

Bioexploration with iNaturalist

Plant Diversity and Evolution 2019

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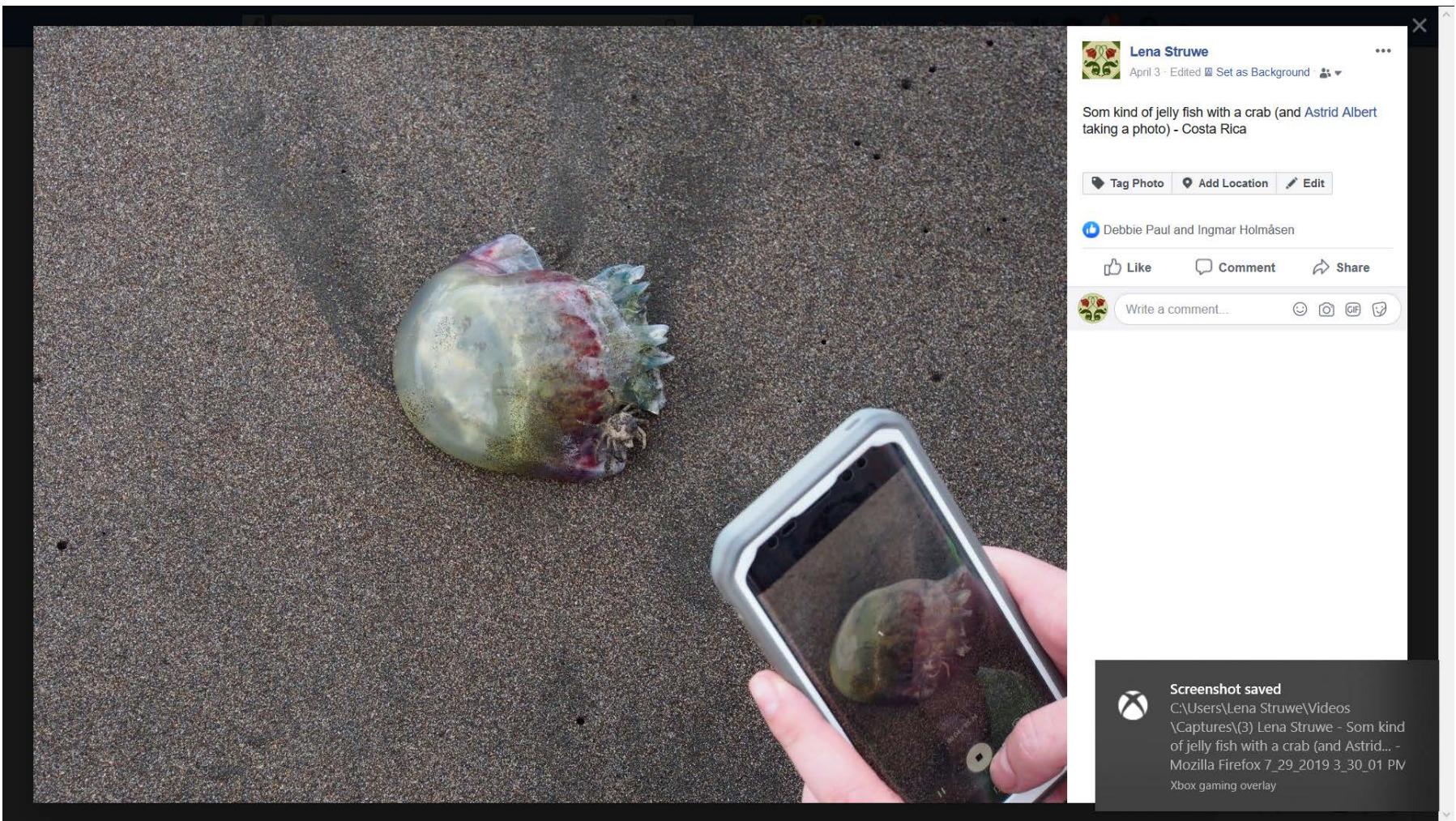
Rutgers University



