

How to Be an Identifier in iNaturalist

SDGFP Bio Blitz 2021 May 22nd - June 6th, 2021



- 1. Download the iNaturalist mobile app, OR visit the iNaturalist website (inaturalist.org). Identifications are much easier to make on the website.**

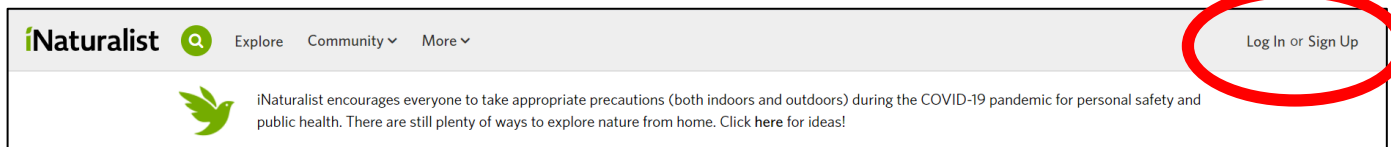


Scan this code with your iPhone or Android device to download the iNaturalist app

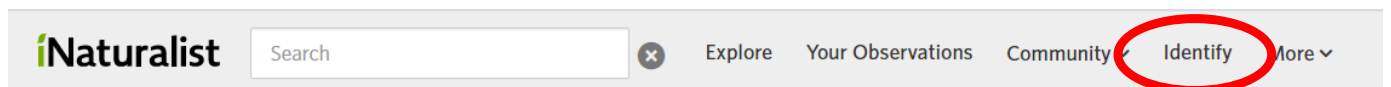


2. How to make an Identification

Before you can make an identification, you will need to sign up to create an account, or sign into your existing account



Once logged in, select "identify"



Select "Filters" then "More Filters" and enter SDGFP Bio Blitz 2021 under "Project"

The screenshot shows the iNaturalist search filters interface. Key elements are annotated with red circles and arrows:

- Categories:** A red circle highlights the "Categories" section, which contains a grid of 12 icons representing different taxonomic groups (e.g., birds, insects, plants).
- More Filters:** A red circle highlights the "More Filters" link in the left sidebar.
- Project:** A red circle highlights the "Project" input field, which contains the text "SDGFP Bio Blitz 2021".
- Update Search:** A red circle highlights the "Update Search" button at the bottom left.

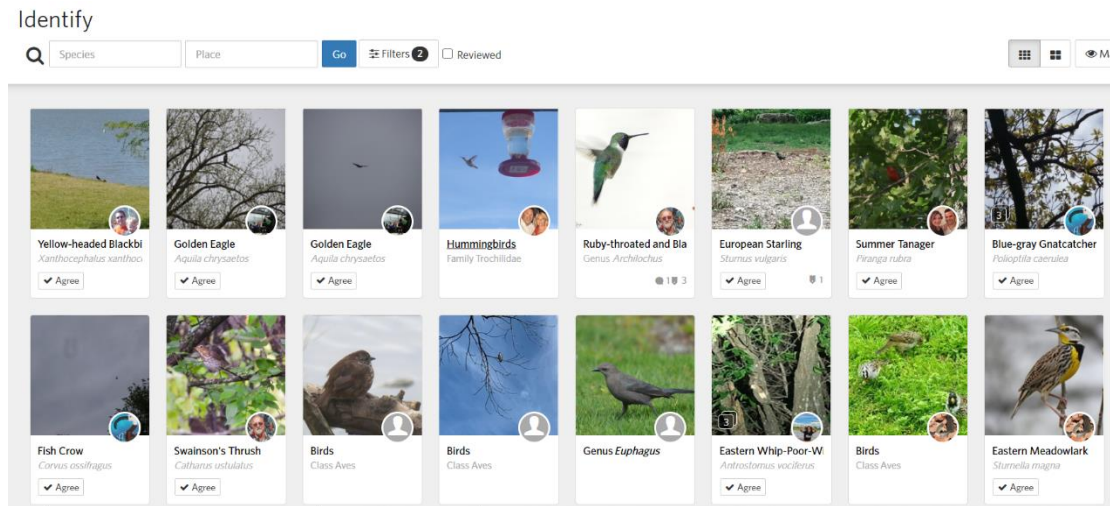
Other visible filter sections include:

