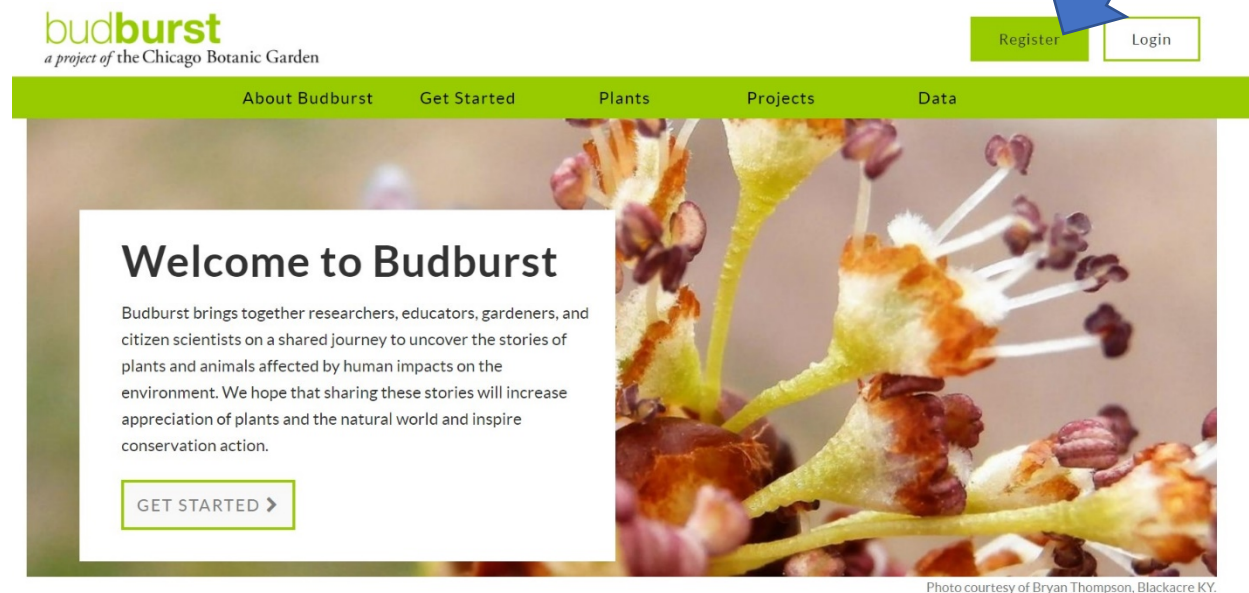


# How to use Budburst and become an Owlet!

Step 1: Create an account at budburst.org

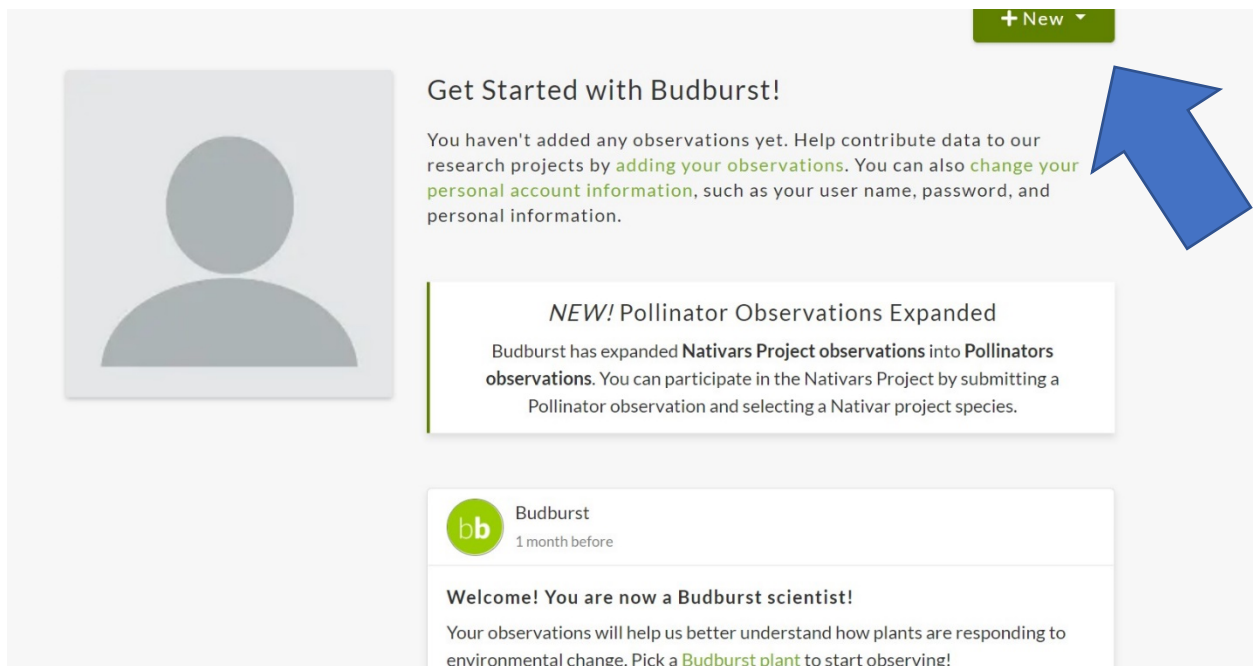


Step 2: Check out our partner page to learn about which plants we are observing!

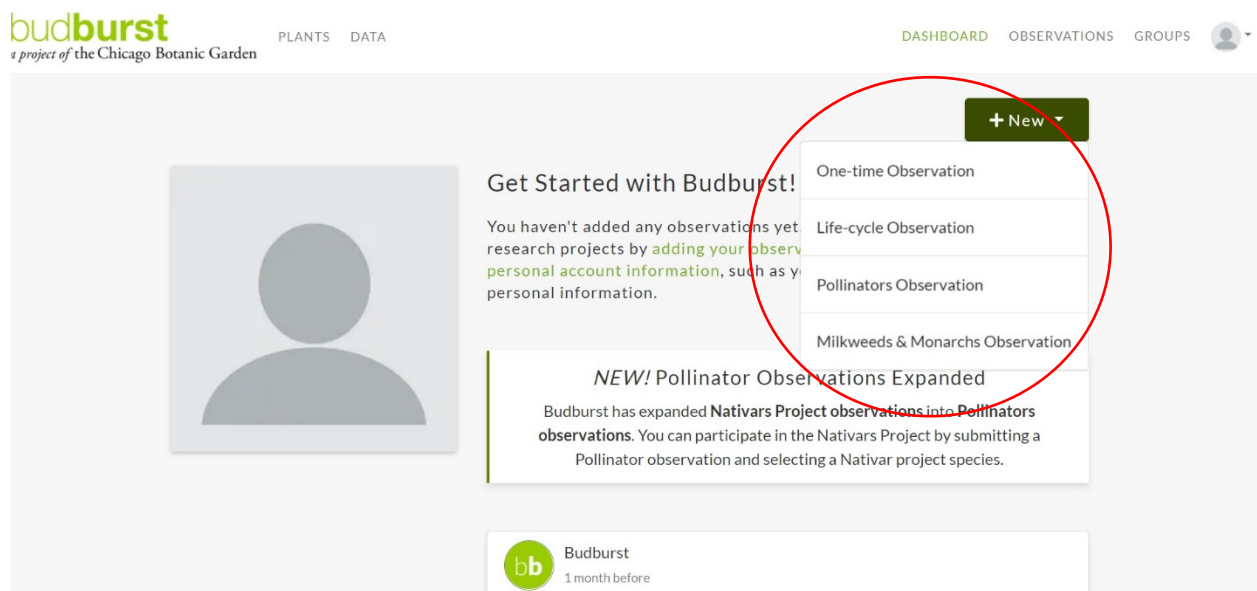
Step 3: Start recording your observations

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.



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 Observation

**Photos** Select photos to upload. Photos allow Budburst to verify your data.

  
Drag and drop or click to select photos

Only .jpg, .jpeg, and .png files allowed. Maximum 5 photos, maximum file size is 13MB.

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**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.

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?

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