## FIELD INSTITUTE OF TAOS NATURE CHALLENGE

The Field Institute of Taos Nature Challenge will be done using **iNaturalist**, a free observation app that can be used on your smart phone or computer. You will record observations and learn how to identify organisms (or you can let others identify them for you). Anyone can freely access and use all information collected on iNaturalist. You can use iNaturalist to make observations anywhere in the world and it's fun (and easy) to explore the database. For this project, we are focusing on **Taos County during the month of July 2020**.

## HOW TO JOIN THE FITAOS NATURE CHALLENGE:

If you don't already have an iNaturalist account downloaded on your phone or computer, **go to the** <u>iNaturalist page</u> **to create a free account and download the app.** It is easy because iNaturalist is designed to be used by everyone!

Once you have an account:

- **Log in** (on your phone or computer)
- Find the **Field Institute of Taos Nature Challenge**: <u>https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/field-institute-of-taos-nature-challenge</u>
- Ask to "join the project"

## NOW WHAT?

Once you have joined the project, **start recording observations** (check out this "<u>making observations</u>" tutorial to learn how). These can be any animal, flowers, trees, etc. Observations can also be evidence of animals (tracks, scat, etc).

All observations you make in Taos County during the month of July will be automatically included in the project.

Contact us with any questions at info@fitaos.org or programs@fitaos.org so we can help!