How to use 🐦 iNaturalist

Guide to making your first wildlife record on the iNaturalist app - for **iPhone** users

Use iNaturalist to record wildlife! It's great way to learn more about about the nature you see. It can also help scientists and conservationists get a better understanding of where our wildlife is.
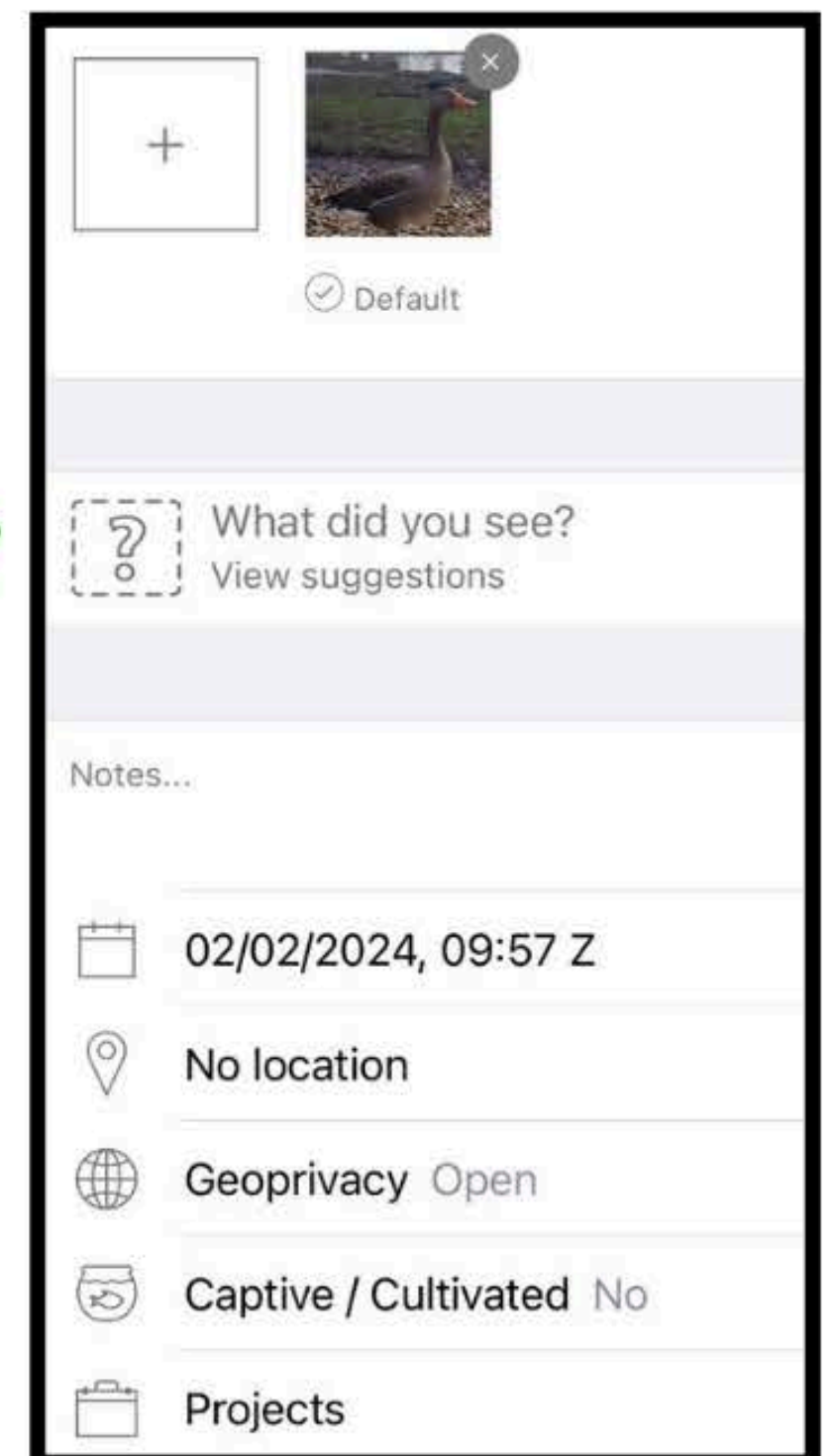
Step 1: Uploading a picture or sound

Download the free iNaturalist app onto your mobile device & **log in** or create an account.

