

iNaturalist and STEC – Join the fun!

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For those of you not familiar with iNaturalist (iNat), I offer, here, an abbreviated overview of what it is and what it is all about. Briefly, iNaturalist is a nonprofit social network that enables individuals to record and share observations of living things---across the globe---either from iNat’s website on their laptop / desktop or via iNat’s mobile application on their cellphone or other electronic device---iPad, for example.

Just prior to the July 22 Moth Night at South Texas Ecotourism Center (STEC), a project was created for STEC in iNat to facilitate data collection for this mothing event. This project can be located in iNat under the general heading of “STEC Wildlife.”

As Texas Master Naturalists, many of us are familiar with iNat, and we use it as a tool to help identify and learn about the flora and fauna in the natural world around us. So, the next time you visit the STEC, you can don your citizen scientist cap, and assist them in continued data collection for their site. Thank you, in advance, for your help on their “STEC Wildlife” project.

For a complete and thorough view of both Roberto Gaitan’s and Cat Traylor’s extensive insect documentation and portraiture from Moth Night at the STEC 2023, please visit the “STEC Wildlife” project in iNat at your earliest convenience. Here is the link to view their observations in this project: https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?project_id=174172



A beautiful sunset kicks off the first Moth Night at South Texas Ecotourism Center on July 22, 2023.