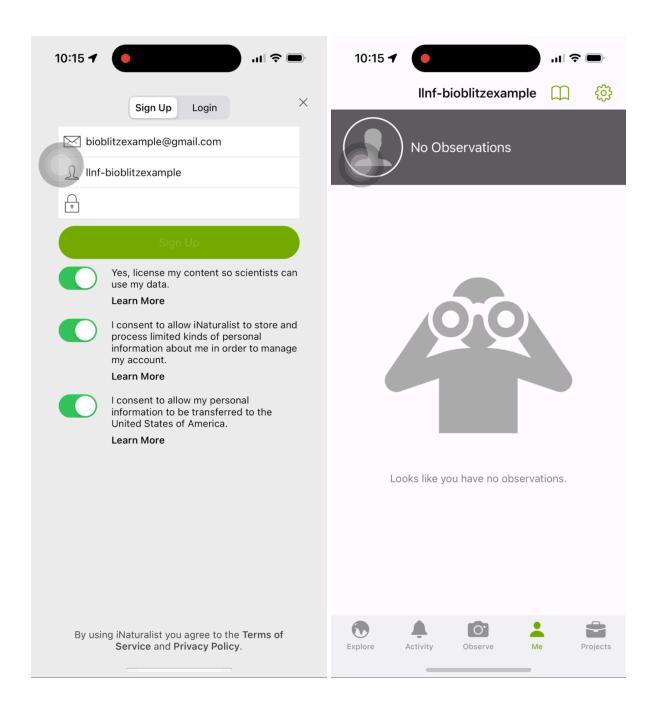
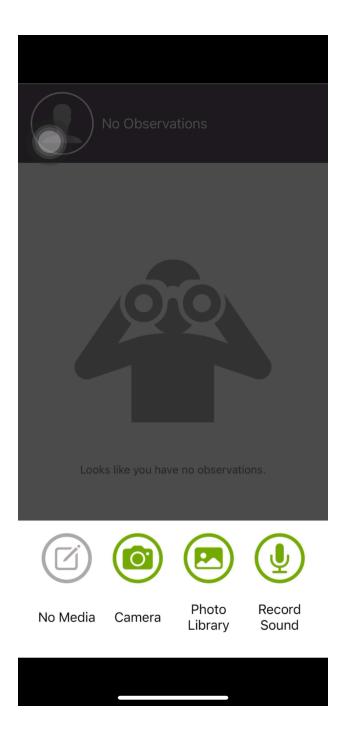


How to Make an iNaturalist Account and Upload an Observation



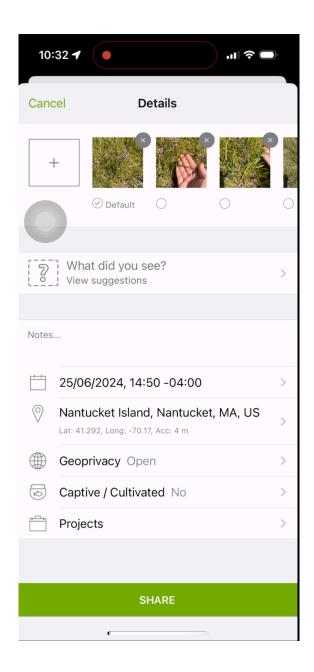
1. Enter your email address, create a username and password. The three conditions must be agreed upon to make an iNaturalist account.



2. You can upload your observations by clicking on the Observe button. You can either take a picture of your observation through the app with the "Camera" button. Or you can upload photos from your camera roll with the "Photo Library" button.



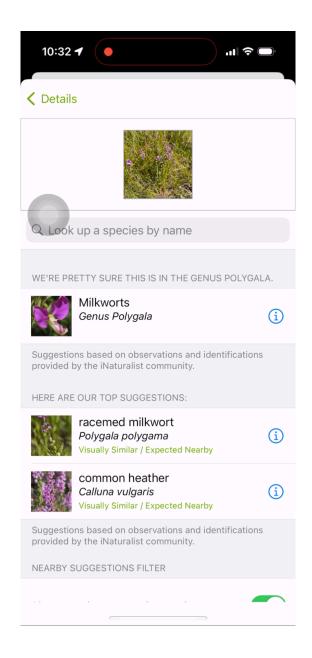
3. When taking pictures of your observations, try to take multiple pictures! This allows you or other users to ID species more accurately. In the case of a plant, take pictures of its roots, leaves, stem, flowers, fruits and seeds.



