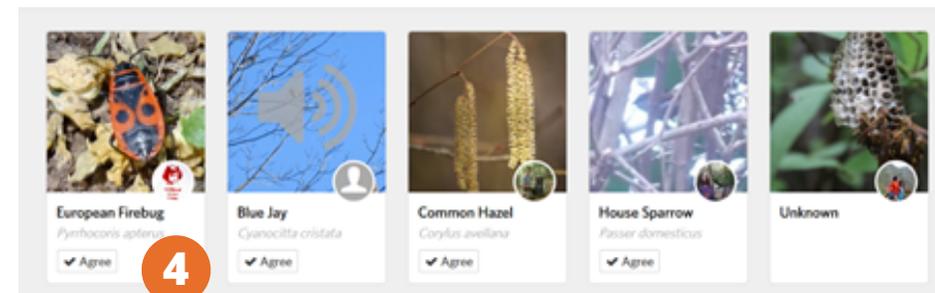
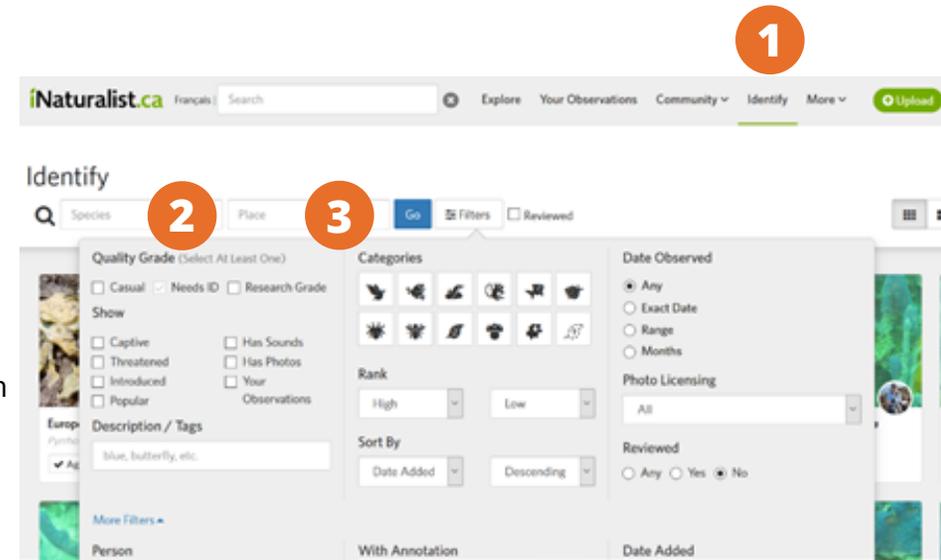


Identifying observations on the web

Whether you know just one species really well or have an in-depth knowledge of taxonomy, you can help improve the conservation value of iNaturalist observations. It's most easily done online versus the app.

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

- 1 **Login** to or create your free account at [iNaturalist.ca](https://www.inaturalist.ca) and click the **Identify** tab.
- 2 You can **search** for a species or species group (like "turtles") and location if you're more knowledgeable with certain species or your local area.
- 3 You can **filter** observations by species category, username, date, project and even help out the newest iNaturalist users by filtering for accounts created within the last week.
- 4 If you're confident and agree with the ID that's already been suggested, you can click "agree" and move on to the next observation.
- 5 Click on any observation to review the details, see additional photos and the location. You can then click on the image to zoom in.
- 6 Add details and ID:
 - a. Mark if it looks captive or cultivated.
 - b. Agree with the observer or add a new ID.
 - c. Add comments to support your ID.
 - d. The observation will automatically update.





Identifying observations on the web

Eastern Meadowlark
Sturnella magna

Needs ID

Info Suggestions Annotations Data Quality

szqgunson · 201
Mar 26, 2021 · 11:32 AM CDT
Belleville, ON, Canada
Acc (m): 4
Canada
View · Follow

szqgunson suggested an ID
Leading 3m

Eastern Meadowlark
Sturnella magna Agree

Add ID Comment

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- 7** To use the ID tools click on “**suggestions**”. There are a few options to set the “source” to help:
- Observations = the most observed species in that group in your area (ex. if your observation is a type of Maple, it will give a list of maple species).
 - RG observations = the research grade observations in your area in that species group.
 - Visually similar = a computer vision model incorporating image recognition software and the location to suggest an ID.
- Please be sure of any ID you suggest. Remember, the image recognition isn't always accurate so you will need to use your own skills and judgement.

- 8** Click on the left or right arrow to move on to the next or previous observation. Or click the X to go back to all (or your filtered) observations.

