How to use iNaturalist



Getting started

Make an account and download the app on your phone

Adding observations

Step 1: Add picture and/or sound

Step 2: What did you see Step 3: Date and location

Adding additional details

Step 4: Add in notes if needed

Step 5: Obscure the location visibility if it is

a rare plant/animal

Step 6: Click "Captive or Cultivated" if it's

not wild

Using suggestions for your photo ID

- Each of your photos can generate a new list of suggestions to look at
- Compare each photo to the different suggestions generated by the AI. Pick what matches the best
- If nothing matches, click the closest option or type in what you saw
- There are filters to narrow down your search

Our inaturalist username: MNBC
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Email us your username to be added to our
iNaturalist project if you are Métis

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Sign up for iNaturalist





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Photo tips

- Take more than 1 photo.
- Get different angles and parts of the plant such as berries and flowers
- For birds you don't have a clear photo of, write down the colours in the notes.
- For small subjects, back up and use your zoom or a magnifying glass
- Use a hand or object behind to help focusing small objects.
- Use somethig for scale such as your hand, ruler or coin.

Warnings

- Do not touch any plants or animals you do not know are safe to touch.
- Do not harvest any plants or mushrooms you are not confident of the ID. The the app can make mistakes.

Website

- If you take photos on your phone or another camera device, you can upload observations in bulk.
- The website allows you to explore maps and other projects.
- You can add annotations on the website about the plants or animals.

iNaturalist website: www.inaturalist.org