

iNaturalist App Instructions – MDC/GRG Gravois BioBlitz

DOWNLOADING THE APP:

- 1) To download the app: Locate the app store on your device, either Apple Apps (iPhone) or Google Play (Android). Search for 'iNaturalist' and click download.
- 2) Open the app: Locate the iNaturalist App on your device. The app icon looks like this:

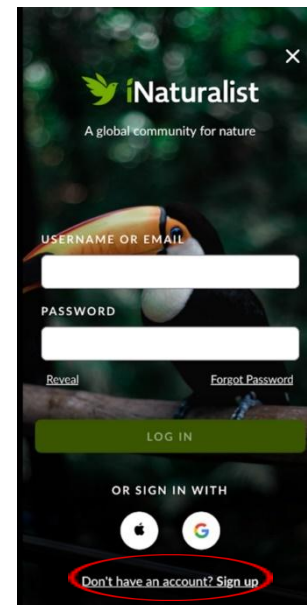
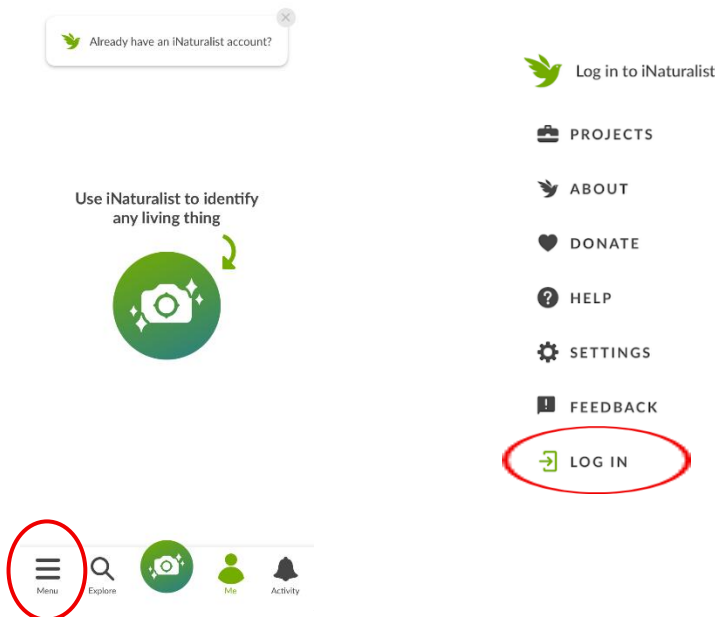


***Do not download the iNaturalist Classic app. This is an older version that is being phased out. This icon is white with a green bird.**



GETTING STARTED:

- 1) Open the app and go to 'Menu' > 'Log in' > 'Sign up'.

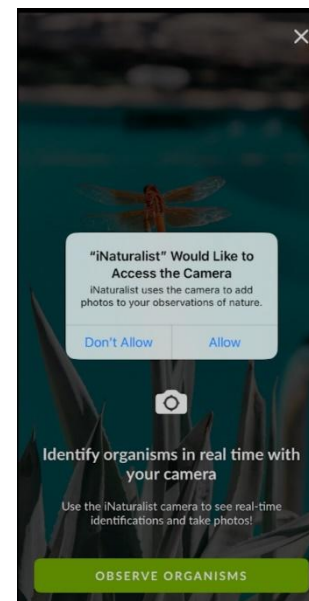
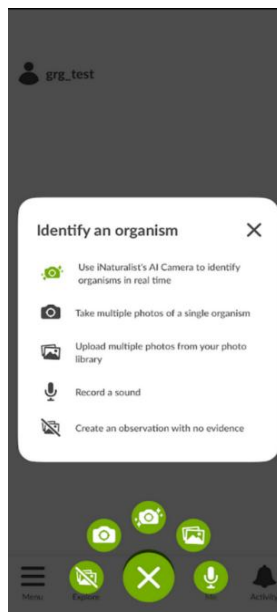
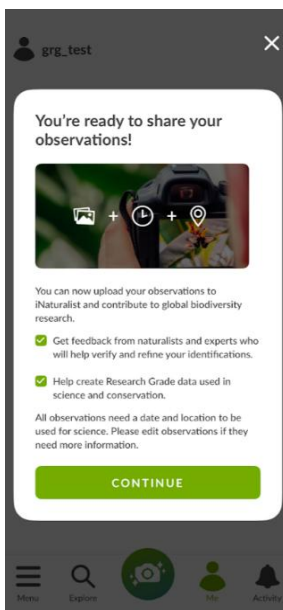


- 2) Enter your email.

