

# bloomWatch! Monitoring Cyanobacteria Blooms with a Smartphone

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- bloomWatch enables citizen scientists to help document potentially harmful blooms by submitting a photograph and other information from a smartphone or tablet. The app can report geographical location automatically and anyone can view observations submitted through the app in multiple ways, including a map view, on [CitSci.org](https://www.citsci.org).




# Why Create an App?

- An increase in blooms has strained State resources.
- Citizen groups wanted help tracking blooms.
- bloomWatch was developed with the help of NEIWPCC's HAB Workgroup and the CMC.
- This app uses crowdsourcing to find and report potential HABs.



# Using the App

- Download the app for iOS and Android
- Available in the Apple App Store
- Available in the Google Play Store
- It's Free!!!



Welcome to bloomWatch!  
Crowdsourcing to find and report potential cyanobacteria blooms

## 1. Download the app

Install bloomWatch app on your smartphone or tablet

[DOWNLOAD FOR IOS](#)

[DOWNLOAD FOR ANDROID](#)

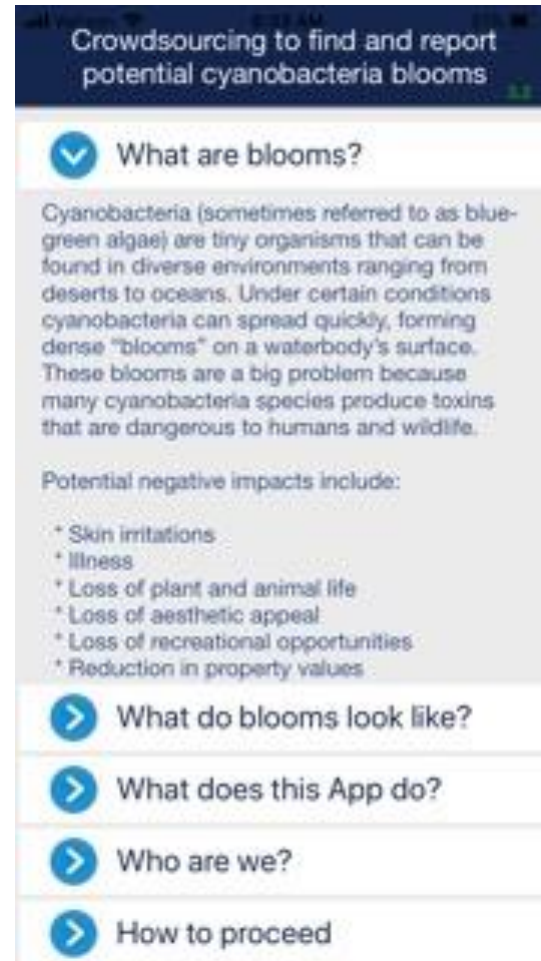


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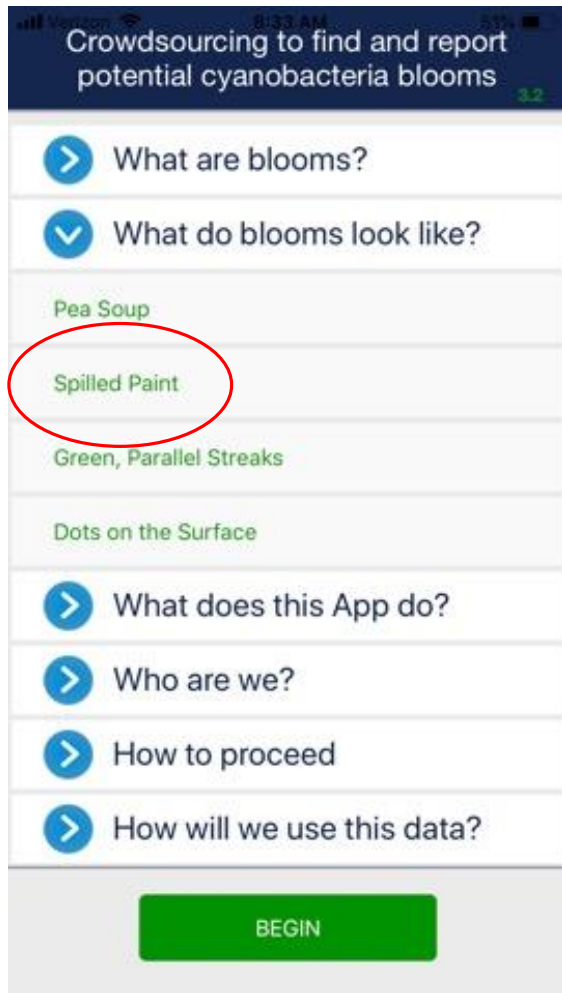


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- The 'About' tab offers general information on blooms, the app, and the CMC




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**User Information**

Name

Email

Alias

\* The alias is a required username that will be publicly displayed next to any submissions you make using this app. Your name and email will not be shared publicly.

**ADD NEW WATERBODY**

**LOOKUP PREVIOUS WATERBODY**

[Cancel](#)

Enter a new waterbody name:


**Add Waterbody**





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**Test**

Characteristics

Date

Town

State

Does waterbody have public access for boating, fishing, or bathing?

