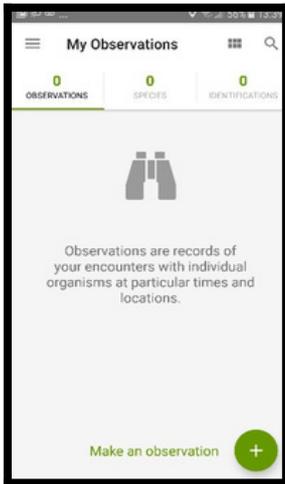


How to record wildlife on iNaturalist

There may be slight differences between the pictures in this guide and pictures on your phone, depending on platform (iPhone vs Android) and version being used.

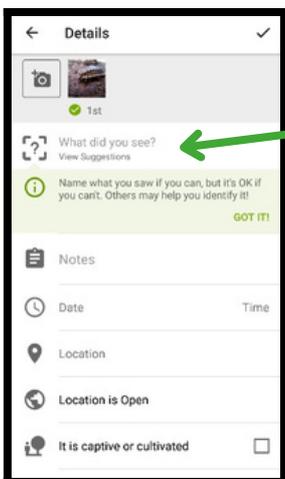
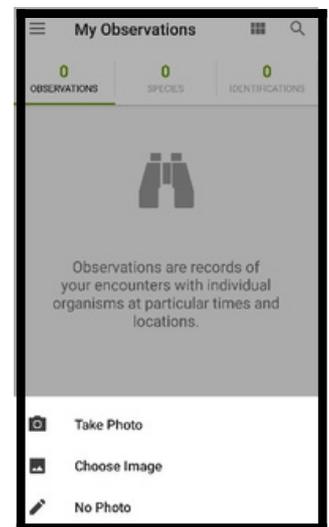


Start by downloading the free iNaturalist app onto your mobile device.

1. Open the iNaturalist app and login/create an account.
2. Select the + symbol to make your first observation

3. Choose whether to "take a photo", or "choose image" to select one that you took earlier. On newer versions of the app you can also "record sound" or "choose sound" to record, for example, bird song.

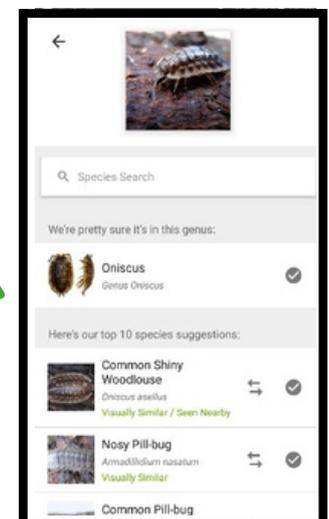
Top tip: You can add up to 4 photos per record. This will make it easier for experts to confirm your record. Remember to take photos from different angles, and include photos of different and distinctive parts, for example, the flower/fruit, and the leaves.

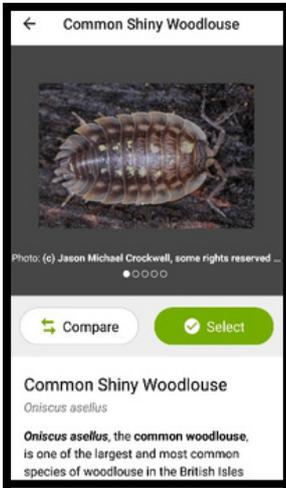


4. Click "what did you see" to view suggestions

5. Look at the list of suggestions and see if any match what you have seen

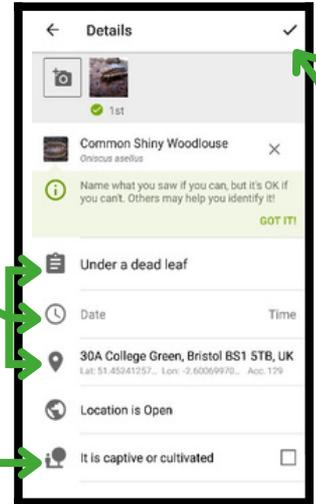
6. Select the one that best matches. If you're not sure of the species, you can select the "We're pretty sure it's in this genus" option, or type "woodlouse". These will help experts to find your photo, so they can identify it.





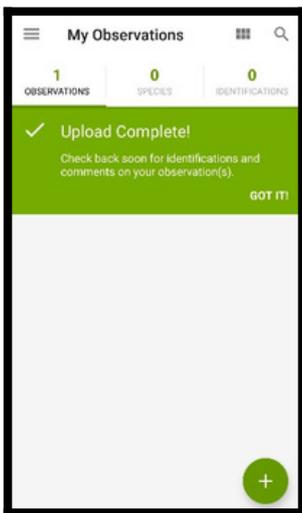
7. If you are happy with the match press "select", or go back (arrow in top left) to select something else.

8. Check the date and location are correct. They should fill in automatically (though you may need to "allow" permissions for location settings on your phone settings for this app), or you can type this information manually if you prefer. You can also add optional notes if you wish in this section.



9. There is a box to tick if what you have found is captive or cultivated. An example of something that is captive would be pet or a farm animal. An example of something cultivated would be a plant that has been bought from a garden centre.

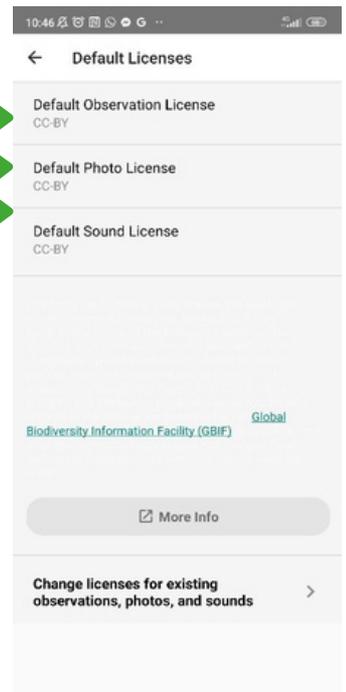
10. When you have filled in the information press the ✓ in the top right. The record will either upload automatically, or can be stored for when the recorder connects to Wi-Fi.



11. Congratulations! You've made your first record on iNaturalist. To make another observation, select the + symbol and follow the steps again.

One last (but very important) thing: to make sure that scientists and conservationists are permitted to use your wildlife data records, you will need to check your iNaturalist default licence settings are set up correctly. To check which licence is attached to your observations:

- Got to "Settings", scroll down and click "Default Licenses"
- To change your Observation/photo/sound licence, click on the licence and select the licence you want for your record. We recommend "CC0" or "CC-BY".



Selecting "CC0" will allow your record to be used by anyone in any way. This allows it to be of most use by scientists & other organisations.

Selecting "CC BY" allows anyone to copy, distribute, transmit, adapt and make commercial use of the material, but ensures your are credited as the owner of the record.

Both of these settings will also allow for your records to be shared with other UK datasets, such as the NBN atlas and Local Environmental Records Centres.

Find out more about licencing here: <https://nbn.org.uk/news/licences-on-inaturalistuk>