

# ***Shared Sites in Nature's Notebook***



# Need

- Many people want to make observations at the same sites, and on the same plants and animals:
  - Increases engagement
  - Allows assessment of data quality (comparing multiple observers, knowing same plant is same plant on same day)
- Previously groups had to use a workaround – one user login used by many members of a group (e.g. NYBG and Taylor Ranch)

# What is a Shared Site?

Joel

- Backyard



Lynn

- Office
- Trail

Anne

- Yard

Forest Park  
Phenology Trail

# Two Kinds of Shared Sites



- Group Sites
  - Groups are organizations of any size or formality that want to share responsibility for a shared site (interchangeable with ‘network’ and ‘partner organization’)
  - Visible to all members of a group
  - All associated plants and animals are also visible to all members of the group
  - Group admins manage users, sites, plants and animals, view all observations
- Public Sites
  - Any one can create, request to designate it ‘public’
  - Any user can then find it and make observations at it

# Group Sites: Two Roles

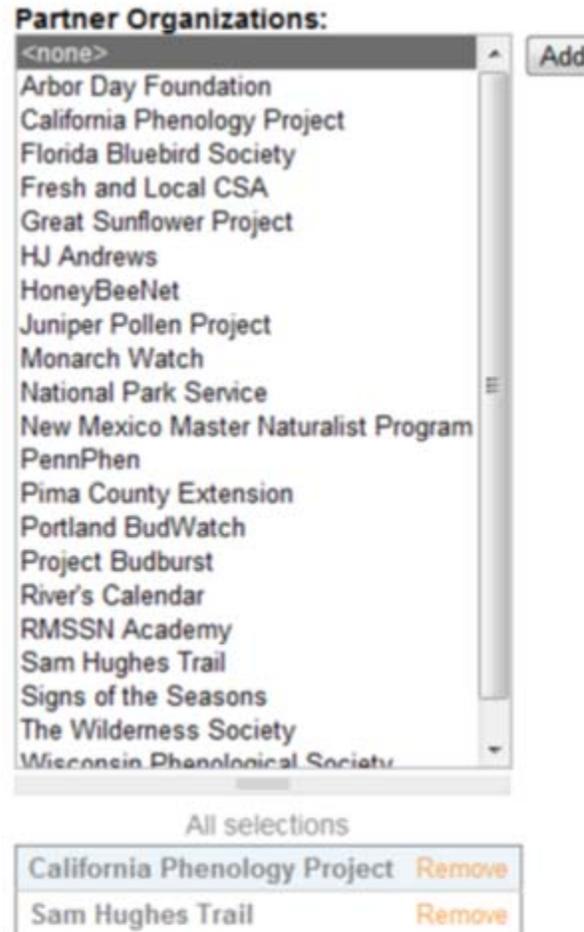
- **Members/individuals :**
  - Join or remove themselves from a group or groups
  - Add plants and animals
  - Create and view own observations
- **Admins of a group may (in addition):**
  - Inactivate/delete plants at a site
  - Remove animals from a site
  - Create sites and designate them to a group
  - Be an admin in more than one group
  - View all observations made at a group site



# Group Sites: How it Works for Members/Individuals

## *To join a group:*

1. Log in
2. Go to [www.usanpn.org/user](http://www.usanpn.org/user)
3. Click the “Edit” tab under your username
4. Select your group from the list of partner organizations, and click “Add”
5. **At the bottom of the page, click save to save these changes to your user profile.**



The following day, when the users log in to Nature's Notebook they will see a drop down by My Sites on NN home. They select their group from the list, and then see the sites and plants, and are able to report observations.

The screenshot displays the Nature's Notebook user interface. At the top left, a navigation menu includes: Nature's Notebook Home, My Account, Help, Download My Data, and Explore data visualizations. To the right, a workflow diagram shows four steps: Add a New Site, Add or Edit Plants, Add or Edit Animal Checklist, and Enter Observations, connected by arrows. The main content area is titled "Nature's Notebook Home" and features a dropdown menu for "My Sites" with options: Sam Hughes Trail, My Sites, Sam Hughes Trail, and California Phenology Project. Below this are buttons for "Edit Site" and "Add a New Site". To the right, a list titled "My Plants & Animals" includes: DODVIS-1, DODVIS-2, DODVIS-3, PROVEL-1, PROVEL-2, PROVEL-3, LARTRI-1, buffelgrass-1, tamarisk-1, and tamarisk-2. Buttons below this list include "Add or Edit Plants", "Add or Edit Animal Checklist", "Sort Plants & Animals", "Create Datasheets", and "Enter Observation Data". On the far right, the "Details for this Organism" section shows "DODVIS-1" (Florida hopbush, *Dodonaea viscosa*) with site information (NCO Parking Lot Alley), and characteristics (Wild? Yes, Shade? Mostly shade, Watered? No, Fertilized? No). A photo of the plant is shown, along with buttons for "View Species Profile" and "Create Single Datasheet (PDF)".

# Group Sites: How it Works for Admins



**To set up a group site,** email [nco@usanpn.org](mailto:nco@usanpn.org):

- Name of Group
- Existing users to be made Admin

Admins can then add sites and plants (first navigating to their group using the My Sites dropdown) and can view info about their members, using the “manage users” link in Nature’s Notebook home (pictured above).

