

# Great Lakes Bioblitz 2020

Educators, families, and students are invited to participate in the Great Lakes Bioblitz! The bioblitz will take place in yards and other outdoor spaces that respect the stay home and social distancing practices required at this time.

**What is the Great Lakes Bioblitz?** A bioblitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many wild, living things as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. This bioblitz focuses on the entire Great Lakes Basin (US) and Ontario. It runs for four weeks.

**Who should participate?** Teachers, educators, students, and families.

**Why should I participate?** Bioblitzes provide a way to record biodiversity, the variety of wild living things found in a given area. For the Great Lakes Bioblitz, each state will collectively make observations, and the observations from one region can be compared to the observations from another region.

## When?

- Starts: Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2020
- Ends: Wednesday, May 20, 2020

**Where?** The bioblitz will take place in yards and other outdoor spaces all across Ontario, Canada, and the Great Lakes states: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

**Interested in using this in your classroom?** We suggest setting up one user ID and password and sharing it with your classroom.

## How do I participate in the bioblitz?

1. Visit [www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org) on your computer, or download iNaturalist app from your app store onto your mobile device.
2. Create an account (free).
3. Become a member of the New York Bioblitz (CGLL) project.
4. Become a member of the Great Lakes Bioblitz (CGLL) “umbrella” project .
5. Start making observations!

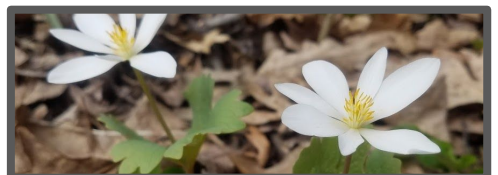
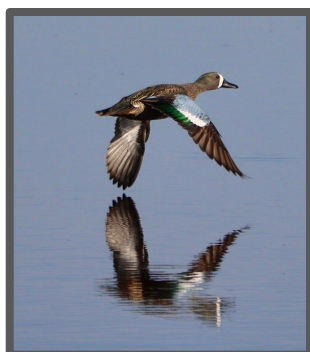
**How do I find the projects on iNaturalist?** Visit [www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org) and search for your states’ Bioblitz (CGLL) and the umbrella project or click on the link below:

- Great Lakes Bioblitz (CGLL) – <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/great-lakes-bioblitz-cgll>
- New York Bioblitz (CGLL) – <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/new-york-bioblitz-cgll>

**To learn more:** You can find a link to a recorded webinar describing the Bioblitz:

<https://www.michiganseagrant.org/educational-programs/h-o-m-e-s-at-home/>

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