

Cone Survey form in Survey123:

The Reforestation Services Program (RSP) is no longer using paper surveys, as digital records can be tracked readily and easily compared year to year. To collect data digitally, please use the QR to the right to access our survey. This survey is a collaboration between American Forests, the United States Department of Agriculture: Forest Service, CAL FIRE, and private industry to have uniform cone survey datasets and enable future collaboration.

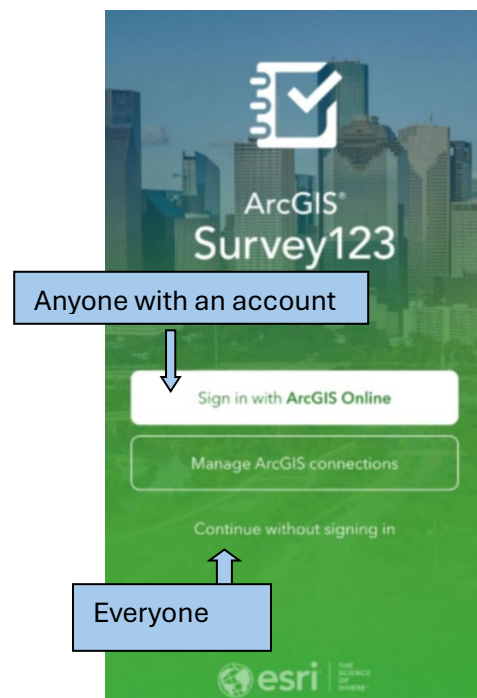


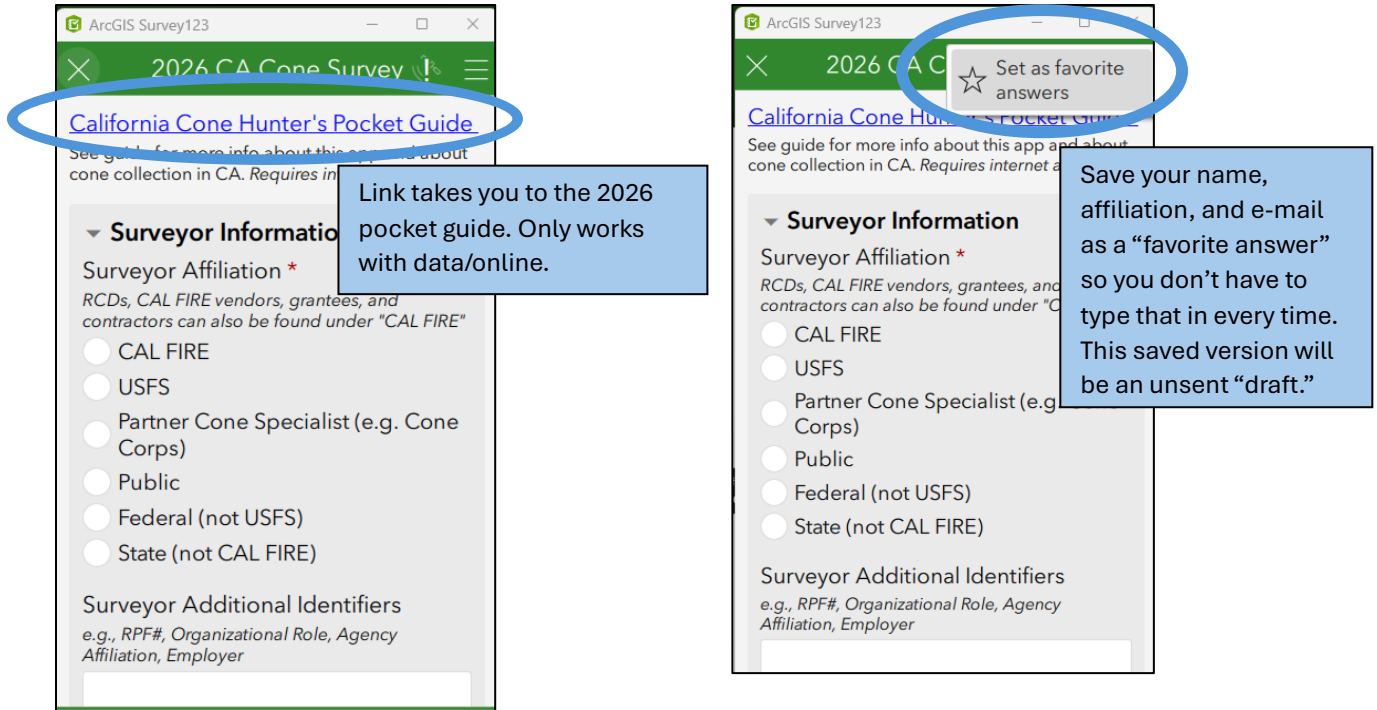
Getting the Survey:

1. Download the Survey123 phone application directly onto your phone for offline use in the field by going to your App Store > downloading Survey123.
2. Obtain the 2026 Cone Survey Form
 - a. If you have the 2025 Cone Crop Survey Form from last year, you should be prompted to update the form to the 2026 version when you open the Survey123 app.
 - b. If this is your first time accessing the Cone Crop Survey Form, scan the QR code on your mobile device or use the link: [2026 CA Cone Crop Survey](#)
 - i. Note: the direct link also works on desktop, but you must select geolocation.
 - c. You will know you have the updated survey form on your mobile device if the title is 2026 CA Cone Survey.

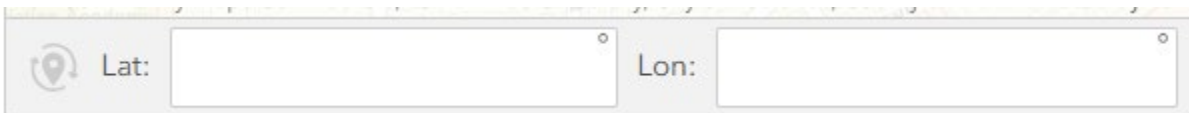
Using the Survey:

1. If you have an AGOL account, you can sign in so that you may view your survey data later, but you can also submit surveys without signing in. After selecting whether to sign in, Section 1 in the survey requests the surveyor's information. The Cone Crop Survey was designed so that anyone can use it to report cone crops, including landowners and members of the public.





2. Section 2 automatically grabs geolocation data. This must be adjusted/entered manually if entering surveys at a different location than where the survey data were collected.



- a. The geolocation automatically populates Seed Zone and Elevation data.
 - b. Seed zone and elevation can also be found in a separate GIS viewer, [Seed Zone and Elevation Lookup App](#) – If you survey trees from public access roads but do not know who the landowner is, RSP staff may be able to determine that based on latitude and longitude.
3. Section 3 is the tree and cone section of the survey. Photos of the stand and close-ups of the cone-bearing part of the canopy are encouraged. Fill and submit or save to outbox to send later. Please don't forget to submit!

Accessing your survey data:

For privacy purposes, there is an additional step that needs to occur if you are interested in viewing the backend data from the survey points you submitted.

1. You must request to be added to the “State” (CAL FIRE RSP, DSF, etc.) group via [CA Cone Observation Data Viewing | ArcGIS Group Request](#)
2. You must log in to your ArcGIS account and approve the group request.