# User Admin Page



## User Admin Page

### Groups I Administer

- California Phenology Project

### Users in this group

- Alyssa Rosemartin
- Kathy Gerst
- Susan Mazer
- Liz Matthews
- Josh Hoines
- Matthew McClintock
- Sue Fritzke
- Dona Frey
- Keith Park
- Jeff Denny

### User Details

Alyssa Rosemartin  
Date Registered: Sun Mar 08 09:50:03 MST 2009  
Address: 1701 Alphabet Ln Tucson AZ  
[Download Observations \(0\)](#)  
[Remove User from Group](#)

# Public Sites

- Any user may create a site, and request that it be designated as a public site.
- This user, the site's creator, may add plants and animals to the site, remove animals, and mark plants as dead or inactive.
- Any user may add any public site to his or her list of sites.
- Other users of a public site may only contribute observations about plants and animals at the site, and otherwise have no control of the site.
- Users of the site may download observations made at the site (those made by the user and those made by other users).

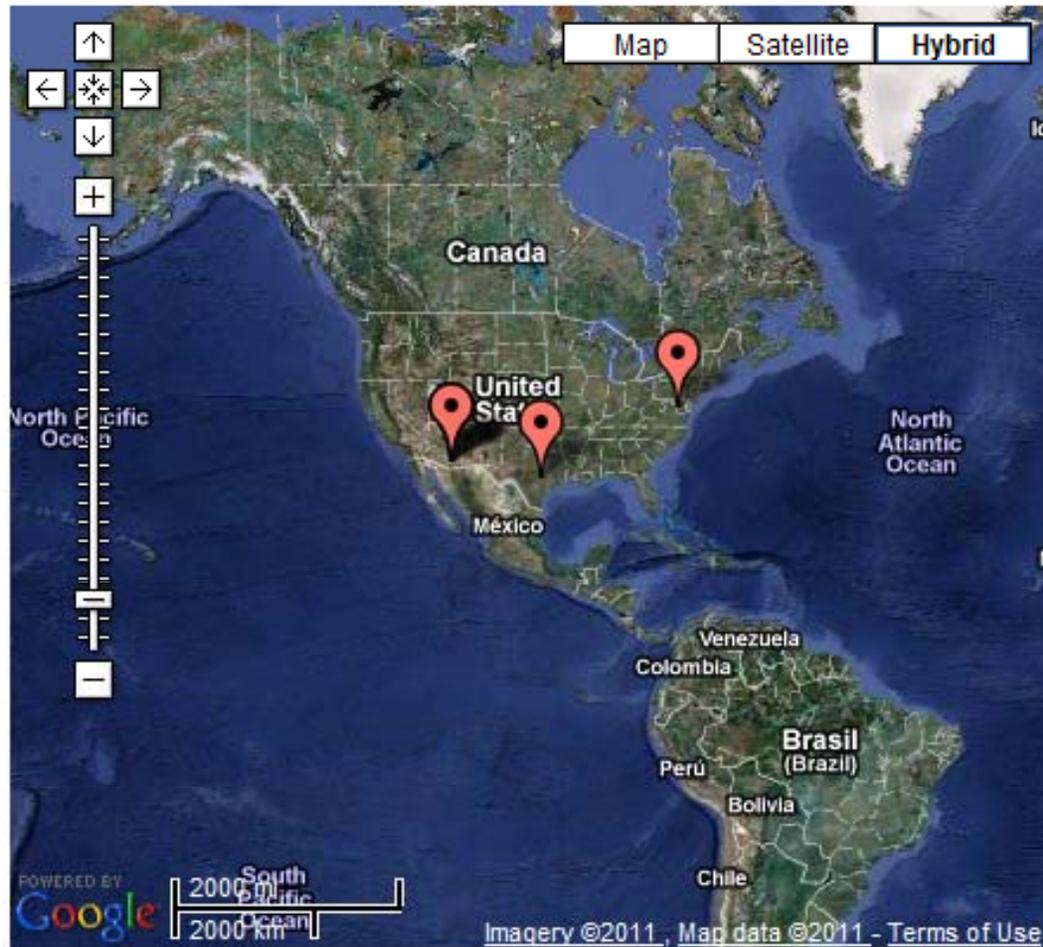


# Public Sites: How it works

- **To create a public site**, create it, under My Sites in Nature's Notebook, as usual.
- Email [nco@usanpn.org](mailto:nco@usanpn.org) with your username and the name of the site you wish to make public
- **To add a public site to your sites**, click Add a Site, and then click the link to “Add a public Site” on the Add Sites page.
- This takes you to the interface shown on the next slide for adding public sites.
- Click “Add Public Site” and you should see it in your NN home, under My Sites, with a little (p) following the site name

## Select a Public Site

Search by  
Name or ID



### Site Search Results

USGS Headquarters  
Oak Springs Bioblitz- ESA 201  
Joseph Wood Krutch Garden U  
Pima Extension Office  
Saguaro BioBlitz 2011

If you would like to make observations at a site that's already been set up and designated as public by someone else, select that site on the map above. Click the link to add the site to your Nature's Notebook homepage.

Add Public Site