

₭ Biodiversity Bashes on the Preserves ₭

Learn how to become a community scientist and submit your findings to help staff track flora, fauna, and funga.

Don't miss: Our **recorded** <u>webinar on August 18</u>, with our partner Julie Travaglini of Allegheny Land Trust, **Outdoors Online:** iNaturalist – Become a Community Scientist. (When you sign up for one of the Guided BioBashes or Self-Led Biodiversity Bash listed below, you will receive a recording link).

How to Participate:

Self-Led Biodiversity Bash:

Initiate your own exploration of the great outdoors at one of our preserves, open from dawn to dusk. Some preserves are only open six days a week (one day reserved for rest; please check the website before you visit).

Once you upload your photo discovery to iNaturalist, it will automatically appear in our "project," which allows Natural Lands staff, volunteers, and scientists to see what species are present at our preserved open spaces. This will further educate future land management practices, and augment our knowledge of the rich biodiversity living at these special places.

This initiative will last throughout the month of September, but that doesn't mean community science comes to an end. Any time you are visiting our preserves, you are welcome to take as many photographs as you would like and submit them to iNaturalist.

We ask that you do not harm any of the flora, fauna, or funga that you encounter or study on these Biodiversity Bashes. Please practice the <u>Leave No Trace</u> policy and only take photos as souvenirs. We also ask that you remain on-trail at all times, and do not enter sensitive habitat areas.

Join us for a collaborative, hands-on nature walk where you'll learn how to become a community scientist. Using the free Maturalist app, we'll stroll around the preserve while capturing photos of local plants, animals, and fungi—and tracking biodiversity in real time.

This guided event is perfect for beginners and nature lovers of all ages. You'll learn how to:

- Use iNaturalist to record and ID species.
- Contribute to real scientific research.
- Help stewardship staff (and scientists) monitor wildlife and protect local ecosystems.



Community science makes a big impact, and anyone can take part. Come explore with us and see how your observations can support conservation efforts in your local community.

Registration is requested in advance. Please **check the website** for dates and times.

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    Saturday, September 6 − Stoneleigh: a natural garden (Villanova, PA):
    11:00 AM − 2:00 PM, Biodiversity Bash: Stoneleigh Bioblitz
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Friday, September 12 – Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary (Easton, PA) 4:00 – 6:00 PM, Guided BioBash: Flora, Fauna, Funga
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Friday, September 19 – <u>Harold N. Peek Preserve</u> (Millville, NJ)
10:00 – 11:30 AM, Guided BioBash: Flora, Fauna, Funga
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⊯ Before you go:

- Download <u>iNaturalist</u> app before you arrive to contribute your sightings to our Biodiversity Bash project.
- If you have questions or need help installing an app, please reach out ahead of time. You will receive a recording all about how to use iNaturalist. We recommend you spend some time watching this and preparing ahead of time, before you leave.
- You can also plan to take photos in the field, and post them later when you are home. (If you do this, we recommend ensuring you have location enabled on your phone settings for photos.)
- If you prefer not to join a guided walk, you are welcome to take a self-guided tour. Find more info here with tips on how to contribute your findings.
- All ages are welcome.
- Events are rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, please plan accordingly and make a decision based on your comfort level.



Other Guided Walks Schedule:

Join us at the below scheduled walks, and feel free to participate in a "soft" Biodiversity Bash while on the hike (ie, take photos, upload them to iNaturalist for data collection).

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- **Wednesday, September 10 Green Hills Preserve** (Mohnton, PA):
 - 4:30 6:00 PM, Silent Sensory Forest & Meadow Meander
- - 10:00 11:30 AM, Secrets of Sadsbury Woods Hike led by volunteer trail stewards