

## Using the iNaturalist app

For more information, please visit [iNaturalist.ca/help](http://iNaturalist.ca/help)

- 1 Log in to or create your free account with the iNaturalist app. To **upload** an observation, tap the green '+'. *iPhone: tap observe.*
- 2 Take one or more photos of the same species or a sound recording to use as **evidence**. You can also add existing photos or sound recordings. *iPhone: Sound recordings are not currently supported. Coming soon to iOS.*
- 3 Enter **what** you saw or use the automated suggestions by tapping on the species text box (requires internet connection). You can leave this section blank if the species is unknown.
- 4 **The date** you saw it will be added automatically, if not, use the calendar to enter a date.
- 5 **The location** you saw it will be added automatically. If not, check the Location settings on your device.
- 6 If you want to, add in extra details like **notes**, set the **geoprivacy**, mark if it's **captive or cultivated** or add it to a **project**.
- 7 **Save** your observation(s) by tapping the green checkmark (*iPhone: tap the green 'SAVE' button*). **Upload** to share with the community. This should happen automatically, if not tap upload. You can turn off automatic upload from the app settings in the menu.

1a Android:



1b iPhone:



Observe

The screenshot shows the 'Details' screen of the iNaturalist app. It includes a header with a plus sign and two evidence icons (1 and 2). Below is a text box for 'What did you see?' (3). Further down are sections for 'Notes' (4), a date field (5), 'Geo Privacy' (6), 'Captive or Cultivated', and 'Projects'.

Choose one of the suggestions, write in your own ID, or leave it blank if offline.

This screenshot shows the species suggestion interface. At the top is a search bar with 'Frog|'. Below are two suggestions, each with a photo, a text input field, and a checkmark button. An orange arrow points from the first suggestion to the 'What did you see?' field in the main app screenshot.

**Notes** help with ID or provide extra info (ex. what it's growing on, features the photo doesn't capture or how many individuals there are)

**Geoprivacy:** how others see your observation on the map. The more visible, the more beneficial to conservation

Open (default setting) = the precise location and most valuable for conservation

Obscured = the observation is randomly placed within a box around the general area  
Private = the observation doesn't show up on the map and of little conservation value

**Captive/Cultivated:** check this box for things like garden plants, planted trees, zoo animals or pets

**Projects:** tap to see a list of projects you have joined. Most will automatically add your observation, but for some you need to check the box beside the project name to add it yourself

Observations are automatically counted by collection projects and can't be added manually

7a Android:



7b iPhone:

