

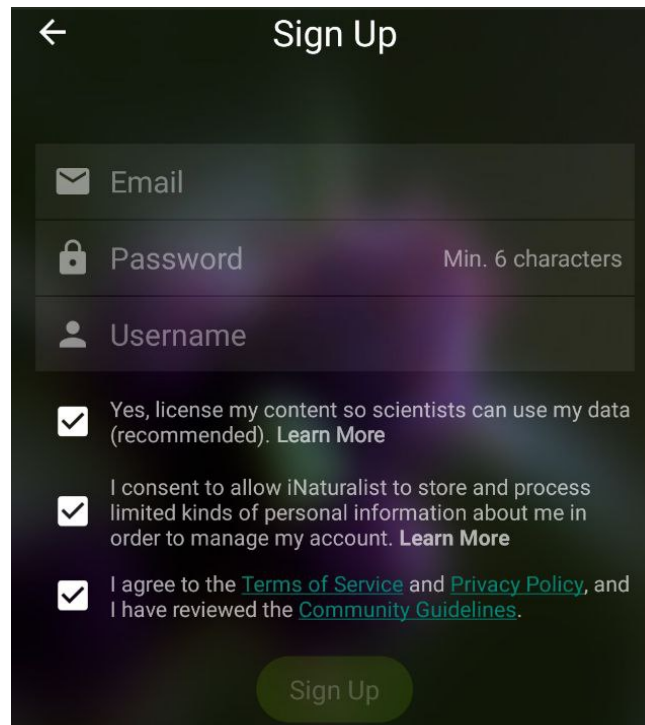
## FAMP iNaturalist Instructions for Tree Species Identification

*iNaturalist is a program people use to identify trees and other wildlife. Seed collectors for FAMP can use iNaturalist to make sure they're collecting seeds of the correct tree species.*

### For Mobile (Recommended)

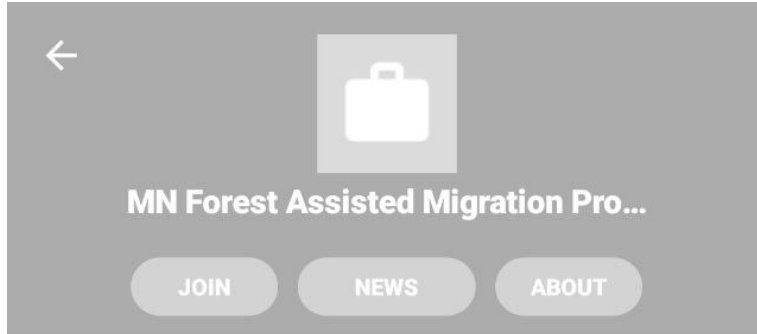
#### Create Account

- 1) Download the iNaturalist app from your phone's app store.
- 2) At the bottom, click "Sign up now!"
- 3) Use your preferred email address, and make up a username and password.
- 4) Check all the boxes, and select "Sign Up".



#### Join the MN Forest Assisted Migration Project

- 5) Tap the 3 horizontal bars in the upper left corner and choose "Projects".
- 6) Tap the magnifying glass icon in the top right and type "MN Forest Assisted Migration Project" in the "Search projects..." bar.
- 7) In the top left, tap "JOIN". You are now a member and can make observations for the project.



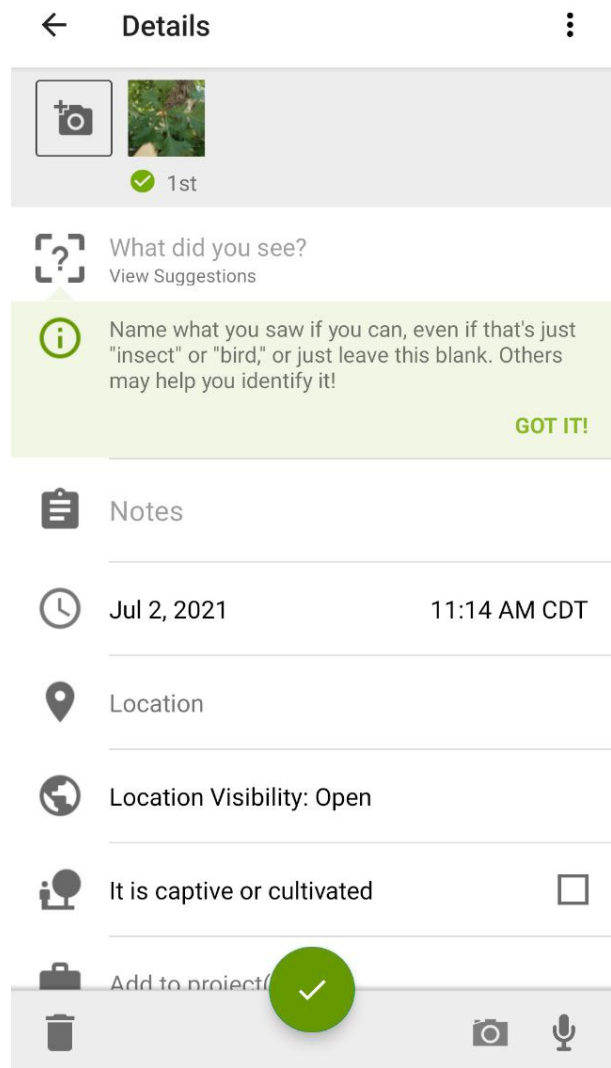
## Make Observations

- 1) To identify a tree, you will need to make an **observation**. After you are logged in and have joined the MN Forest Assisted Migration Project, tap the 3 horizontal bars in the top left corner and choose **“New Observation”**
- 2) If you already have a picture of the tree saved, select **“Choose Image”** and navigate to the location where you have saved the pictures on your phone. If you have not yet taken the picture, select **“Take Photo”** and then take your pictures.

### *Suggestions*

- More pictures is better
- Pictures of leaves, flowers or fruits, bark, or any other distinguishing characteristics it will aid in identification

- 3) To add more pictures, tap the camera icon in the top left corner.
- 4) Tap **“What did you see?”** and type a guess for which tree species you have identified. Scientific or common names are acceptable. Once you have found the correct species, choose **“Select”**  
*Note: Do not leave this section blank. If the species you select is not in the list of species for the project, it will not appear in the project observations.*
- 5) Add a time for when the picture was taken. This may populate automatically.
- 6) Click the **“Location”** box to pull up an interactive map. This may populate automatically. If not, search for the name of your location or use the zoom function to find it on the map. Select a zone on the map as close to the location of the tree as possible.
- 7) Make sure the location visibility is set to **“Open”**.



- 8) You do **not** need to select “Add to project(s)”. Just make sure the observation is
  - In Minnesota
  - Made by a project member
  - Identified as a species of interest to the project (list attached)
- 9) Tap the green checkmark at the bottom of the screen to submit your observation. You should see a reply from a project administrator within a few days.

## Computer

### Create Account

- 1) Go to inaturalist.org and click the sign up button on the top right corner.
- 2) Use your preferred email address, and make up a username and password.
- 3) Check all the boxes, and select “Create an Account”.


Email

Username

Password

Password confirmation

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- Yes, license my photos, sounds, and observations so scientists can use my data (recommended). [Learn More](#)
- I consent to allow iNaturalist to store and process limited kinds of personal information about me in order to manage my account [Learn More](#)
- I agree to the [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#), and I have reviewed the [Community Guidelines](#).

[Create an Account](#)

### Join the MN Forest Assisted Migration Project

- 4) Once you are signed in, from the top bar on the home page, select Community->Projects.
- 5) In the search bar, type “MN Forest Assisted Migration Project” and select the first option.

## Search Projects

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### MN Forest Assisted Migration Project

This is a forum for FAMP tree seed collectors to verify tree identification and input location data. Read about our project: The Northwoods are experiencing dramatic change, and many northern tree species are dying. Within 50 years, without any intervention, researchers predict that the landsc...

6) Near the top right, select “Join”.

7) The next page tells you more about the project and its requirements. At the bottom, you may choose whether to receive updates or not. Then click, “Yes, I want to join”.

## Making Observations

10) To identify a tree, you will need to make an **observation**. After you are logged in and have joined the MN Forest Assisted Migration Project, click “**Upload**” in the top right corner.

11) Select “**Choose Files**” and navigate to the location where you have saved the pictures of your tree on your computer. The more pictures the better. If we can see the leaves, flowers or fruits, bark, or any other distinguishing characteristics it will aid in identification.

12) In the “**Species name**” box, make a guess on which species you have identified.

13) In the “**Date**” box, fill in when you took the photos of the tree.

14) Click the “**Location**” box to pull up an interactive map. Search for the name of your location or use the zoom

function to find it on the map. Select a zone on the map as close to the location of the tree as possible.

15) Make sure the location is set to "**Location is public**".

16) Click the "**Projects**" tab on the left, and type "MN Forest Assisted Migration Project".

17) Click "**Submit 1 observation**", and your observation should appear in the project.

*Note:* If your observation does not meet the project requirements, it will not appear in the project observations. The observation must be

- In Minnesota
- Made by a project member
- Identified as a species of interest to the project (see Fact Sheets)

You should see a reply from a project administrator within a few days. We recommend getting the app as it is easier to upload pictures taken by phone, and you can get a notification when someone agrees or disagrees with your identification.