



Friends of Sligo Creek

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Learn All About iNaturalist on February 24

From the basics of getting started to tips for searching and sorting, learn all about the iNaturalist system in a talk and workshop with Stephen Davies on Wednesday, February 24, at 7:30 pm.

To attend the talk, [click join the event](#) or use this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84701115835>. The meeting ID is 847 0111 5835.

Right: Pine Siskins near Dennis Ave. reported on iNaturalist in January by Ron Wertz. Below: Purple Passion-flower in the powerline meadow reported on iNaturalist in February by Kristin Zimmer.





The iNaturalist app allows you to upload your nature photos, obtain tentative and confirmed IDs, mark the locations where you saw things, and share your observations with others interested in following plants and animals of the Sligo Creek watershed.

In addition, you can follow sightings across the entire watershed as spring and summer progress by selecting the Sligo "project" and saving it on your menu. Or you can keep track of what's been seen specifically at the Wheaton Branch stormwater ponds or the powerline meadow by selecting and saving these "projects." Stephen will explain how to do all this.

Since the Sligo watershed "project" was launched on iNaturalist in 2019, we've collected contributions from

878 observers reporting 2,323 species (native and non-native), among them 900 species of insects, 873 species of plants, 210 species of mushrooms, and 165 species of birds, as well as spiders, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals.

Stephen has logged more observations than anyone else in Sligo, with 3,867 postings on 555 species, with a focus on the birds of the Wheaton Branch stormwater ponds.

He will be our guide to all of the ins and outs of iNaturalist, the differences between using it on your phone and laptop, tips to getting photos that will most likely lead to an accurate ID, and techniques for navigating the entire system.

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