- Quality Grade:** Radio buttons for "Casual", "Needs ID" (checked), and "Research Grade".
- Show:** Checkboxes for "Captive", "Threatened", "Introduced", "Popular", "Has Sounds", "Has Photos", and "Your Observations".
- Description / Tags:** A text input field containing "blue, butterfly, etc.".
- Rank:** Two dropdown menus for "High" and "Low".
- Sort By:** Two dropdown menus for "Date Added" and "Descending".
- Date Observed:** Radio buttons for "Any" (checked), "Exact Date", "Range", and "Months".
- Photo Licensing:** A dropdown menu set to "All".
- Reviewed:** Radio buttons for "Any", "Yes", and "No" (checked).
- Date Added:** Radio buttons for "Any" (checked), "Exact Date", "Range", and "Months".
- With Annotation:** A dropdown menu set to "None".
- Without Annotation:** A dropdown menu set to "None".
- Account Creation:** A dropdown menu set to "Any".
- Person:** A text input field for "Username or User ID".
- Place:** A text input field for "Place".
- Buttons:** "Reset Search Filters" and "Update Search" buttons.
- Footer:** "Atom" and "Download" icons.

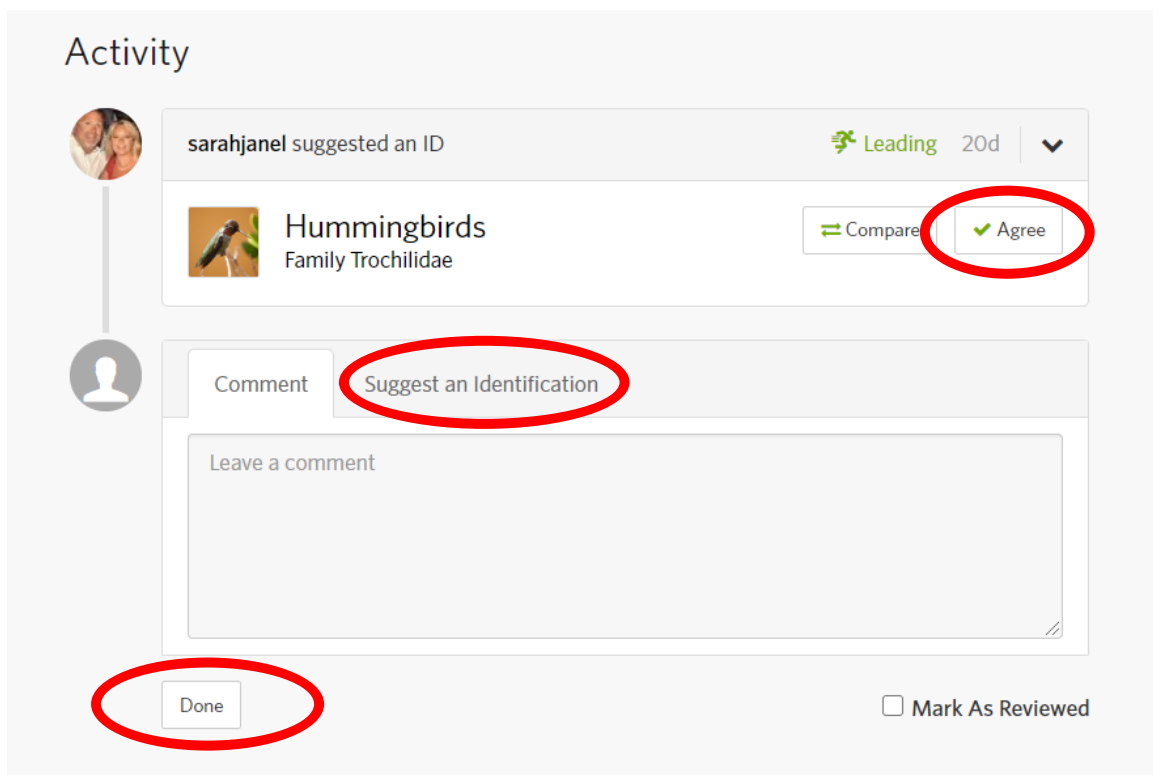
From here you can add any additional filters you would like, including a category filter that lets you narrow down your search to your area of expertise.

Once you have all the filters applied you want, select "update search".

Now you will see a narrowed down search of all the observations that need identification. Select an image to get more information on the observation.



Below the picture you will see all activity that has happened on this observation. You can agree with past identifications and suggest an identification if you disagree, or if the observation doesn't have any identifications yet. Select Done when you're completed, and you can move on to the next observation.



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