4. After uploading your pictures, click on the "What did you see?" button.

iNaturalist provides suggestions using image recognition technology, and also takes into account what species may be expected nearby.

For this reason, it is important to allow the location to be attached to your observation.

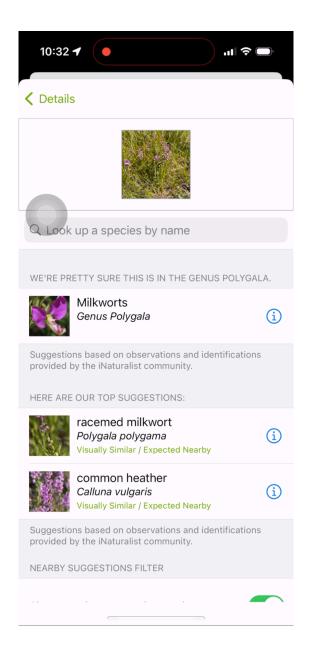


5. iNaturalist first suggest the Genus - in this case: Polygala.

Genus is a taxonomic rank above species and below family as used in the biological classification of living and fossil organisms as well as viruses.

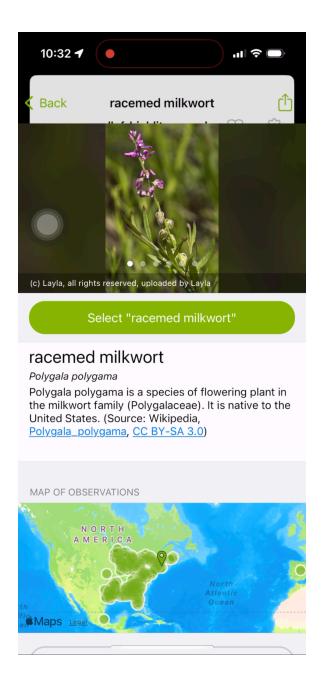
Select this if you are unsure of what the species is.

Other users may help and suggest an ID as to what species it is.

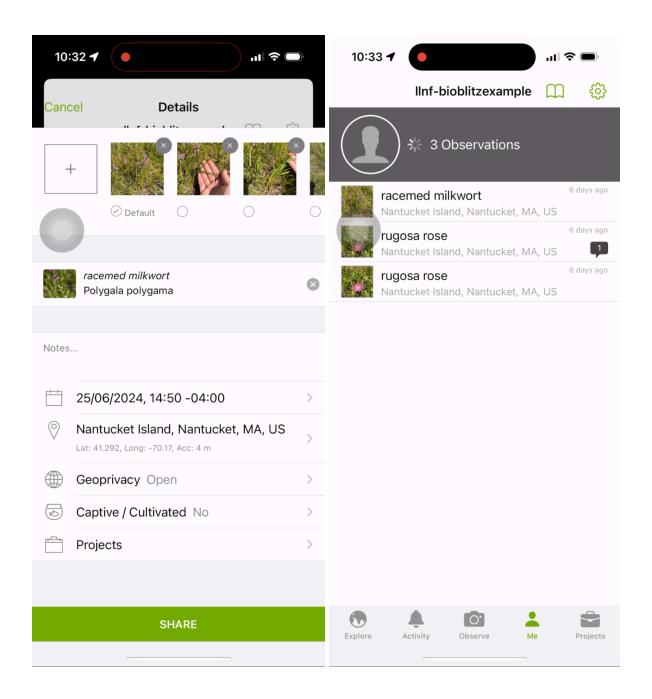


6. If you are sure, you can identify your observation on a species level. In this case: Racemed Milkwort, *Polygala polygama*.