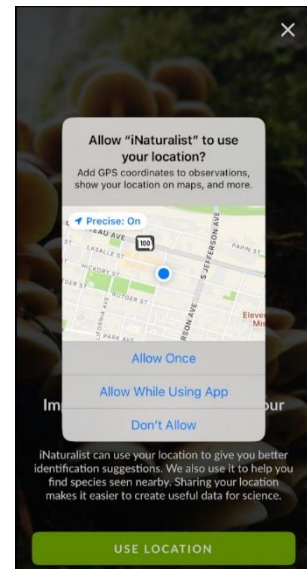
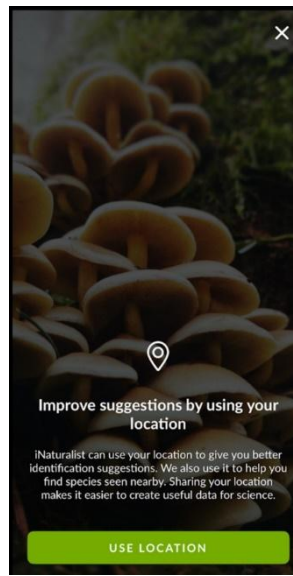
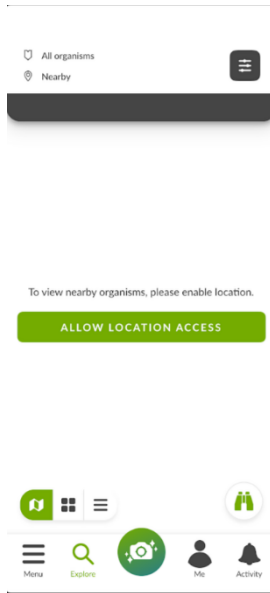
- 3) Choose a unique username and password, click the box to agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy, and click 'create an account'.



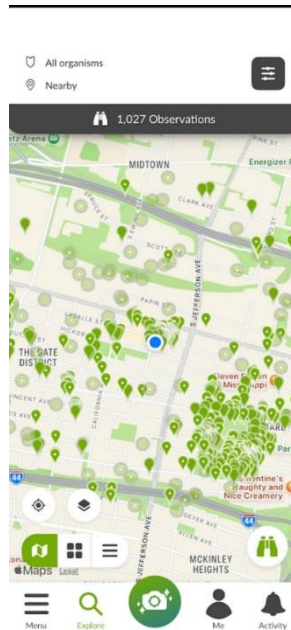
- 4) Now you are ready to collect and share observations! Click the green 'continue' button.
- You will see a page that shows you what the icons mean to identify an organism.
 - Feel free to practice using the camera, microphone, and photo upload buttons. You will need to allow the app to access your camera, microphone, and camera library.



- c. To view nearby organisms, please enable location by clicking 'Allow Location Access' > 'Use Location'

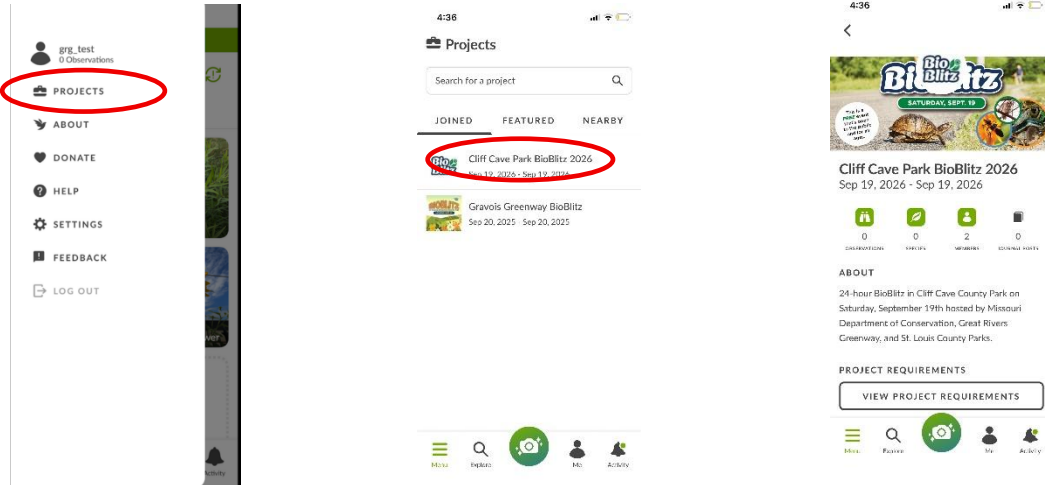


- d. Now you can see what observations have been made near you!

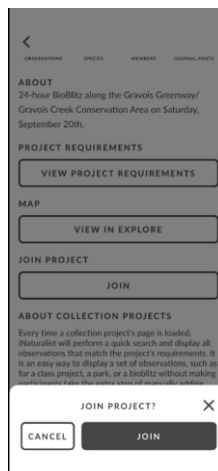


JOINING A PROJECT:

- 1) Go to 'Menu'
- 2) Click 'Projects' and search for "Cliff Cave Park BioBlitz 2026"
 - a. It will look like this:



- 3) Scroll down to 'Join Project' and click 'Join'
 - a. Now this project will be saved under your Joined Project list



*Observations that you make that match the project's requirements will automatically be added to the project, so you do not have to take the extra step of manually adding your observation to a project.

