



## How to Use the ANHC iNaturalist Projects



















The ANHC maintains many projects on iNaturalist. Each ANHC project collects observations that fall within the boundaries of a natural area. ANHC has a project for each natural area and an “umbrella” project, which contains all the natural areas. Each project contains a lot of data that you can use to plan a trip to a natural area and knowing how to navigate the [website](#) will help!

Here is an annotated example of a natural area [project](#) from a computer:

### Overview tab:

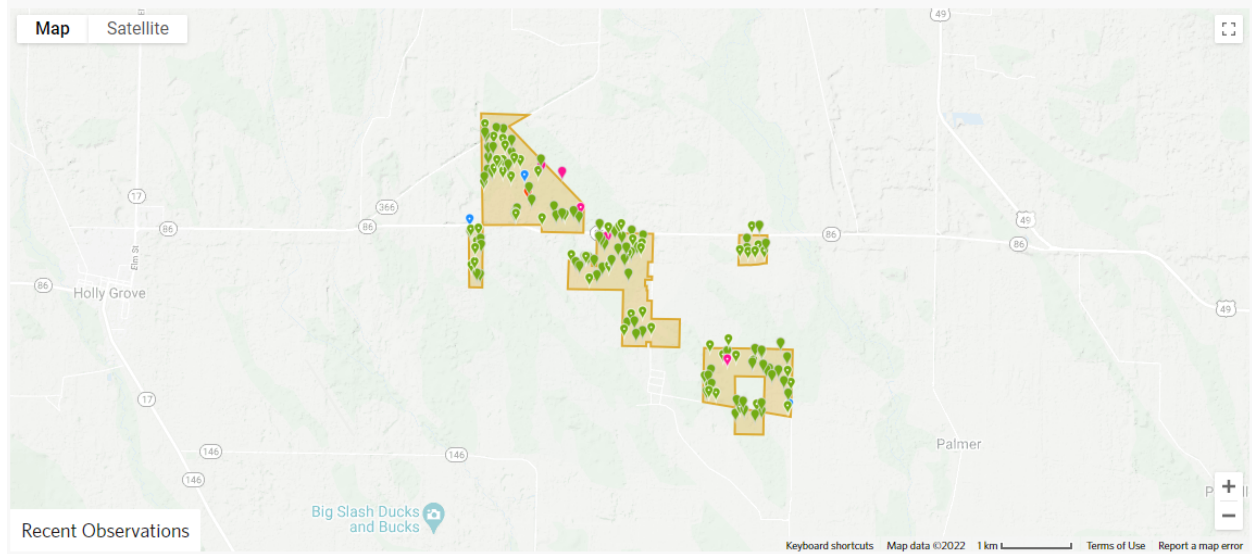
The overview tab shows photos of recent observations, project stats (who has made the most observations, who has documented the most species, and the most observed species), and a map of where the observations were made.

The screenshot shows the iNaturalist project overview for Pine City Natural Area. The main header features a large photo of a forest clearing with a green overlay on the right containing the text 'About', 'Members 3', 'Observations from Pine City Natural Area.', and 'Read More >'. Below the photo is a 'Project Journal' button. The statistics bar shows: Overview (745 OBSERVATIONS), 441 SPECIES, 88 IDENTIFIERS, and 10 OBSERVERS, with a 'Stats' button. The 'Recent Observations' section includes a 'View All' button and four observation cards: Boykin's Clusterpea (*Lackeya multiflora*, 1 3 years ago), Narrowleaf Sunflower (*Helianthus angustifolius*, 2 2 years ago), Cocklebur (Genus *Xanthium*, 1 2 years ago), and Sugarcane Plumegrass (*Saccharum giganteum*, 2 years ago).

