



## iNaturalist: Discover the Emerald Necklace!

*Explore the parks and help survey species diversity throughout 1,100 acres of parkland!*

### What is iNaturalist?

Connect with nature! Using either your desktop or a mobile app, iNaturalist helps you identify plants and animals around you. Get connected with a community of over 750,000 scientists and naturalists who can help you learn more about nature!

### What is *Discover the Emerald Necklace*?

*Discover the Emerald Necklace!* is an iNaturalist project, focusing on the biodiversity within the Emerald Necklace parks system. Add new observations or help ID over 6,000 existing entries to learn about the 1,200+ species that inhabit the Necklace! From Charlesgate to Franklin Park, explore each individual park and join a community enthusiastic naturalists! Access the project at <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/discover-the-emerald-necklace>.

### How to Get Started!

1. Before you start creating observations contributing to the iNaturalist community, you must set up an account! If you already have an account with iNaturalist. Sign up for a free account at <https://www.inaturalist.org/signup>
2. Make your first observation!
  - a. Tap observe
  - b. Add one or more photos as evidence
  - c. Choose what species you saw
  - d. Tell the community when you saw it
  - e. Input where you saw it
  - f. Save your observation
  - g. Upload to share your observation with the community
  - h. Check back frequently for any activity and identification suggestions!
3. Explore other observations along the Necklace and help ID the community's entries
4. Check out <https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/getting+started> for more information

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy was founded in 1998 to restore and improve the Emerald Necklace for all. To learn about the Emerald Necklace parks, Conservancy projects, and access virtual content and activities, visit [www.emeraldnecklace.org/here-for-you](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org/here-for-you).

