

## SUBDUING KNOTWEED COALITION

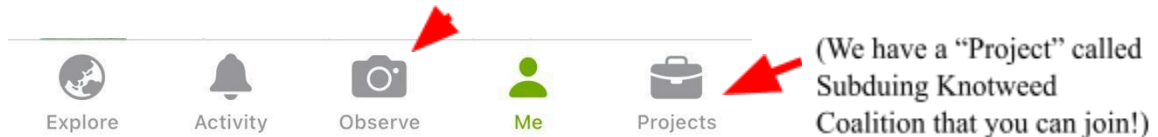
**iNaturalist** is an app that tracks user observations of species, including their location and date.

To sign up, go to the [inaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org) website or download the app onto your smartphone. The site is easy to use on either a smartphone or a computer.



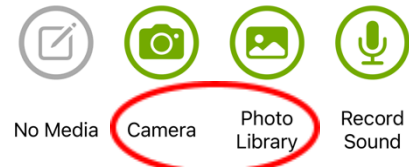
Pick a username and a password and consent to allow iNaturalist to use the information you post. Now you're ready to start!

Find a plant or animal outside and select "observe" at the bottom of your screen.



You have two choices for entering your observation, "Camera" and "Photo Library." You can either use "Camera" to take a photo in the moment, or you can access your "Photo Library" to choose a photo you've taken earlier.

The first time you choose "Camera," the app may prompt you for permission to use your camera. Take a photo. The app may prompt you to allow location services. You should now be ready to go. After taking the picture, you are prompted to either "Retake" or "Use Photo." If you want to add a second photo for the same observation, you can click on the "+" sign next to the small image of your photo.



It is often easier to just take a few pictures of a knotweed patch, and then at a later time open the iNaturalist app and enter the observation from your photo library, selecting more than one photo if you like. The photo-location information stored with the photo is automatically uploaded into the iNaturalist app.

The app will attempt to identify the plant or animal and generate suggestions based on your photo. When you click on this, you can either enter the name or see what suggestions the app offers. For consistency, we are entering: Japanese knotweed, *Reynoutria japonica*. You can also add notes at notes... about the size of the patch, if it has been treated, etc.

Once you "Share" your observation, it will be immediately available for other users to see and "confirm" if they wish.

We have a "Project" on iNaturalist called Subduing Knotweed Coalition. Please join! This will allow all our knotweed inputs to be seen together.

Additional helpful info can be found at:

<https://www.mass.gov/news/join-masswildlife-on-inaturalist>