**HEY KIDS! THERE'S THIS NEW GAME
THAT'S JUST LIKE POKEMON GO- BUT
INFINITELY BIGGER!**

**IT'S CALLED 'TAXONOMY'- NOW PUT YOUR PHONE DOWN
AND LEARN SOMETHING**

Digital revolution in biodiversity discovery tools – everyone can be an explorer!





nataliemhowe's ID



flowering plants

Phylum Magnoliophyta



alex_abair's ID



plantain

Plantago



nataliemhowe's ID



bracted plantain

Plantago aristata



srall's ID



bracted plantain

Plantago aristata

Why use iNaturalist?



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Look up a species by name

WE'RE PRETTY SURE THIS IS IN THE GENUS ALBIZIA.

 Albizia [i](#)

HERE ARE OUR TOP TEN SPECIES SUGGESTIONS:

 Persian Silk Tree
Albizia julibrissin [i](#)
Visually Similar / Seen Nearby

 Plume Albizia
Paraserianthes lophantha [i](#)
Visually Similar

 White Leadtree
Leucaena leucocephala [i](#)
Visually Similar

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Diplazium urticifolium observe [X](#) +

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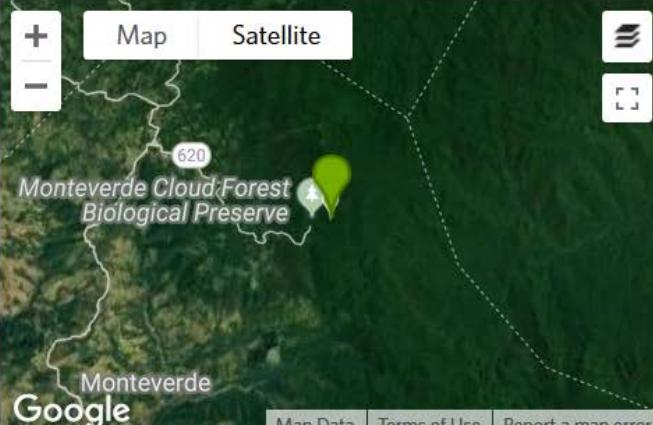


vilseskog
8,776 observations

Observed:
Mar 10, 2015

Submitted:
Apr 22, 2015 · 11:10 PM EDT

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Monteverde, Costa Rica

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Findings: Taxonomic discovery

Eucynorta conigera Research Grade

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4,376 observations

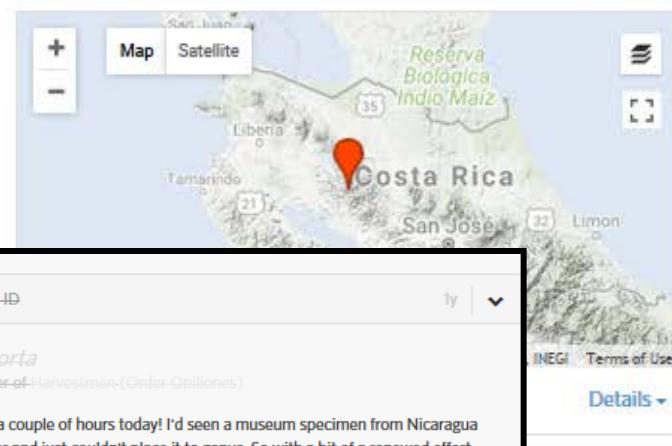


Observed:

Mar 10, 2015

Submitted:

May 3, 2015 - 10:34 AM EDT



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Eucynorta

A member of Harvestmen (Order Opiliones)

