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Wild Spotter: Mission

“To build citizen science volunteer capacity to protect America’s wild places from harmful exotic organisms (plants, pathogens, and animals) that outcompete native species and threaten the biodiversity and health of every aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem.”

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Levels of Involvement



- ▶ Ambassador
 - ▶ Attends a formal training given by official Wild Spotter representatives
 - ▶ Expected to understand and educate others on invasive species in their respective areas
 - ▶ Can submit and oversee locations on the Wild Spotter App
- ▶ Manager
 - ▶ The Ambassador for a given location can assign specific people as Manager(s)
 - ▶ Expected to provide accurate uploads and encouraged to educate others
 - ▶ Can adjust the species list for a given location or make a new location
- ▶ Citizen Scientist
 - ▶ Anyone who makes an observation in a given area
 - ▶ No expectations or privileges

Invasive Species Ambassadors

- ▶ The Garden sponsored me to attend the 2025 Invasive Species Ambassador Training for Wild Spotter.
- ▶ It was a three-day event held from February 4-6, 2025 at Lake Guntersville State Park here in Alabama.
- ▶ This is one of the BEST and most valuable conferences I have ever attended throughout my career.
- ▶ This is also what certified me as an official “Invasive Species Ambassador” for Wild Spotter.



How do we use this information?

- ▶ Wild Spotter is an app that allows people to make observations about invasive plant species in their area.
- ▶ These observations are then sent to a centralized database where experts vetted through the University of Georgia's Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health review the submissions for accuracy.
- ▶ Once an observation is deemed accurate, the data is published to EDDMapS.
- ▶ Anyone can access the information on EDDMapS for free at any time.
- ▶ Example: lesser celandine, fig buttercup (Ficaria verna Huds.) - EDDMapS Distribution - EDDMapS



How to Utilize Wild Spotter

- ▶ The App itself is for observation uploads ONLY.
- ▶ Website: <https://www.wildspotter.org/> is where you will be able to set your “Wild Place”, adjust your species list, edit your profile, and so much more.
- ▶ If you go to the website, click on the “Places” tab, then click on the Huntsville Botanical Garden, you will see the Wild Place profile that I have made for the Garden.
- ▶ From there, you can look at the ambassador, manager(s), species list, and place information.
- ▶ Also on the desktop version, you can access your “My Wild Spotter” tab, which can provide useful information about your Wild Place and the reports you’ve made.

The screenshot displays the Wild Spotter website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with "Wild Spotter Invasive Species Ambassador Training Course" on the left and "My Wild Spotter" and "Become a Wild Spotter Partner" on the right. The main content area features a welcome message for "Cameron Oldham!" followed by a bio paragraph. To the left of the bio is a "My Account" sidebar menu with options: "My Places", "My Data", "My Summary", "Create a new place", "Place Checklist", "Ambassadors", and "Logout". Below the bio are "View Detailed Profile" and "Edit Profile" buttons. A section titled "Wild Spotter/EDDMapS User Statistics" contains a table with three columns: "Overall", "This Year", and "This Month". The table lists "Reports" (5, 0, 0), "Species" (3, 0, 0), and "Counties" (1, 0, 0). The footer includes logos for "WILD SPOTTER GEORGIA", "Invasive Plant Control", "mps m powered strategies", and "mappinginvasives@gmail.com". It also features a navigation menu with "Volunteer", "Where To Look", "What To Look For", "Places", "People", "Partners", and "Prevention". Two featured reports are shown: "by Gregory Arnesen in Marion County, Indiana on 11-Apr-26" and "wandering broadhead planarian by Paul Bollot in DuPage County, Illinois on 11-Apr-26".

Wild Spotter Invasive Species Ambassador Training Course

My Wild Spotter Become a Wild Spotter Partner

Welcome Cameron Oldham!

Cameron is currently the Cultivated Areas Supervisor at the Huntsville Botanical Garden in Huntsville, AL. She received her Bachelor's from Middle Tennessee State University in 2019 and went back to school for her Master's in biology with a concentration in conservation and ecology in 2023. Cameron became an Invasive Species Ambassador for Wild Spotter in early 2025 and uses this program to track the removal of invasive species and volunteer efforts at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. Her love for the environment and passion for protecting our natural world continues to drive her career efforts.

