How to use Budburst and become an Owlet!

Step 1: Create an account at budburst.org

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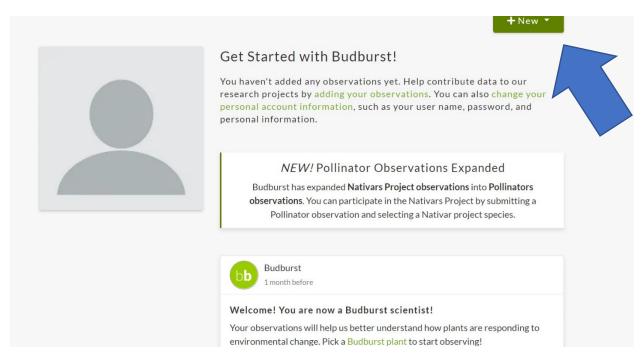
Photo courtesy of Bryan Thompson, Blackacre KY

Step 2: Check out or partner page to learn about which plants we are observing!

Step 3: Start recording your observations

Once you log in on to budburst you will see a welcome page like the one below

Click "Start Checklist" to start recording observations in real time. You can adjust the date and time to add observations from a previous birding trip. "Start checklist" will pull up a list of birds that are common for your area. You can go down the checklist and mark what you see.



Click the "New" button in the upper right-hand corner. This will pull down a list of observation types. You can choose what kind of observation you would like to record. We will use the "One time observation" button.

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		+ One-time Observation	-New -		
	Get Started with Budburst! You haven't added any observations yet research projects by adding your observ personal account information, such as yo personal information.	Life-cycle Observation			
		Pollinators Observation Milkweeds & Monarchs Ob	oservation		
	NEW! Pollinator Obse Budburst has expanded Nativars Proj observations. You can participate in th Pollinator observation and select	ect observations into Pellin e Nativars Project by submit	tting a		
	Budburst				

Clicking this will pull up a page like the one below. This can also be done from your web-browser on your phone for ease of collection in the field.

Submit a One-Time Observa	tion		
Photos	Select photos to upload. Photos allow Budburst to verify your data.		
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	Drag and drop or click to select photos		
	Only jog, jogg, and pog files allowed, Maximum 5 photos, maximum file size is 13MB.		
Plant	Which plant did you observe? To add a new plant not found in the dropdown, type the plant name and select option or press enter.		
	Type to search or select option		
Location	Where did you make your observation?		
	You have not added a location yet.		
	+ New location		
Plant Nickname Optional	Do you want to give this plant at this location a nickname?		
	Enter the nickname of this plant at this location		

You can add a photo of your observation as well as the plant ID, location, date, and phenophase (if there were flowers/fruit). The information collected will vary depending on what kind of observation you are looking for. Check out the different budburst projects before going out in order to know what kind of information to record!

Lastly, make sure you submit your observation by clicking the "Save Observation" button.

Plant Nickname Optional	Do you want to give this plant at this location a nickname?			
	Enter the nickname of this plant at this location			
Date	When did you make your observation?			
	Click to select date			
Phenophases	You have not selected a plant yet. You must select a plant before adding phenophases.			
Notes Optional	Do you have any notes about this observation?			
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		Cancel	Save Observation	

Thank you for birding with us and for contributing to our bird diversity monitoring program! We love having you as an Owlet!