

How to Post Observations in iNaturalist

SD GFP BioBlitz 2021 May 22nd-June 6th, 2021

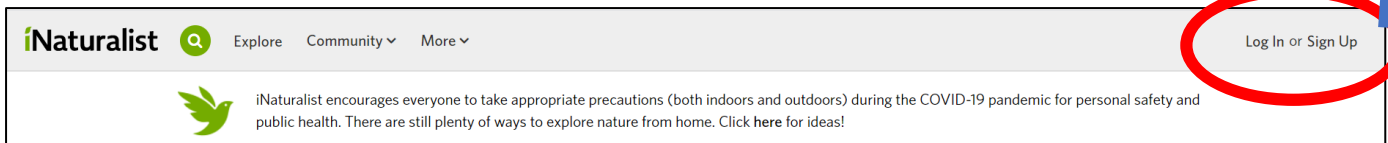


1. Download the iNaturalist mobile app, OR visit the iNaturalist website (inaturalist.org)

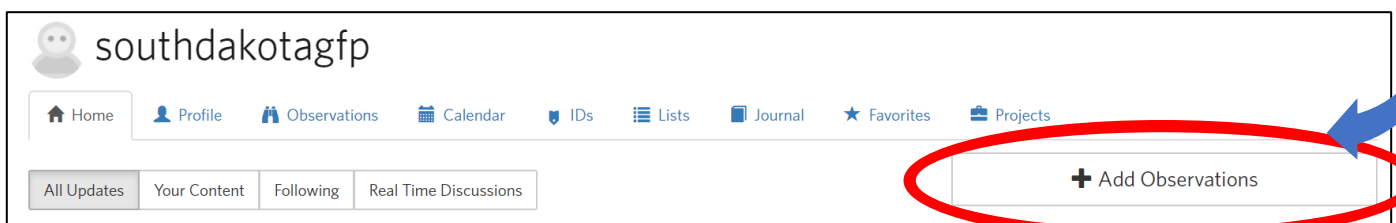


2. Posting a single observation on the website

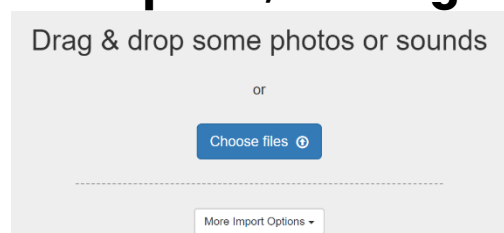
Before you can post an observation, you will need to sign up to create an account, or sign into your existing account



Once logged in, click on the “Add observations” button in the dashboard menu



Choose how you want to upload your observation(s) photo(s) from your computer, or drag and drop them



Enter in **1. what** the species is (it's okay to leave this blank if you aren't sure **OR** enter something simple like "flower"!), **2. when** you made your observation, and **3. where** you made your observation. Then, **4. add a description** if you feel necessary, **5. add the project** (SD GFP BioBlitz 2021), and **6. submit** your observation by clicking the "Submit Observation" button.

The screenshot shows the 'Editing 1 observation' form. It includes fields for species name, date, location, description, and project. Numbered callouts point to specific parts of the form:

- 1. What:** Points to the 'Details' section where the species name 'Flowering Plants' is entered.
- 2. When:** Points to the date field showing '2020/05/24 8:20 PM -0600'.
- 3. Where:** Points to the location field showing 'South Dakota, USA'.
- 4. Description:** Points to the description field containing 'Wildflower found in Badlands National Park in South Dakota'.
- 5. Add the project SD GFP BioBlitz 2021:** Points to the 'Projects' section where 'SD GFP BioBlitz 2021' is selected.
- 6. Submit:** Points to the 'Submit 1 observation' button at the top right.

If you take multiple photos of one observation, combine them by selecting the photos with your cursor and then select the "combine" button.

The screenshot shows the 'Editing 2 observation' form. It displays two observation cards side-by-side. The 'Combine' button in the top navigation bar is circled in red, indicating the action to be taken when combining multiple photos of the same observation.

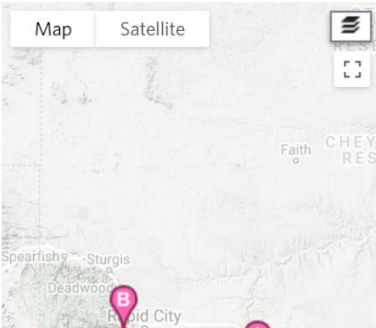
After you hit the “submit” button, you will be taken to your observations page. Don’t worry if you’ve made a mistake or want to add more details later. After you’ve submitted, you can still edit your observations, add extra fields, or add them to other projects.