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Wild Spotter/EDDMapS User Statistics

	Overall	This Year	This Month
Reports	5	0	0
Species	3	0	0
Counties	1	0	0

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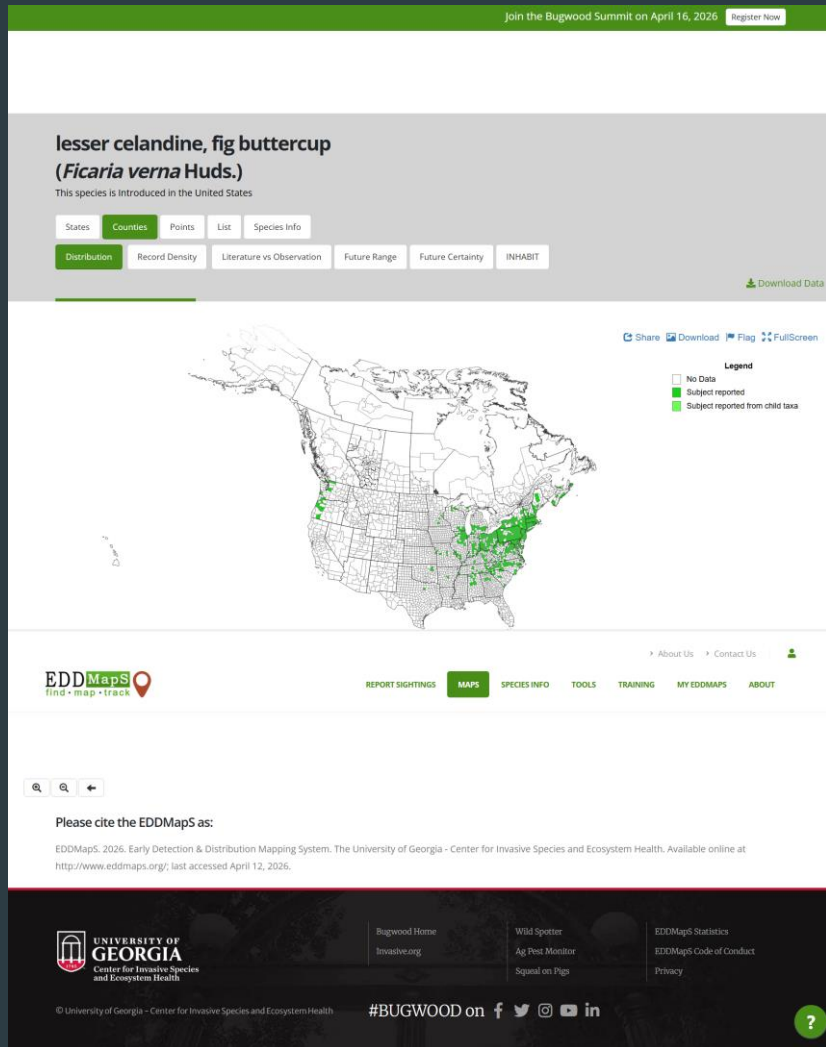
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Invasive.org Wildlife Forever

How to Utilize EDDMapS



- ▶ Website: <https://www.eddmaps.org/> is where you go to visualize the data submitted by all of the citizen scientists who have participated in this project.
- ▶ Here you can also see the “Review Status” of any reports that you have created, as well as insight on the type and number of reports you have made.
- ▶ You can organize maps by type of invasive (plant, insect, disease, fungi, and/or wildlife), state or county breakdowns, future range prediction, and so much more!
- ▶ This really is an incredibly valuable resource for mapping invasives and documenting their effects.

What can you do right now?

Managers

- ▶ Make observations
- ▶ Create new Wild Places to document
- ▶ Adjust the species list for the HBG
- ▶ Educate coworkers, volunteers, and guests on invasives
- ▶ View data about submissions
- ▶ Spread the word!

Citizen Scientists

- ▶ Make observations
- ▶ Bring me dead invasives or evidence thereof
- ▶ Spread the word!

Questions?

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a manager, please feel free to reach out to me at any time!