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Well, that took me a couple of hours today! I'd seen a museum specimen from Nicaragua that was very similar and just couldn't place it to genus. So with a bit of a renewed effort, and extra insights from your photos, I got to likely be *Eucynorta*, which like many other cosmetid genera are quite frankly a taxonomic mess. Anyway, passing by several possible species, I came to *Eucynorta conigera* as an option, described way back in 1904* from just "Costa Rica". The listed collector is well known for Guatemala, and I was doubtful he'd ever been to Costa Rica [and so I'd been thinking this original specimen was actually Guatemalan, etc]. A few years later in 1909 another author listed a second specimen as this species from El Higuito, near San Mateo, CR. But, no comparison was made to original specimen (and this author seems to be regularly wrong), so I was skeptical. Then, the revelation came to me that 'conigera' means 'cone-bearing', seemingly referring to the unusually broad 'coniform' spines on its dorsum. The original diagnostic drawing from 1897 isn't great, but the description matches yours - including things like the long legs with yellow annulations. Let's now add that I've also seen the original type specimen, and I think it fits well enough! So, maybe the original collector did visit Costa Rica, and MAYBE the later author wasn't always wrong with his identifications (but he may still be). But, anyway, yours seems very close to *E. conigera*, indeed can specifically be that. It's only been 100 years since it was first known, then essentially forgotten. I can't begin to imagine how many visitors have gone through Monteverde with cameras and seen them, yet you're only person I know who has photographed one and shared it! It beats your great *Micrathena* :) [*edited date]

Third finding ever of this species described in 1904, last one was in 1909, first ever photo, first definite collection from Costa Rica, clears up a type collection locality issue.



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 Flora and Fauna of Rutgers University (NJ, USA)

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This is the cumulative list of all species observations from Rutgers University campuses, gardens, forests, field and research stations, farms, and other university-owned properties in the state of New Jersey, USA. Discover and report what species that live at Rutgers: wild or captive/cultivated are all OK. This project is auto-[Read More >](#)

