

TradMaD 2022 Bioblitz



Stalked Puffball-in-Aspic
(will NOT be on the camp menu)

We hope many of you will join us in tracking the biodiversity of Pinewood Camp this summer during TradMaD using [iNaturalist](https://www.inaturalist.org/). A joint initiative between the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society, iNaturalist is a platform for science and conservation efforts, providing valuable open data to research projects as well as to the public. Not only that, it's lots of fun! In 2019, 12 TradMad campers recorded 137 "research grade" observations of 67 different species, including Acrobat Ants, Velvet-footed Pax, and Stalked Puffball-in-Aspic. And no, I'm not making any of that up! We'd love to see if we can top that in 2022.

On Sunday, we will meet in the free period before lunch in the wifi area near the camp entrance to give you an overview of iNaturalist and help you download the app to your phone if you are a new user. Then, in the free time before dinner, we will take a walk around camp to show you how to make observations. Our goal is to identify as many plants and animals as we can find at camp during TradMaD.



Velvet-footed Pax



Acrobat Ants

If you do not already use iNaturalist, we encourage you to try it out ahead of time (<https://www.inaturalist.org/home>) to help you identify the plants and animals you see on your own nature walks. It's a great way to learn more about your own environment while also contributing your findings to a world-wide database! If you are interested in participating but are new to iNaturalist, feel free to email me at suzanne@smrozak.com and I'll do my best to answer any questions you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you at Camp!

Suzanne Mrozak.

A few more sightings from 2019



Chipmunk



Splatted Troll



Green Bug



Froglet



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