Press the 📷 **icon**. You can then choose to **take a photograph**, upload an image, or record a sound of wildlife.
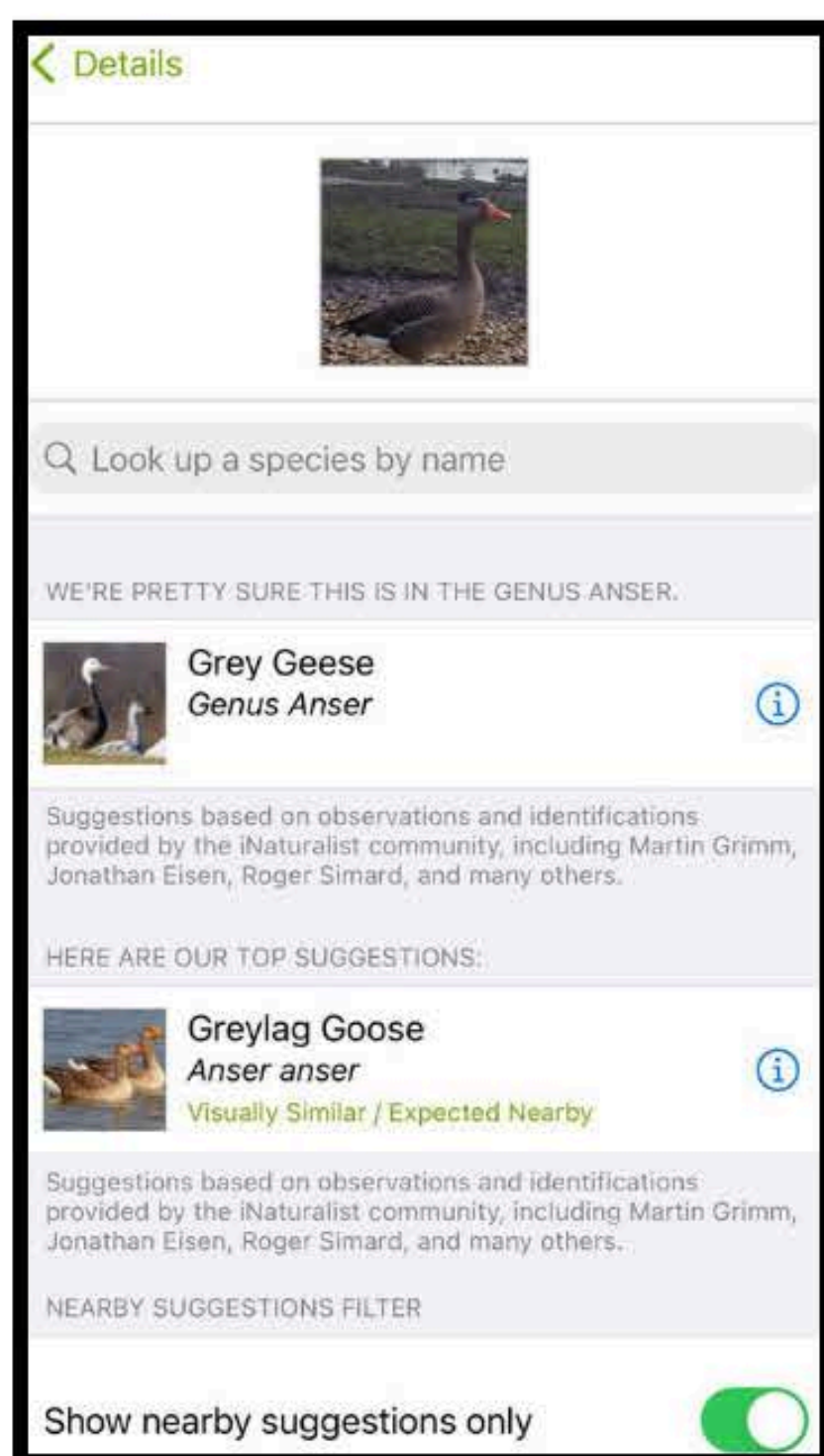
Select **"What did you see"** to see what iNaturalist suggests!

Choose the best match. Alternatively, you can type in the name of a species where it says "look up a sepcies by name".

Don't worry if you're not sure - other iNaturalist users will verify your record.

Top tip! You can add up to 4 photos per record. More photos make it easier for experts to confirm your record. Remember to take photos from different angles, and include photos of different and distinctive parts, for example, if you're recording a plant, take pictures of the flower or fruit, and the leaves.

Step 2: Check the details

Check the location is correct. Click to see map and change the location if needed

Select this box if your observation is **captive or cultivated**. For example, if it is a pet or something you are growing in a pot

Click "SHARE" to save your record. If you make a mistake, do not worry – you can always edit it later.

Optional. **Any extra comments** that you want to share about your observation

Optional. If you do not wish the exact location public, you can change this to 'obscured'

Screen shows:

Cancel Details

Default

Greylag Goose
Anser anser

In a small flock of 8 other greylag geese

24/01/2024, 12:57 Z >

WWT, Gloucester, England, GB >
Lat: 51.741, Long: ~2.405, Acc: 5 m

Geoprivacy Open >

Captive / Cultivated No >

Projects >

SHARE

Hooray! **Your upload is made**, and you are now part of the iNaturalist recording community.

Other iNaturalist users will look at your record, and confirm it is correct, or they might suggest it as something else. Now all you have to do is keep on recording!

By uploading your photos of plants and animals you can support local conservation and international research.

Screen shows:

1 Observation

Greylag Goose   1 wk ago
WWT, Gloucester, England, GB

Explore Activity Observe Me Projects
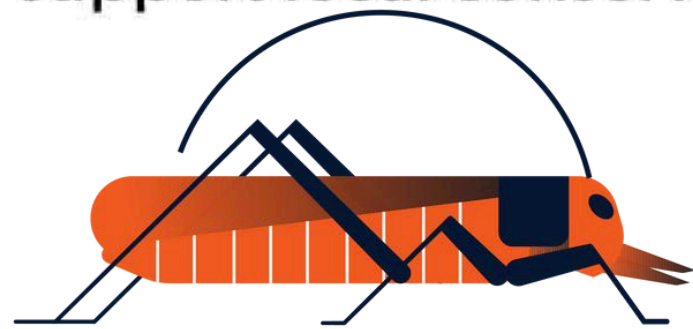
Step 3: Option to make your records more accessible

Your iNaturalist records will be used by researchers - which is great for scientific research!

However, if you'd like your records to be of **even greater use** to an even wider variety of organisations, you need to change the observation settings to be **"open copyright"**. This means anyone can use the observation for any purpose.

You can do this by logging onto https://inaturalist.nz. Go to **Account Settings** under your profile picture. Select **Content and Display**, then under Licensing change your Default Observation License to **No Copyright (CC0) or Attribution**.

Thank you for making your data count.