

Friends of the Blue Hills Invasive Species Tracking Project

1. Download the APP: INaturalist from the App store it is free. The icon is a little green bird.
2. Create an account
3. When you create an account it will say: Email has been taken but it means you have signed on.
4. Open the app and go to projects which is under the “more” or “three dots” category.
5. Then type in “Friends of the Blue Hills Invasive Species Tracking Project”.
6. Open it and join. This may take a minute.
7. Once you have joined hit the back arrow in the upper left corner. When you hit the back arrow you will see an image of a camera or the word photo. Press icon. You will be asked to allow to use your phone camera say yes. It will also ask to allow to use your location (this is to geo tag your images when you take the photo).
8. Take the photo of the species you want to record. A close up of the leaf, stem and flowers or fruit if they are present. If you are happy with the photo then you press use photo button.
9. When the new page opens you will see a new page. The image has been geo located and you will see a question mark that states What did you see? Press on this tab and if you wait a few seconds INaturalist will make suggestions. I find it much faster to type in the name of the plant. You can type the common name and many different suggestions will come up. Make sure you press on the correct Latin name.
10. Last stage writ a note in the note box if necessary.

Buckthorn- *Rhamnus cathartica*

Multiflora Rose-*Rosa multiflora*

Black swallow-wort -*Vincetoxicum nigrum*

Bittersweet-*Celastrus orbiculatus*

Phragmites- *Phragmites australis*

Garlic Mustard- *Alliaria petiolata*

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