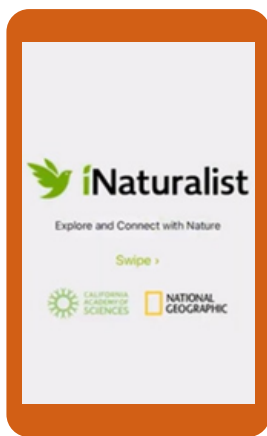


How to use iNaturalist

iNaturalist is a free observation platform that acts as a place for people to record biodiversity observations, interact with other enthusiasts, and learn about organisms.

iNaturalist can be used to record all sorts of living (or once living!) things: plants, insects, birds, fungi, flowers, feathers, bones! It's a way we can play our role as global citizen scientists; by capturing and sharing valuable information and being curious about the world around us.

STEP 1: Sign up to iNaturalist Australia



iNaturalist allows you to upload photos and data and share your observations of different species to contribute to a global database.

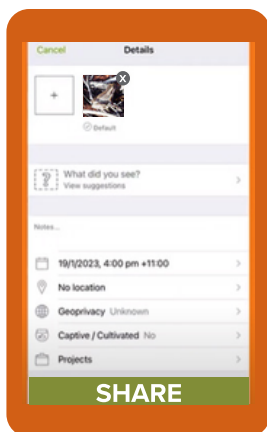
**Make sure you network is set up to iNaturalist Australia.*

STEP 2: Take a clear photo of the specimen (i.e. plant or animal)



If possible try capture the whole specimen so you can see the key features. Take multiple photos if possible, at different scales. Start with the whole organism, then zoom in on some characteristics like leaves and bark of plants, top and bottom of mushrooms, and various characteristics for animals. Think of the

characteristics that are important for identifying the organism.



STEP 3: Look for recommendations

Click "what do you see?" and iNaturalist will generate a list of possible of recommendations or suggestions from experts in the iNaturalist community and through the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on your observations.

If there is not enough detail then iNaturalist will not be able to 100% identify but will be able to make some suggestions. If your species cannot be confidently don't worry. You can just note the suggestions and don't save or upload your data. iNaturalist is a great tool for curious minds!

STEP 4: Upload your photo and information

Open the app, click **observe** to upload your photo.

If connected to the internet iNaturalist will suggest what the species could be.

Check that all details are correct including time, date and location of sighting
Click **Share** to upload!

Once your data has been submitted, your sightings will be checked by other users to verify its species.