Most Observations		Most Species		Most Observed Species				
	soterplantopus	690		soterplantopus	402		Globe Flatsedge	9
	arkansawyer	21		arkansawyer	19		Willowleaf Aster	8
	joeledvina	11		joeledvina	11		Blue Sedge	8
	skrentnyjeff	6		skrentnyjeff	5		Elm-leaved Goldenrod	6
	dustin_lync	5		psweet	4		Hirsute Sedge	6
	psweet	5		dustin_lync	3		Kidneyshape Sedge	6
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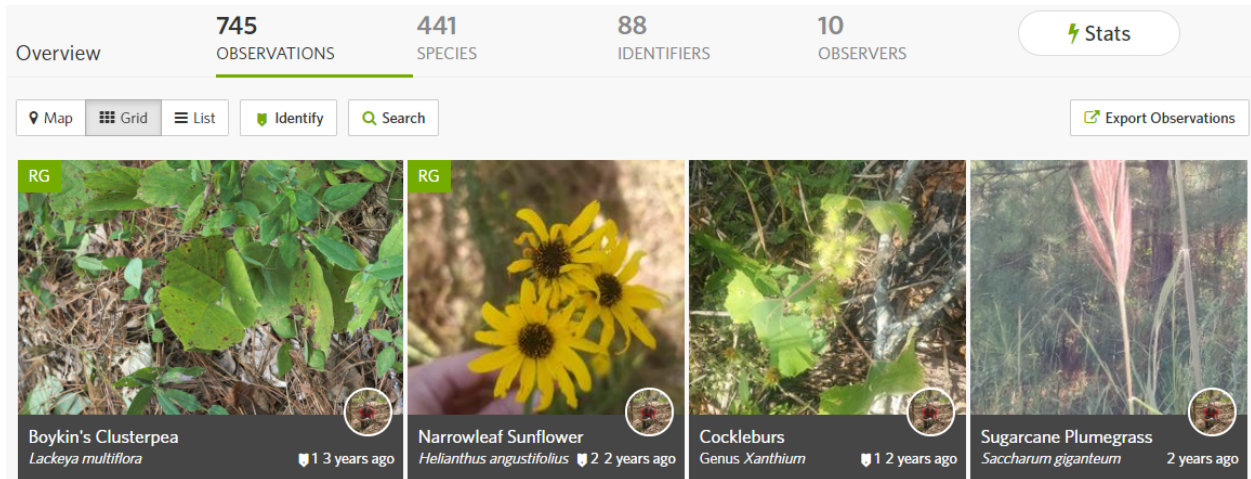
The map tool can be used to find portions of the natural area that have not been surveyed previously. Point colors indicate type of organism observed (see **Stats tab** below for color code). If you're interested in exploring less documented areas, be sure to check a terrain map to make sure it's safe to survey the area! It might be underwater or inaccessible due to steep slopes.

### Map of Observations











**Observations tab:**

The observations tab allows you to see the observations for the natural area project. It opens in a grid layout with the most recently added observations first:



Observations can also be viewed as a list with the most recently added observations first:




Media	Name	User	Observed	Place	Added
	<b>Boykin's Clusterpea</b> ( <i>Lackeya multiflora</i> )	 soterplantopus	Aug 31, 2018	📍 Pine City Natural Area, AR, US	Nov 18, 2021 8:34 AM CST
	<b>Narrowleaf Sunflower</b> ( <i>Helianthus angustifolius</i> )	 soterplantopus	Oct 10, 2019	📍 Pine City, AR, US	Nov 14, 2021 9:13 AM CST
	<b>Cockleburs</b> (Genus <i>Xanthium</i> )	 soterplantopus	Oct 10, 2019	📍 Pine City Natural Area, AR, US	Nov 14, 2021 9:13 AM CST
	<b>Sugarcane Plumegrass</b> ( <i>Saccharum giganteum</i> )	 soterplantopus	Oct 10, 2019	📍 Pine City Natural Area, AR, US	Nov 14, 2021 9:13 AM CST

**Species tab:**

The species tab shows all the species documented at the natural area, ordered by the number of observations made per species. *Note: clicking on a species' image or name will lead you to the iNaturalist page about that species, not the observations of the species within the project.*




**Identifiers tab:**

The identifiers tab shows a list of users who have provided identifications in the project. Clicking on a user's photo or name will take you to their profile page.

Rank	User	Identifications
1	 brent_baker	227
2	 soterplantopus	20
3	 cosmiccat	14
4	 kaptainkory	9