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Photos / Sounds	Species / Taxon Name	Date observed	Place	Date Added	
 	Flowering Plants Subphylum Angiospermae	May 24, 2020 08:20 PM CST	South Dakota, USA (Google, OSM)	May 29, 2020 02:43 AM UTC	Needs ID Edit View »
 	Prairie Pasqueflower <i>Pulsatilla nuttalliana</i>	April 26, 2020 02:15 PM MDT	Black Hills National Forest, Rapid City, SD, US (Google, OSM)	May 04, 2020 02:52 PM UTC	1 ID Research Grade Edit View »

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Once your observation is on iNaturalist, you’ll start getting other users (identifiers) adding their identifications to it and perhaps leaving some helpful comments. You can see all the activity on your observations on your dashboard.



  added an identification to an [observation](#) by you May 5



Prairie Pasqueflower *Pulsatilla nuttalliana*
 |  April 26, 2020 |  1 Research Grade
 Black Hills National Forest, Rapid City, SD, US (Google, OSM)
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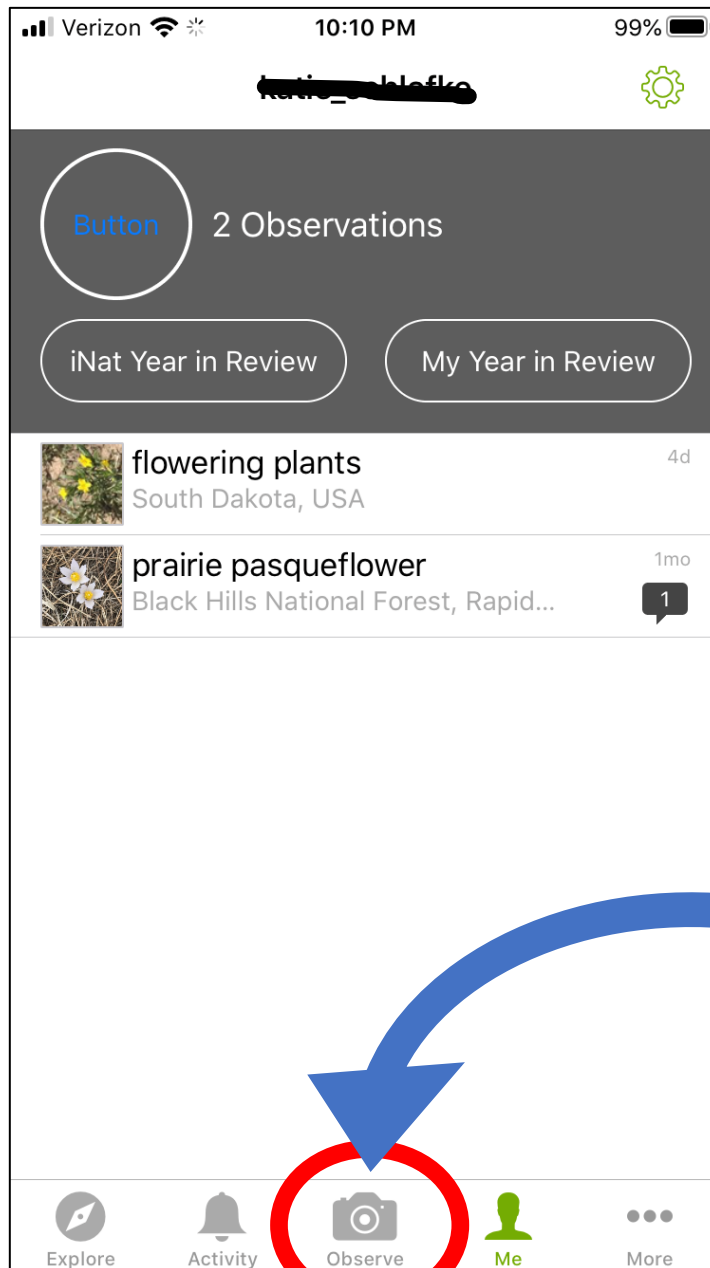
Prairie Pasqueflower
(*Pulsatilla nuttalliana*)
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3. Posting observations using the iNaturalist mobile app

Posting an observation from your smart phone is easy if you download the iNaturalist app. Once downloaded, you will need to sign up to create an account, or sign into your existing account. Once logged into your account, you should see a display on your home screen similar to the picture below.