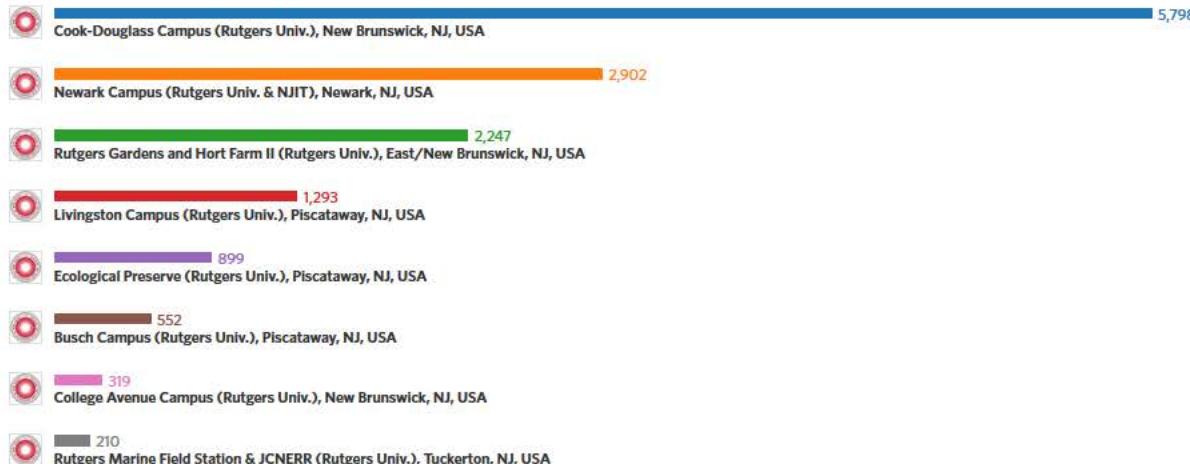
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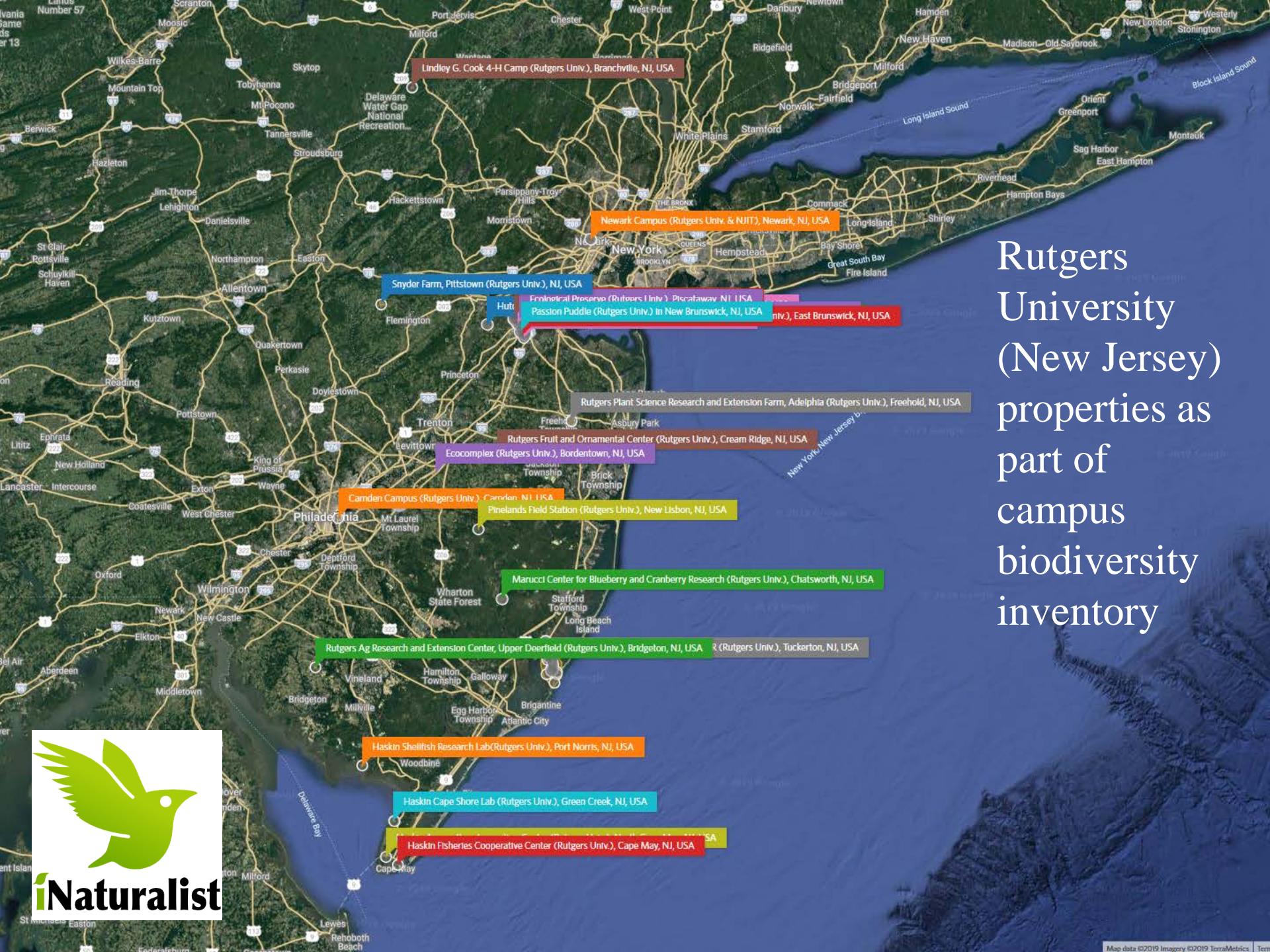
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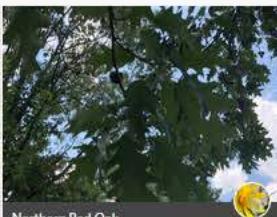
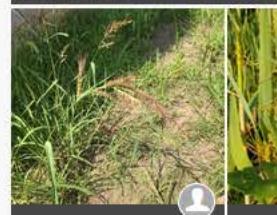
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Shield Lichens and Allies
Family Parmeliaceae
4 hours agoNorthern Red Oak
Quercus rubra
4 hours agoCanada Goose
Branta canadensis
16 hours agoGreat Egret
Ardea alba
16 hours agoGrasses, Sedges, and Alli...
Order PoalesNipplewort
Lapsana communis
a day agoSunflowers, Daisies, Asters, an...
Family Asteraceae
a day agoWitchhazel
Hamamelis virginiana
a day agoKnotweeds, Smartweeds, and Waterpeppers
Genus Persicaria
a day agoAsiatic Dayflower
Commelinia communis
1 day agoPrincess Tree
Paulownia tomentosa
14 days agoFlattened Meadow-...
Poa compressa
4 days ago

