

# Camas Watch 2013

*Understanding camas in the Kootenays through Citizen Science.*



## Budding

Camas buds start out green, then turn blue or purple before opening.



## First flower

Camas flowers from the bottom up. The first bud to break is lowest on the stem.



## Mid-bloom

Half or more of the flowers are open.



## Fruiting

The green capsules contain developing seeds.



## Seed dispersal


When ripe, the capsules open and the black seeds drop from the plants.

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## Be a Camas Watcher!

### Method 1.

Choose a single plant and track it through the season.

	<b>Camas Observation Form</b> Download printable forms at <a href="http://kootenaynativeplants.ca">kootenaynativeplants.ca</a>
<b>Observer E-mail:</b> _____	
<b>Flowering Phase</b>	
<b>First Bloom</b> (day/month/year): _____	<b>Mid Bloom</b> (day/month/year) _____
<b>Plant Location</b> _____	
<b>Closest city or town</b> _____	
<b>Latitude:</b> _____ N	<b>Longitude:</b> _____ W
<b>Elevation</b> (if known): _____ (metres)	

### Method 2.

One time observation.

1. Record flowering phase, date and location.
2. If possible, submit with photo - best if it shows an entire flower stalk.



We welcome historic photos of camas too!

## Submit observations

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**Web:** [inaturalist.org/projects/camas-watch](http://inaturalist.org/projects/camas-watch)

**App:** Free app available for iPhone, iPad and Android. Upload photos and location directly to site.

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