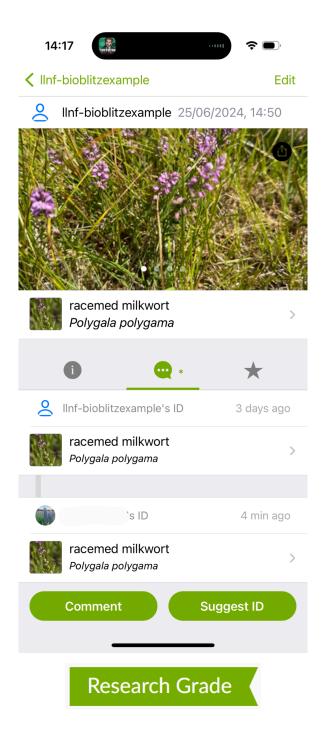
The benefit of allowing the location to be attached to your observation is seen here. iNaturalist knows that Racemed Milkwort is typically expected in the area the observation was taken. This information allows your identification to be more accurate.



7. You can also click the "i" button next to the suggestions, and get more information, along with pictures, which can help you identify your observation.



8. Choose the ID you think is the most accurate and share your observation!

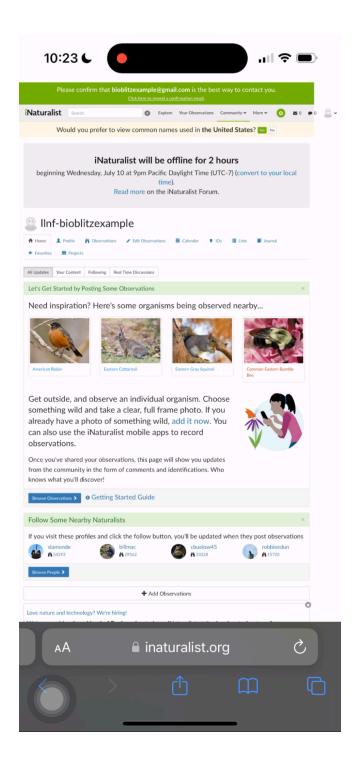


9. Another user may agree with your ID and if so, it becomes a Research Grade observation.

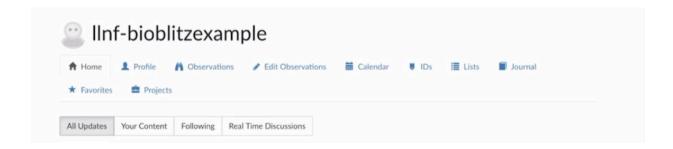
RG observations have media, location, a date, and a community consensus on a precise identification (usually at a species level).



