9 pm

As you wander the landscape, use your smartphone to take photos of plants, insects, birds, mammals, fungi, and other living beings. You will need:

- Smartphone with the iNaturalist app. (Franconia Commons has Wi-Fi if you need to down load the app.)
- Your senses, including awe, curiosity, and adventure
- iNaturalist instructions on the back page of this handout.