Quick Start Guide to OBSERVATIONS

A. GENERATE AN INATURALIST.ORG ACCOUNT
   a. Note your USERNAME and PASSWORD
   b. OBSERVATIONS can be made via:
      i. iNaturalist.org web application
      ii. iNaturalist phone application

B. TAKE FOCUSED SMARTPHONE PHOTOS

UP CLOSE pics of:
   i. REPRODUCTIVE PARTS (FRUIT or FLOWERS)
      Capture the fruit or flowers, if any. Fruit is the seed, nut, samara, acorn, etc.
   ii. SINGLE LEAF
      Capture a single leaf with attachment to the twig. Include leaf venation, petiole and bud
   iii. SEVERAL LEAVES
      Capture several leaves attached to a branch
   iv. BARK
      Capture the bark using the diameter of the trunk to frame

FULL SPECIMEN pics of:
   v. FULL TREE
      Capture as much of the entire canopy and trunk as possible
      Step away from the tree while watching for hazards
   vi. UP THE CANOPY
      Use the selfie feature and hold phone close to trunk

C. CREATE YOUR INATURALIST OBSERVATION

UPLOAD pics from CAMERA LIBRARY
   Use the pics from your CAMERA LIBRARY taken of the specimen
   Phone app allows 4 pics at a time

SELECT the SPECIES → iNaturalist will use the SEEK app to suggest an ID
SHARE your OBSERVATION → this saves your OBSERVATION

D. IF SEEDS WERE COLLECTED...

ADD the COLLECTION DATE to the OBSERVATION (pics below)
NOTE the OBSERVATION ID on the seeds when sending to TreeFolks.
OBSERVATION ID is the number at the end of the URL
Example: https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/180205828

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