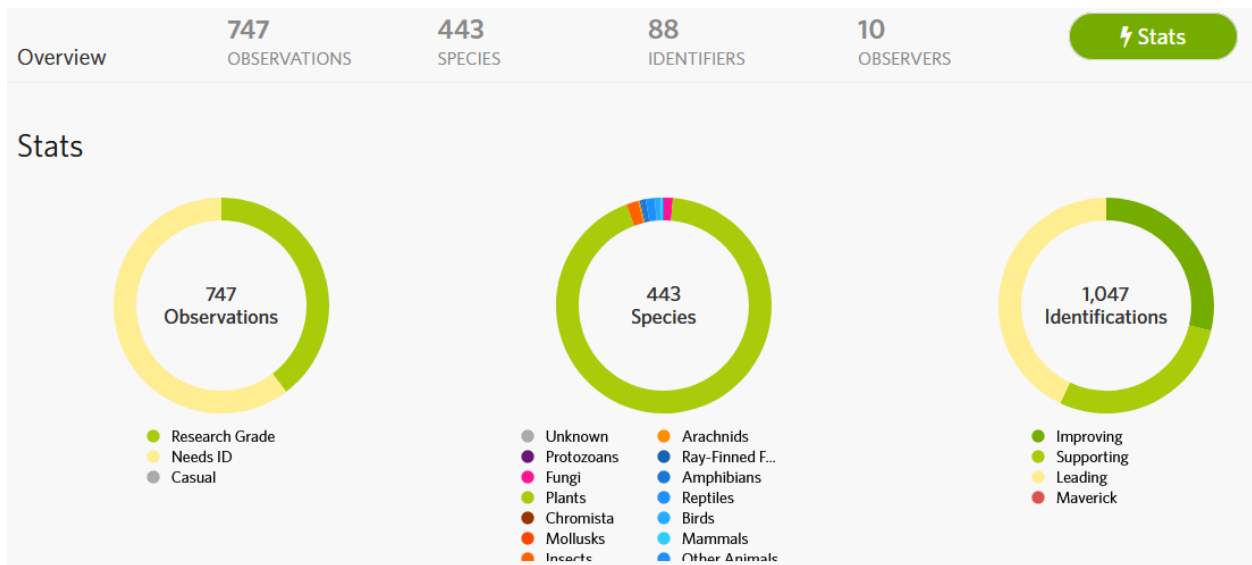
**Observers tab:**

The observers tab shows a list of users who have submitted observations in the project. Clicking on a user’s photo or name will take you to their profile page.

Overview		747 OBSERVATIONS	443 SPECIES	88 IDENTIFIERS	10 OBSERVERS	Stats
Rank	User	Observations	Species			
1	 soterplantopus	690	402			
2	 arkansawyer	21	19			
3	 joeledvina	11	11			

**Stats tab:**

The stats tab shows a few pie charts. Of interest for most users is the middle pie chart displaying the number of species broken down into organismal group.



By clicking on a color of interest in the species pie chart, for example, pink for the Fungi, you are taken to a list of the observations in that group.

Here is an annotated example of the umbrella project, **Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission - Natural Areas Inventory**, from a computer:

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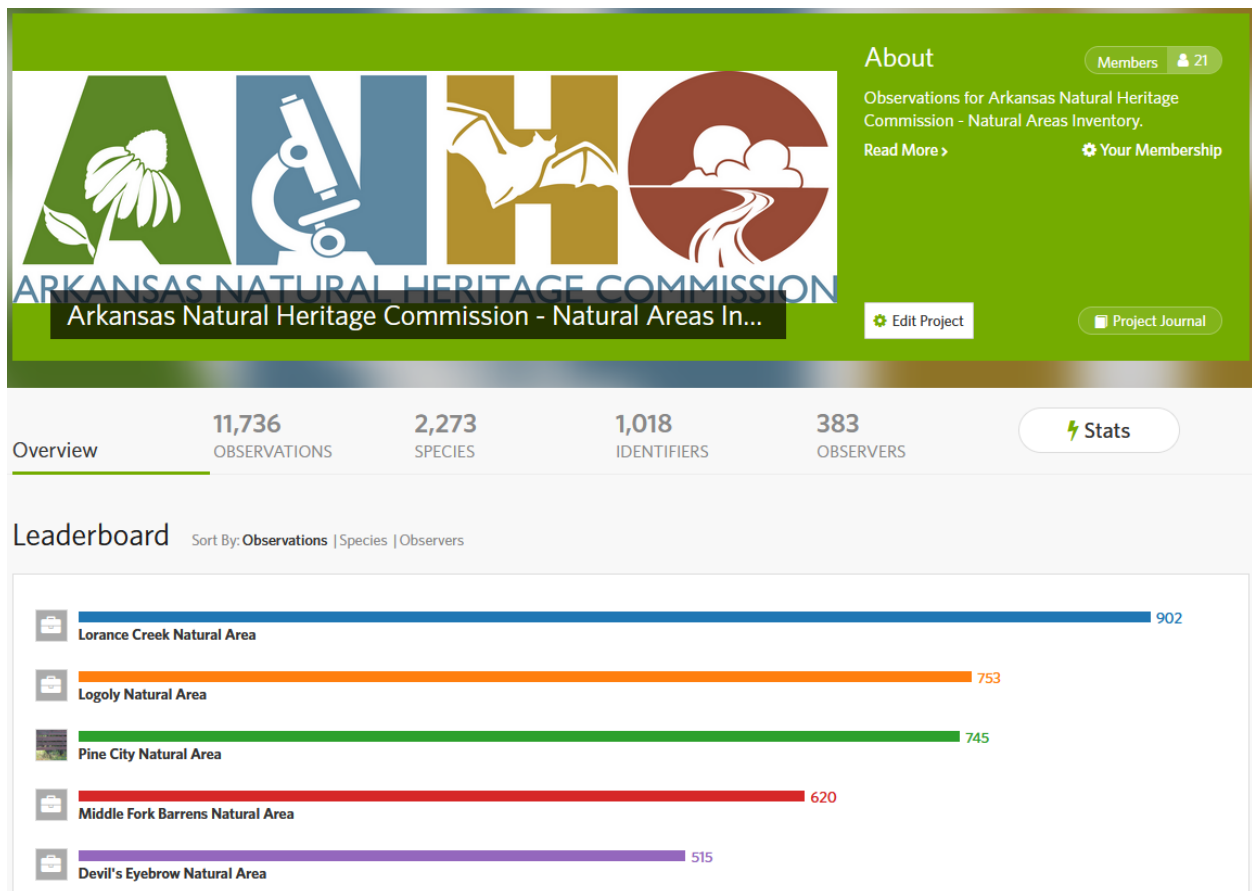
The overview tab shows a list of the projects included in the umbrella project, which is each individual natural area. This list can be ordered by selecting the sort by feature next to Leaderboard.

