

Exploring with iNaturalist



Name: _____

1. Do you think there are more plants and animals at your house or at the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve (a large park)? **Circle your hypothesis:**

I think there are more plants and animals at my house

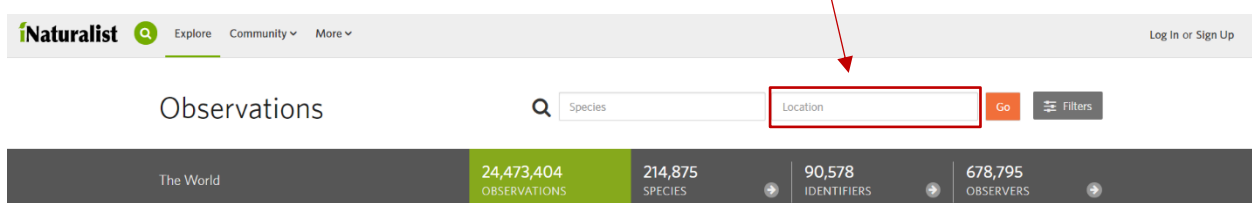


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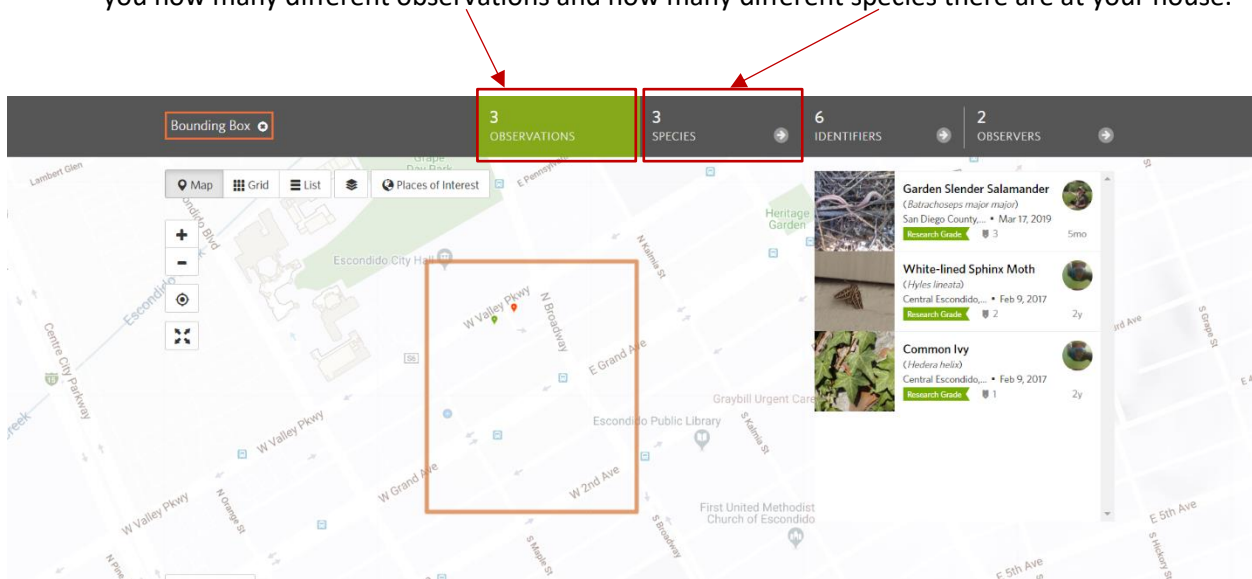


I think there are more plants and animals at the Elfin Forest

2. Go to inaturalist.org/observations. Ask your parents for your home address. Find the location search box and type your home address into this box.



3. You will see a map of your house with a box around it, similar to the photo below. It will also tell you how many different observations and how many different species there are at your house.



4. **How many different observations are there at your house?** _____

How many different species are there at your house? _____

5. Now type the address of the Elfin Forest into the location box: *8833 Harmony Grove Road, Escondido, CA 92029*

6. **How many different observations are there at the Elfin Forest?** _____

How many different species are there at the Elfin Forest? _____

7. **Are there more plants and animals at Elfin Forest or your house?** (check one)

Elfin Forest

My house

Was your hypothesis correct? (check one)

Yes

No

Below are photos of two different parts of the Escondido Creek. Picture A was taken in downtown Escondido and picture B was taken at the Elfin Forest.



8. Circle the picture of the place that you would want to live if you were an animal.

Why did you choose that picture? _____

There are more plants and animals in clean places than in polluted places. That's because some plants and animals can't live in polluted areas. Natural areas also have more plants and animals than human-made areas because they have more food and shelter.

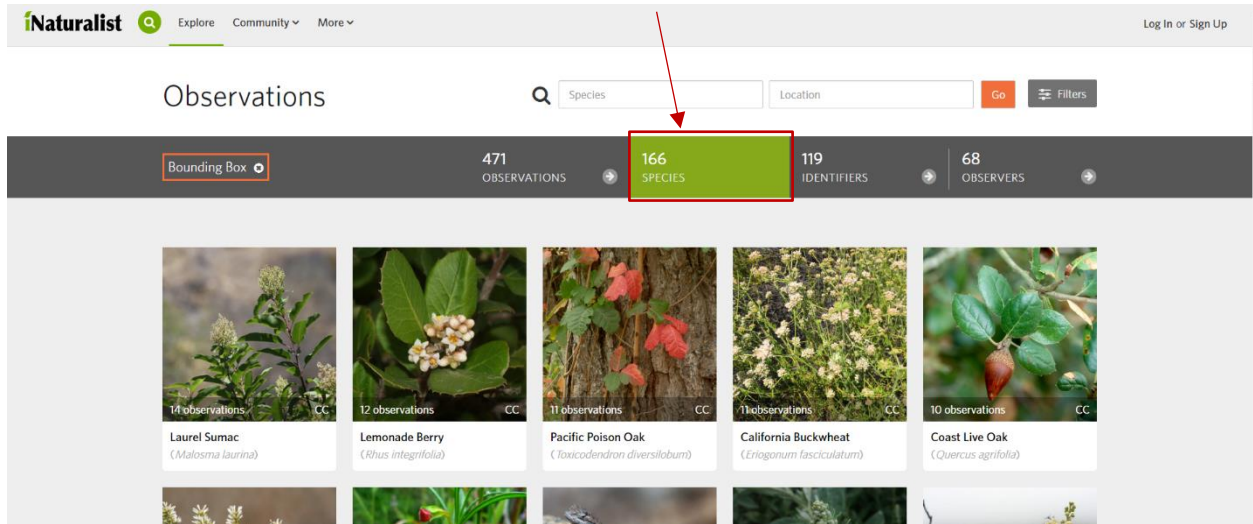
9. **Based on the number of plants and animals you found, where do you think plants and animals can find more food and shelter?** (check one)

Elfin Forest

My house

Why do you think this? _____

10. Click the “species” box at the top of the page and take a look at some of the plants and animals that live in the Elfin Forest.



11. Choose one plant or animal that you think is interesting and click on the photo. Then click on the “about” tab to learn more information about your plant or animal.

What is the name of your plant or animal? _____

Write down three interesting facts about your plant or animal.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Want to learn more about plants and animals that live in the Escondido Creek Watershed? Go to

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/the-escondido-creek-watershed>