MAKING AN OBSERVATION:

- 1) Click the camera icon



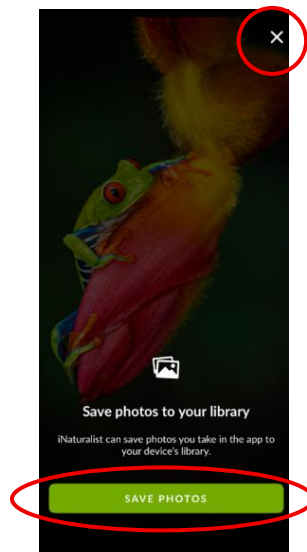
- 2) Take a picture of the plant, animal, fungus, etc.
- 3) In the top left corner of your screen, you will see a suggested species. The iNaturalist app now shows you potential species just by hovering the camera over the species before you take a picture.



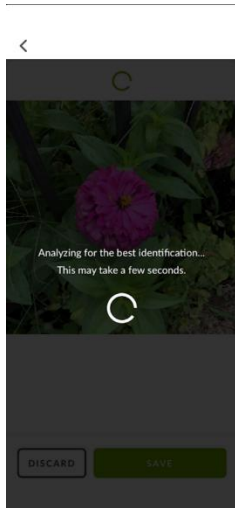
- 4) Click the green icon on the bottom of the screen.



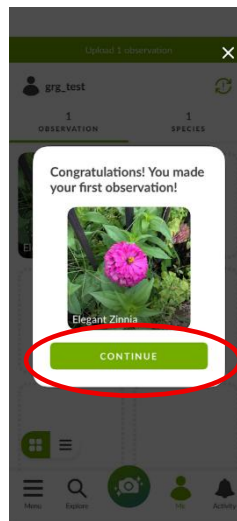
- 5) Save the photo to your library or click the 'X' in the upper right corner of your screen if you do not want to save the image.



- 6) Now the app will analyze your image for the best identification



- 7) Save the observation by clicking the green 'save' button on the bottom of the screen and clicking 'continue'.



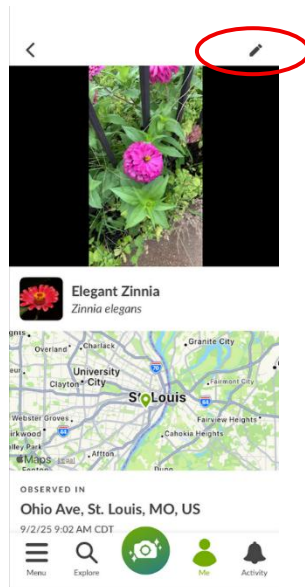
- 8) To view all your observations, go to the 'Me' icon. This is where all your observations will be stored.



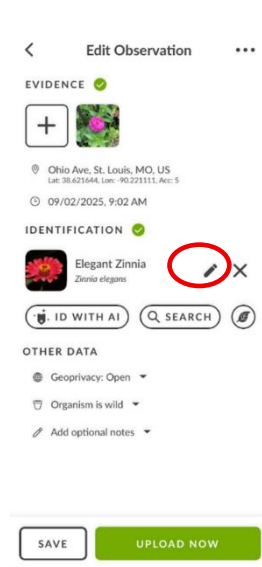
TO EDIT AN OBSERVATION:

If you think the suggested observation is incorrect, you can view other suggestions and edit your observation. To do so please see the steps below.

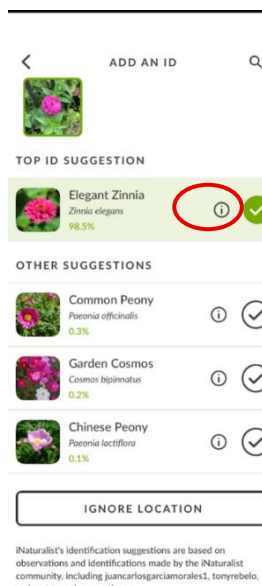
- 1) Click on observation that needs to be edited
- 2) Click the pen icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen



- 3) Under 'IDENTIFICATION' click the pen icon



- 4) Now you can see other suggestions to choose from.
 - a. Click the 'i' icon next to each species to see more information



- 5) To change the species, click the 'select this taxon' taxon button on the bottom of the screen.



SPECIES
Elegant Zinnia
Zinnia elegans

WIKIPEDIA

Zinnia elegans, known as youth-and-age, common zinnia or elegant zinnia, an annual flowering plant of the genus *Zinnia*, is one of the best known zinnias. It is native to Mexico but grown as an ornamental in many places and naturalised in several places including scattered locations in South and Central America, the West Indies, the United States, Australia, and Italy.

[Read more on Wikipedia](#)

SELECT THIS TAXON ✓