Weather conditions

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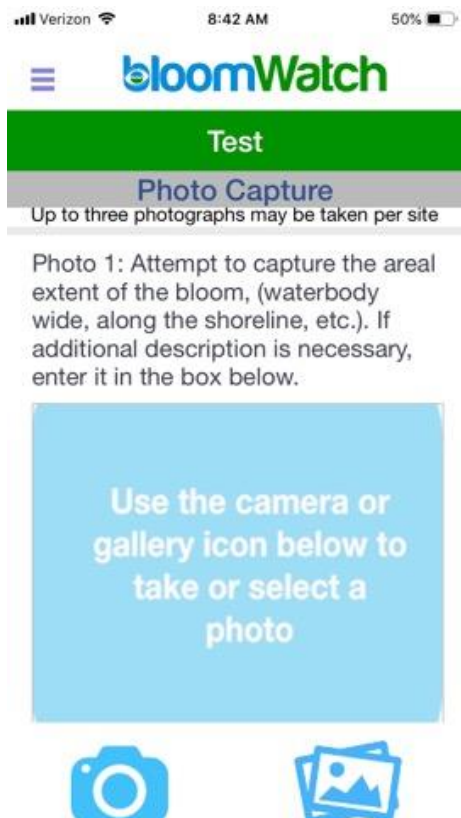
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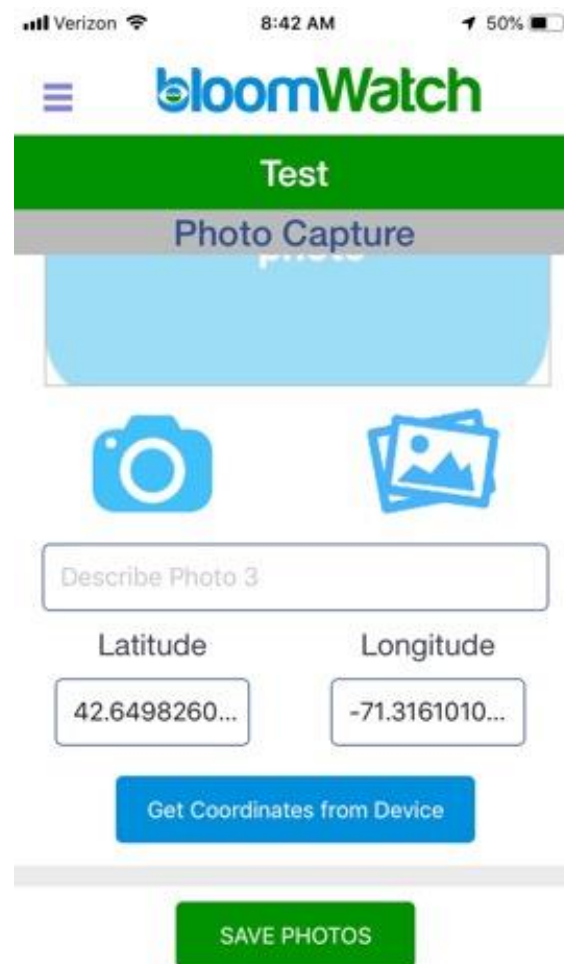
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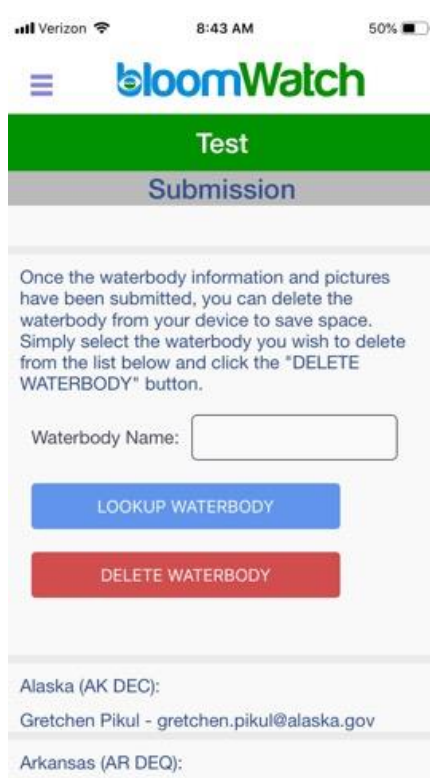
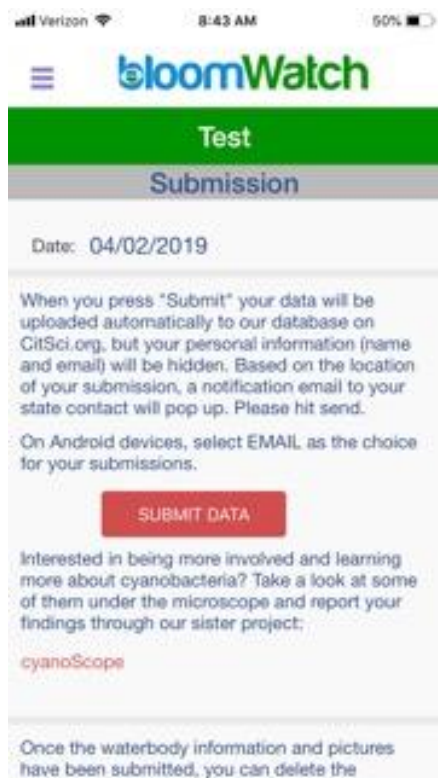


