## Citizen Science Training March 2022

Three INaturalist Training workshops were held in conjunction with SANBI and CREW facilitators from South Africa. These were held on 8th March at Hillside Dams





Conservancy and the Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe, Bulawayo, on 9th March at Mukuvizi Woodlands Harare and 10-13 at Seldomseen Cottages, Vumba Botanical Area.

Each workshop started with field training on what to photograph, how to take photographs, and how to upload to INaturalist. The second half of the workshop was training on how to use INaturalist and its use as a powerful tool for all citizen scientists and the value of their contribution to science. Twenty to twenty five people attended the various training sessions and a number of projects have been created to record what was photographed on these days and to create a continuous record going forward. These can be found at

https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/hillside-dam-conservancy

https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/vumba-and-bunga-forest-nature-reserve

https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mukuvisi-woodlands-nature-reserve



INaturalist training at the Natural History Museum Zimbabwe 8th March



To continue the training and involvement in citizen science both Bulawayo and Harare joined the INaturalist City Nature Challenge held 29 April-2 May and it has been encouraging to see a greater participation and additional people joining in these citizen science bioblitz's. The results can be seen at

https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2022-bulawayo

https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2022-harare

Further training and refresher courses will be held in July 2022













Citizen scientists in field training