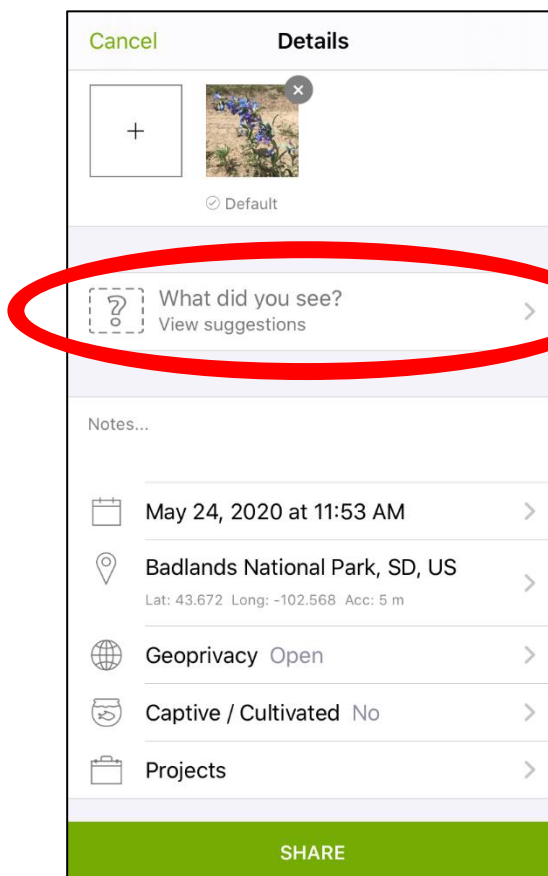


Click the “camera” button or icon to either take a picture(s) of your observation or select a photo(s) you have taken previously from your phones photo album.

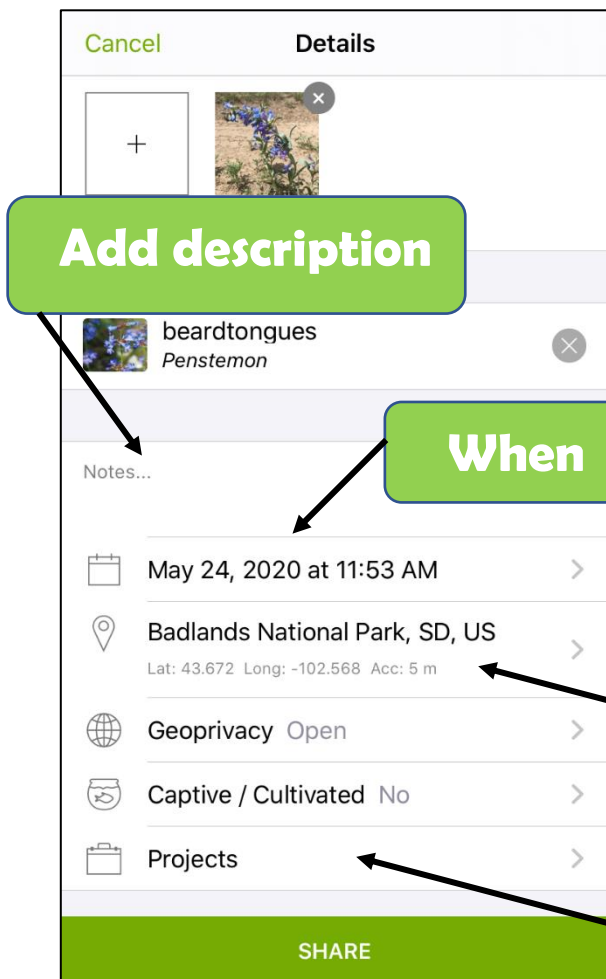
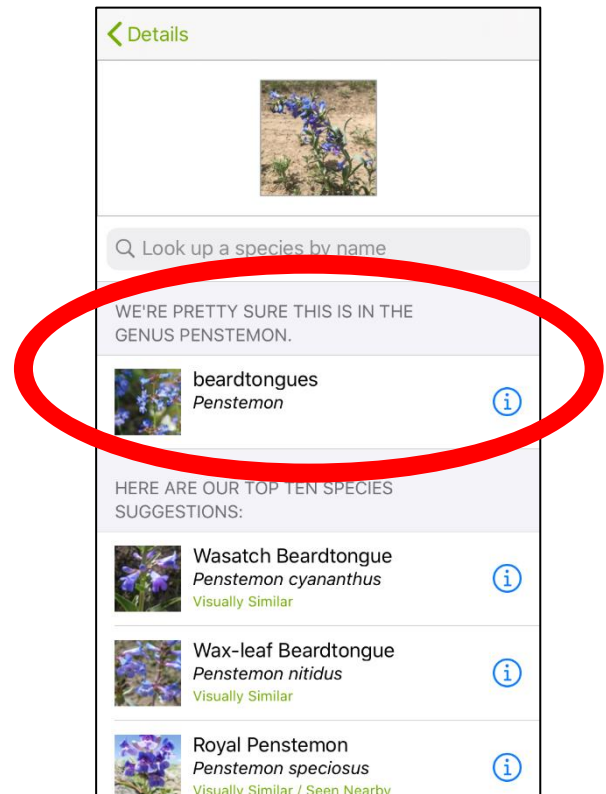
Once you have selected the photo(s) of your observation, click the "NEXT" button.