Observations
of campus
biodiversity
inventory at
Rutgers
University



Media coverage



MANY RARE ANIMAL AND PLANT SPECIES FOUND AT RUTGERS' CAMPUSES

 JEN URSSILLO | March 27, 2019

These colorful versute sharpshooters (*Graphocephala versuta*) were observe...

Getting started on iNaturalist

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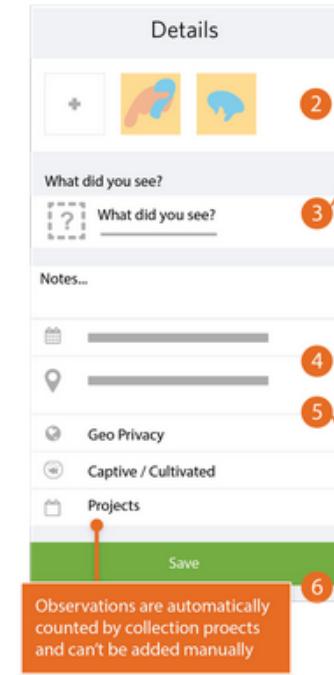
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How to Make an Observation with your iPhone

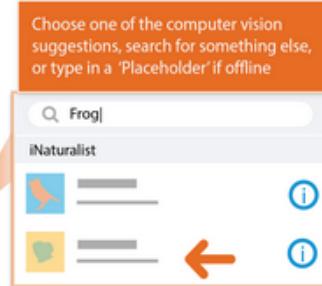
- 1 Tap observe.



- 2 Add one or more photos as evidence.

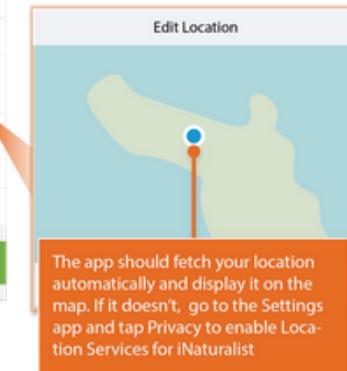


- 3 Choose what you saw.



- 4 When you saw it should be added automatically.

- 5 Where you saw it should be added automatically. If it doesn't, check Privacy in the Settings app.



- 6 Save your observation.



- 7 Upload to share with the community. This should happen automatically. If it doesn't, tap the Upload button. You can turn off automatic upload from the app settings from the Me tab.



- 8 Check back for activity on your observation from the community or be notified by email to the address in your account settings.



How to Make an Observation with your Android

- 1 Tap the observe button from the My Observations tab.



SEEK, companion app to iNaturalist, will help you find species.

Why use iNaturalist?

Organized data storage

Easy geolocation of findings

Helps people recall things they've seen before

Builds Life Lists

Allows for comparisons and competitions to motivate discovery

Provides a great dataset as an example for students to use in learning

Quantitative analysis

Data visualization



Project tools:
Auto-calculation of top five species, top 5 observers
List of participants and their numbers

iNaturalist Species Bingo Project

- 50 specific plant species to find anywhere (Weeds & Ethnobotanicals) during Sept 1 to Oct 31.
- Observe, photograph, upload to iNaturalist
- Add to iNaturalist class project:
Rutgers PIDivEvol 2019
- 2 bingo sheets to hand in (**deadline November 4**)