Rendezvous 2021
Scavenger Hunt Rules & Guidelines

1. Observations for this Scavenger Hunt must be posted on each participant's iNaturalist page. The "LMNA Scavenger Hunt" collection project on iNaturalist will automatically collect all observations that fit the criteria used to define the project.

2. These are the criteria built into the iNaturalist LMNA Scavenger Hunt collection project:
    a. The observation must be made within the political boundary of the state of Louisiana.
    b. The observation must be made between 12 noon April 3, 2021 and 12 noon April 24, 2021.
    c. Each participant's iNat username must be manually added to the project as a user of the project. (This was done as people registered for Rendezvous 2021.)
    d. The observation must be identified as one of the taxa on the list of taxa the project has been set to collect.

3. The iNat project filter system, plus manual checking as needed, will be used to determine winners. One of the taxa requires a *flowering* specimen. Therefore, do NOT fail to record the phenology phase of the observation you submit for that taxa.

4. "Research grade" observations will be used to break ties.

5. The list, which will be revealed Saturday, April 3, includes 35 taxa, some that must be identified at the species level, some that allow a choice between two species, some at the genus level, and other taxa at even broader levels.

6. All observations must include a photo *except* bird observations, which may be based solely on an audio recording instead. Game camera photos are not acceptable.

7. Although participants have been manually added to the project by the project manager and are to post observations to their own iNat stream, therefore are not required to go to the project itself for any particular reason, I do recommend that you go to the project from time to time to check and make sure your observations are being collected by the project. If you detect a problem, please email bjkauffman@gmail.com ASAP so I can trouble-shoot the situation.

8. And, finally, this is an experiment! To iNat, it's a "bioblitz." I do not know if anyone has ever before used iNat in this way to run a Scavenger Hunt. Moreover, it has not been possible to test every aspect of this. Therefore, please be patient and tolerant if everything does not work exactly as planned. It's supposed to be fun. The three people who collaborated to create it—Bette Kauffman, Charles Paxton, Kim Paxton—hope to have fun, too, although obviously, we are not contestants.

9. Prizes? Your name in lights. Bragging rights. Kudos galore. Fun! And I'm sure I can come up with a certificate that you can print and frame should you so desire.