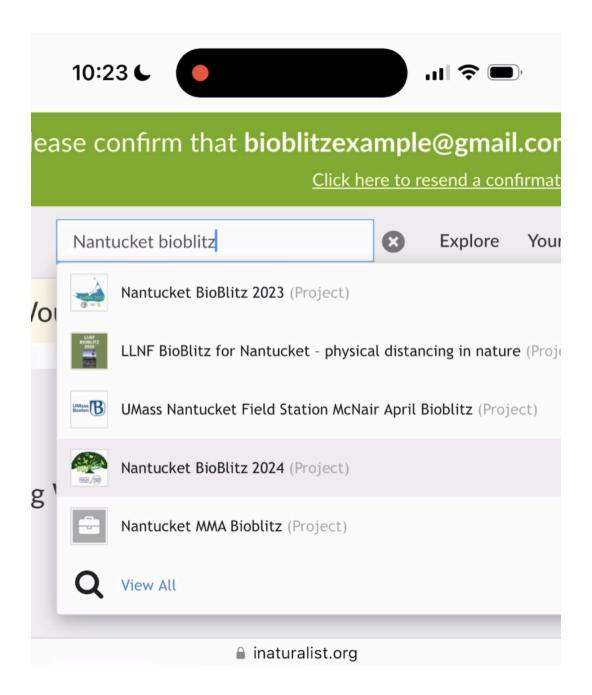
Joining the BioBlitz project



1. This is what the iNaturalist homepage looks like on a PC.

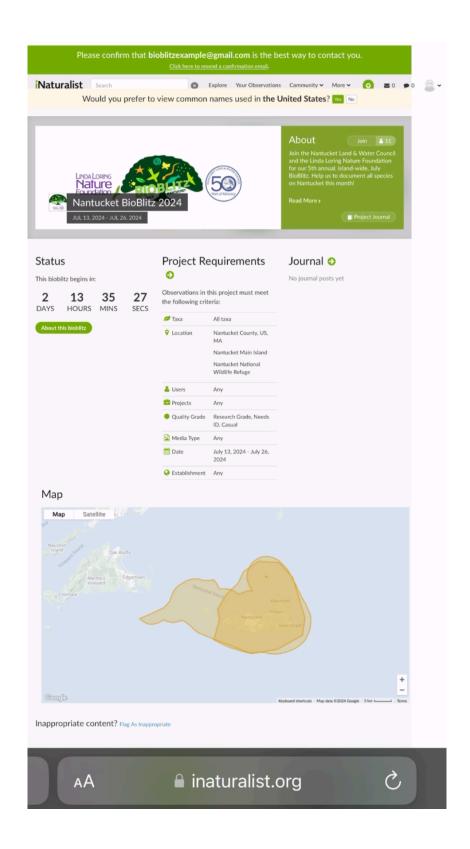


2. Underneath your username, there are multiple tabs you can click on: *Profile, Observations, Edit Observations, Calendar, IDs, Lists, Journal, Favorites and Projects.*

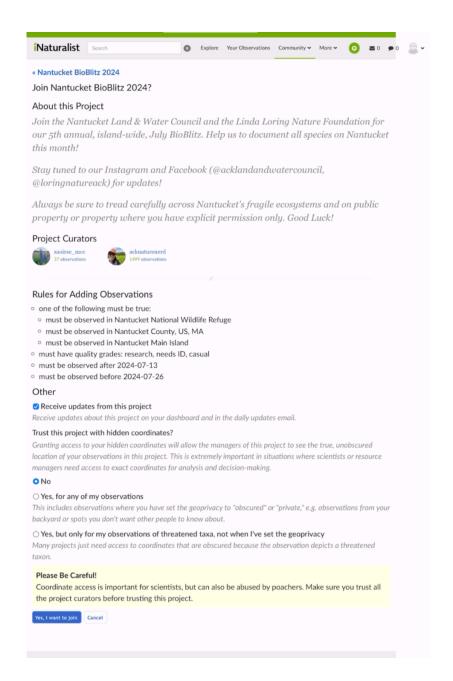


3. In the search bar, type "Nantucket BioBlitz" to find the 2024 Nantucket BioBlitz project.

You will find the project in the drop-down options.



4. This is the 2024 Nantucket BioBlitz project homepage.



5. Once you click the join button, you will be directed to this page. For the question: *Trust this project with hidden coordinates?* You need to click *Yes, for any of my observations*.



Rules for Adding Observations

- one of the following must be true:
 - o must be observed in Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge
 - must be observed in Nantucket County, US, MA
 - o must be observed in Nantucket Main Island
- o must have quality grades: research, needs ID, casual
- o must be observed after 2024-07-13
- o must be observed before 2024-07-26

Other

✓ Receive updates from this project

Receive updates about this project on your dashboard and in the daily upda

Trust this project with hidden coordinates?

Granting access to your hidden coordinates will allow the managers of this ! location of your observations in this project. This is extremely important in s managers need access to exact coordinates for analysis and decision-makin

 \bigcirc No

Yes, for any of my observations

This includes observations where you have set the geoprivacy to "obscured' backyard or spots you don't want other people to know about.

O Yes, but only for my observations of threatened taxa, not when I've s Many projects just need access to coordinates that are obscured because the taxon.

Please Be Careful!

Coordinate access is important for scientists, but can also be abused b the project curators before trusting this project.

Yes, I want to join Cancel