**Sort by: Observations** allows you to see the natural areas in order of the number of observations.

**Sort by: Species** displays the natural areas in order of number of species observed.

**Sort by: Observers** shows the natural areas by the number of users who have submitted observations for a natural area.

Clicking on a natural area name will take you to the individual natural area project.



**Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission - Natural Areas Inventory**

**About** Members 21

Observations for Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission - Natural Areas Inventory.  
[Read More >](#) [Your Membership](#)

[Edit Project](#) [Project Journal](#)

**Overview**    **11,736** OBSERVATIONS    **2,273** SPECIES    **1,018** IDENTIFIERS    **383** OBSERVERS    [Stats](#)

**Leaderboard** Sort By: **Observations** | Species | Observers

Natural Area	Observations
Lorance Creek Natural Area	902
Logoly Natural Area	753
Pine City Natural Area	745
Middle Fork Barrens Natural Area	620
Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area	515

The overview tab also has a map of where each natural area is located.

The map can be zoomed in (+ in top left corner) or zoomed out (- in top left corner).

The map view can be changed by clicking in the tab to the right of the + in the top right corner to show satellite (with or without labels for cities and roads) or plain map (with or without terrain to show elevation).

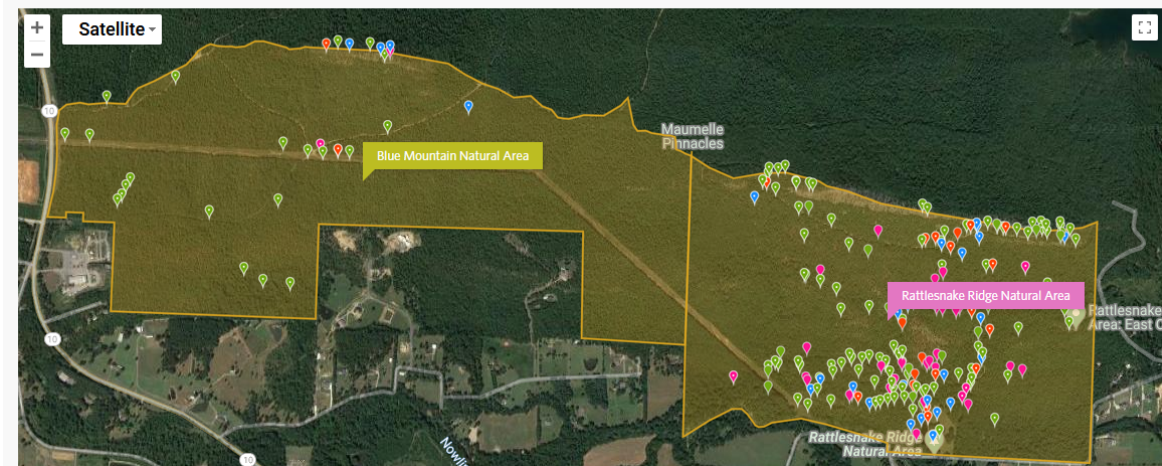
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### Map of Observations



Map zoomed to Blue Mountain and Rattlesnake Ridge natural areas on a satellite map with labels (*Note: when the umbrella project map is zoomed in, individual observations are visible with point colors indicating type of organism observed - see **Stats tab above** for color code*):

### Map of Observations



The remaining tabs (**Observations, Species, Identifiers, Observers, and Stats**) display the same information and navigation as an individual natural area project for all the natural area projects combined. See annotated tabs above for navigation tips.

Please note that observations may not appear on the ANHC iNaturalist projects for several reasons. If the uncertainty of an observation extends beyond the boundary of a natural area, it may not appear in the project. If a species is endangered or considered at risk for being poached, iNaturalist will automatically obscure the observation coordinates, and it will not appear in the ANHC iNaturalist project. If a user obscures the coordinates of their observation, it will not appear in the project. Please see the guidance in the **“How to Unobscure Coordinates”** PDF to allow ANHC staff to view your observations.