iNaturalist How-to Guide

WHAT IS IT?

iNaturalist is a free app that helps you identify the plants and animals around you, while generating data for science and conservation.

You can use it either on your phone via app or on their website.

Add a new Observation - part 1

This is the display on the Android app; the iPhone app is similar

NOTE: Whenever entering an observation, make sure to tag @mangrovewatch, so Jock can verify the observations.





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Add a new Observation - part 2

Observations can also be added from the main menu at the top left corner of the screen, as shown in the image below. The process is the same as before.





Join a Project



Australian Tropical & Sub-tropical salt marsh plants



MangroveWatch - Australian Mangrove Plant Distributions



MangroveWatch Australia

From the 'Projects' tab on the main menu, you can search for different projects, and join the ones you are interested in

There are many projects you can become a part of in iNaturalist. It is useful to add a project when you submit an observation, although it is not necessary.

The main project we work on is **MangroveWatch Australia.** This includes mangroves, associated plants, and most importantly, THIS IS WHERE ALL CRAB OBSERVATIONS GO!

For mangrove species, you can select MangroveWatch - Australian Mangrove Plant Distributions

For salt marsh vegetation (excluding mangroves), you can use **Australian Tropical & Sub-tropical salt marsh plants**

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EXPLORING

The 'Explore' tab lets you see what observations have been made in a specific area.

You can view them in a grid, or in a map. Filters can be applied to narrow down the results



Accessing iNaturalist through the website on a desktop, filters can be applied and custom boundaries created to select observations from a certain area of interest.

In the example below, observations from the project MangroveWatch – Australian Mangrove Plant Distributions in Magnetic Island and NW Townsville are displayed.

