

Want to start a new Caterpillars Count! site?

Consider these questions:

1 Will your site have at least 10 (ideally ≥ 20) foliage survey locations?

NO



2 Will surveys be carried out at least 5 times over the late spring and summer?

NO



3 Is there an existing pool of potential participants who could share the work of conducting these surveys? (or a single individual willing to dedicate the time required?)

NO



Characterizing the seasonal phenology of caterpillars requires conducting a large number of surveys per season.

If you can't commit to the level of effort necessary, then we encourage you to mention us to local nature centers or environmental education centers that might be able to coordinate such efforts.

Thank you!

Great! Here are the next steps!

4 Register for an account through the mobile app (available from iTunes & Google Play), or through the [website](#) (click on Submit Observations, and then Register).

5 Send an email to caterpillarscount@gmail.com with the following information:

- * Site name
- * Short description (<25 words)
- * Site latitude and longitude in decimal degrees
- * Site password (this will be given out by you to participants for them to submit surveys for your site)
- * Number of survey locations you expect to support (should be a multiple of 5)

6 Choose survey branches on woody vegetation at your site. Branches should have >50 leaves, and leaves should be >2 inches (5 cm) long. See the **Setting up survey locations** document on the [Participate](#) page.

7 Enter plant species names for survey branches through the website's [Administration](#) page. Find your site in the Sites table, and click on the plant icon at right.

8 Print out QR codes from the website's [Administration](#) page, laminate, and hang from survey branches.



Your site is ready to be surveyed!

More info at:

CaterpillarsCount.unc.edu