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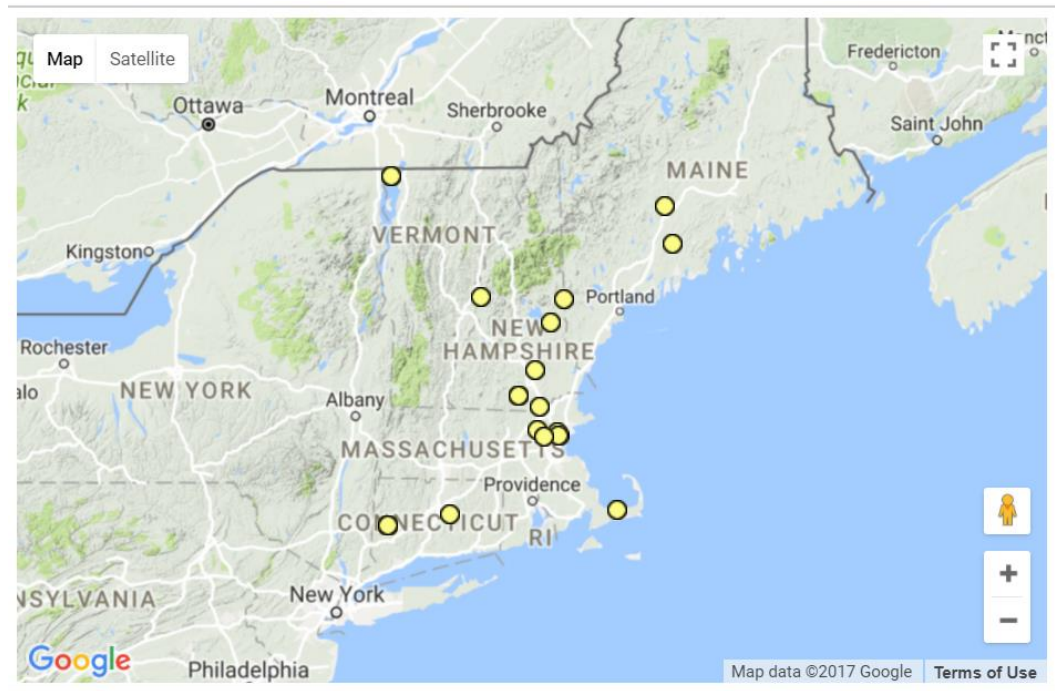




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The screenshot shows the bloomWatch web application interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'CitSci.org' and a 'bloomWatch' logo. Below the logo, statistics are displayed: 193 members, 62 observations, 58 locations, and 585 measurements. A 'Help' section explains the purpose of the app: to track cyanobacteria blooms using smartphone photos. A 'Project Details' section is visible, showing tabs for 'View Data', 'Submit Data', 'Resources', 'Media', 'Feedback', 'Questions', 'Analysis', 'Forum', and 'Wiki'. The 'View Data' tab is active, displaying a table of observations.

Date	Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	Photo	Created Date	Options
Nov 8, 2018	Empire Cr. Boat Ramp, Lake Canaan, N.Y.	44.88942	-73.28427		Nov 10, 2018	<a href="#">View</a>
Oct 24, 2018	Lake Canaan, N.Y.	44.917942	-73.254951		Oct 25, 2018	<a href="#">View</a>
Oct 20, 2018	Lake Canaan, N.Y. (2)	44.9187	-73.2607		Oct 25, 2018	<a href="#">View</a>
Oct 13, 2018	Over Creek Reservoir (N.Y.)	43.400595264796	-71.8200001023		Oct 13, 2018	<a href="#">View</a>
Sep 26, 2018	Maldenbrook Pond	42.28102	-72.88429		Oct 10, 2018	<a href="#">View</a>
Sep 19, 2018	Cinger (N.Y.)	44.62832768113	-73.25748317248		Sep 19, 2018	<a href="#">View</a>
Sep 14, 2018	Lake Louise	41.461238178873	-87.7302131485259		Sep 15, 2018	<a href="#">View</a>
Aug 28, 2018	Jackson Cove (CT)	41.419026	-73.19027		Sep 20, 2018	<a href="#">View</a>
Aug 24, 2018	Brant Lake	43.9274	-86.834		Sep 18, 2018	<a href="#">View</a>
Aug 10, 2018	Brant Lake	43.9274	-86.834		Sep 18, 2018	<a href="#">View</a>



# Benefits

- When you submit, an option to email NEIWPCCC will appear.
- NEIWPCCC informs the State Contact.
- bloomWatch acts as an additional resource for States.





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- State Benefits:
  - State contact is notified of a potential bloom.
  - Notifications may come from unmonitored areas.

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