- 9** The observations you have identified are marked as reviewed and no longer appear. If you want to see these again, click the “Reviewed” checkbox.

Identify

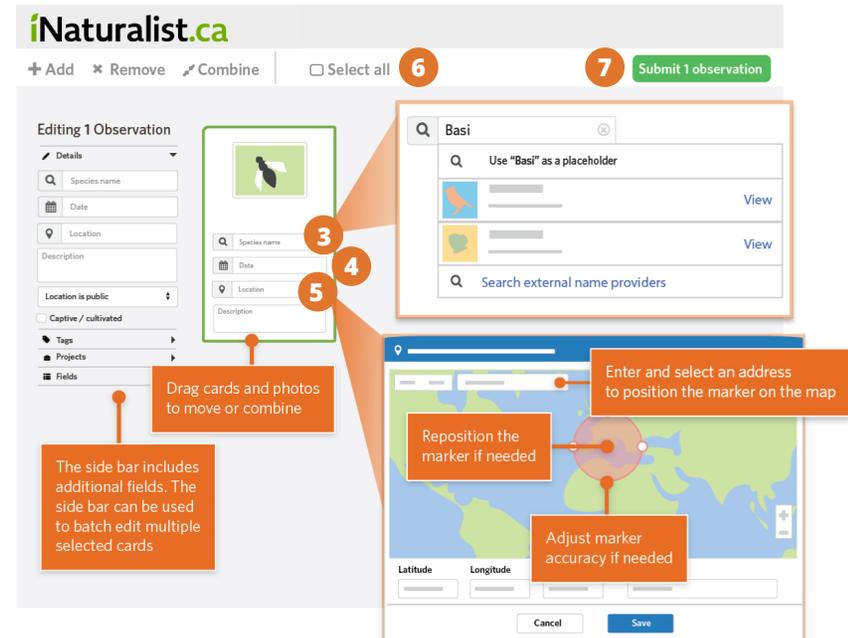
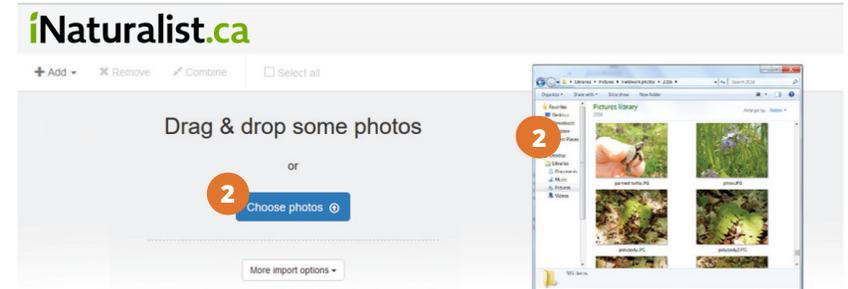
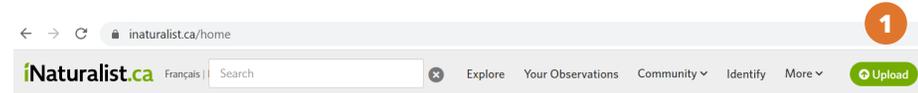
 Reviewed

- 10** Congratulations! You're now part of special group of iNaturalist.ca users. By adding your knowledge and experience, you are helping Canadian wildlife!

Adding an observation online

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

- 1 Log in to or create your free account at iNaturalist.ca and click **Upload** at the top right of the webpage.
- 2 **Drag and drop** photos or sound recordings from a folder on your computer or click **Choose files**.
- 3 Enter **what** you saw or use the automated suggestions by clicking on the species text box. You can leave this section blank if the species is unknown.
- 4 The **date** will be added automatically. If not, use the calendar to enter a date.
- 5 The **location** will be added automatically if you have a GPS enabled camera or if using a smartphone with GPS turned on. Otherwise, click on the location field and select a spot on the map.
- 6 You can add common dates or locations to several observations at a time by selecting all or Ctrl clicking and using the options on the left side of the screen.
- 7 **Submit** your observation(s).



Using the iNaturalist app

For more information, please visit 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 green header with a plus sign and two photo icons (callout 2). Below is a text box for 'What did you see?' with a question mark icon (callout 3). There are sections for 'Notes' (callout 4), a date field (callout 5), a location field (callout 6), 'Geo Privacy' (callout 6), 'Captive or Cultivated' (callout 6), and 'Projects' (callout 6).

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

The screenshot shows the species suggestion interface. At the top is a search bar with 'Frog|'. Below are two suggestions: a blue frog icon with a grey checkmark and an orange arrow pointing to a grey checkmark, and a yellow frog icon with a grey checkmark.

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:

SAVE