**Sharing My Plant Observations**

Below are steps I should take to share my plant observations with my classmates and Budburst.

**Steps**

1. **Visit** your Budburst Plant. Bring your tablet/observation sheet/science notebook so you can record your observations.
2. Observe your plant carefully. Pay special attention to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (list plant parts).

(Optional) Take photos of your plant. Try to get a picture of the whole plant and a close up of each plant part listed above.

1. At home or on your tablet, **login** to your Budburst account (<https://budburst.org/login>) with the username (write this under ‘email address’) and password your teacher provided.

Your Username: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your Password: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Make sure you are in the **‘Groups’** tab
2. Click on the card that says **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** [name of classroom group]
3. Click the green ‘**Add Observation’** button
4. **Fill out** the form to add your plant observations!
	1. Upload a photo of your plant **or** select ‘no photo’ and type in your plant’s name

Your Budburst plant species name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \*For future observations, type in your plant’s nickname (see 7d)

* 1. **Choose** the **name** of your plant from the dropdown
	2. Write in your plant’s **location** (e.g. the name of your local park, your home address)
	3. Give your plant a fun **nickname**!

Your plant’s nickname: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. Select ‘**Phenology’** for observation type
	2. Select the **date** you made your observation
	3. **Pick** your plant’s **phenophase** on **one or more** of the ‘wheels’

For example, you can select a flower phenophase to show whether your plant has flowers and if they are just starting to bloom or already wilting.

Optional: Add a close up photo of the plant part you observed.

* 1. Write down anything you want people to know about your observation in the ‘**Notes**’ section.
	2. Click ‘**Save** observation’.

**Congratulations,** you’re officially a Budburst scientist**!** Your observations have been added to Budburst’s database (<https://budburst.org/data>). They can help scientists and other students answer their questions about plants. Thank you!

**FAQs**

1. I need help figuring out what kind of plant I’m looking at.

Budburst can help with that! Add a photo of your plant that clearly shows its leaves and/or flowers in step 7a. We will suggest a list of plants that match your photo. Start with the plants at the top of the list (They are the most likely matches). Click on a plant to see its picture/description. If it matches your plant, click next to continue. If not, click back to view other suggestions.

1. What if I can’t find my plant’s name (species) in the dropdown, or I don’t know it?

That’s okay. You can type in a name yourself (e.g. oak tree), hit enter, and select its plant group.

1. What if I can’t decide my plant’s phenophase?

Write down your questions/concerns in the notes section (see step 7h). If you think your plant might be in between two phenophaes, write that down!