Once your photo(s) of your observations have been uploaded, click on the "What did you see?" tab



When you click the “What did you see?” tab, the app will automatically come up with some species suggestions for your observation. You can either select one of the recommended options OR leave it blank.

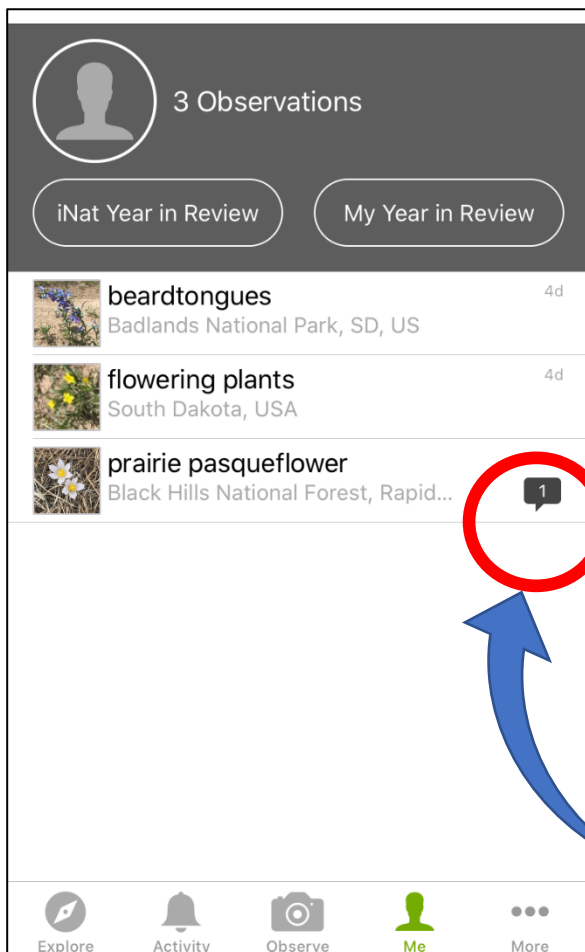
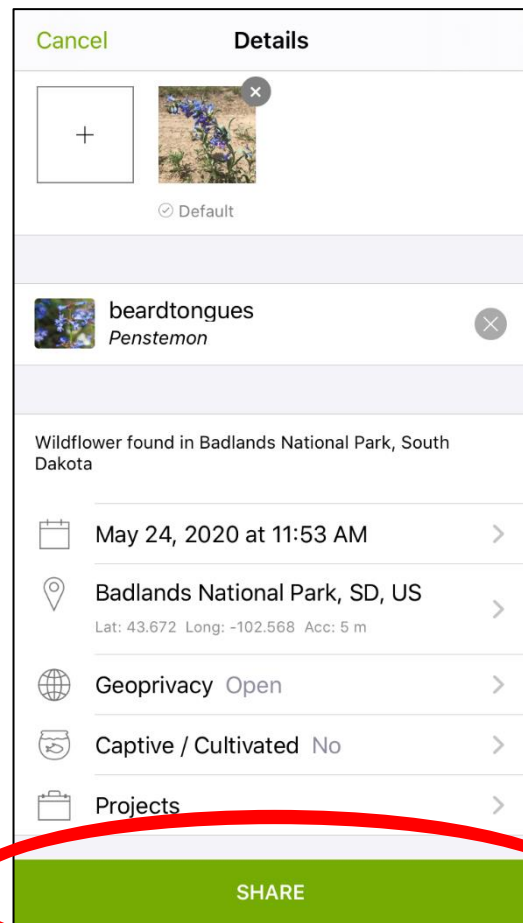


After you choose a species suggestion, or leave your observation blank, the app will take you back to the previous screen. You will likely notice that your phone and the app automatically fill in **when** and **where** your observation was made. If not, click on each of these tabs and enter in the required information. You can also add a **description** in the notes section. At this point, you can also **add a project** (#SDintheField) to share your observation to.

Where

Add project SD GFP
BioBlitz 2021

After entering as much information as you can, go ahead and click the "share" button at the bottom of your screen.



Once you share your observation, the app will automatically direct you to your "Me" page. This is where you can see all the observations you have made. Once your observation is on iNaturalist, you will start getting other users (identifiers) adding their identifications to it and perhaps leaving some helpful comments. You can see these identifications by the messaging icon.

You can also view any activity made on your observations by clicking the “bell” icon or button.

