

## Why watch nature?

Most people nature watch because **it's fun**.

There's so much more though. **You can make important discoveries**. Little is known about most NZ species. Where are they found? How do they live? Most NZ species (especially fungi and invertebrates) don't even have scientific names. Also, every year new pests get detected in NZ.

**iNaturalist NZ** users have found new native species and populations, like a new species of native moss. We've also been the first to find hundreds of species new to NZ, like the giant willow aphid and European paper wasp. We've found new pest populations that have led to their eradication.

For our top discoveries, see [inaturalist.nz/pages/discoveries-nz](https://inaturalist.nz/pages/discoveries-nz)



The rare mushroom *Nivatogastrium baylisianum*, not seen for 44 years, photographed by trampster Kathy Warburton in central Otago. [inaturalist.nz/observations/980135](https://inaturalist.nz/observations/980135)

## Tips for good observations

- Include a scale so we know how big it is.
- Take several photos of all the organism's features.
- Make sure that your location, date, and time are accurate.
- To get closer, hold your smartphone up to a magnifying glass. To get further away, try binoculars.

## Who are we?

We're operated by the **New Zealand Bio-Recording Network (NZBRN) Trust**, a NZ charitable trust lead by a team of NZ scientists and biodiversity IT professionals.

## NZ in the global iNaturalist Network



**iNaturalist NZ** is the NZ site in the global **iNaturalist Network**.

**iNaturalist** is an open-source nature observation system from the California Academy of Sciences and the US National Geographic. Your **iNaturalist NZ** account also works on **iNaturalist.org** so you can keep nature watching when you travel overseas.

## More?

Facebook: [facebook.com/inaturalistnz/](https://facebook.com/inaturalistnz/)

Twitter: [@iNaturalistNZ](https://twitter.com/iNaturalistNZ)

Help: [inaturalist.nz/pages/help-nz](https://inaturalist.nz/pages/help-nz)

### Kids, ask your parents first.

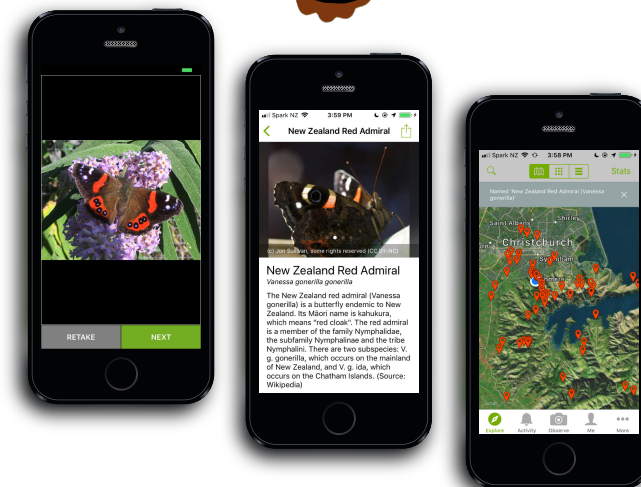
Children under 13 should use accounts set up with one of their parents' email addresses. Ask your parents before sharing any personal details. We recommend that children participating with their parents use a nick name or alias as their user name and not their full name, and that their icon photo is not a photo of themselves.

Have fun and always be polite.

# iNaturalist NZ

## Mātaki Taiiao

The site for Kiwi nature watchers



**Share** what you see in nature.

**Meet** other nature watchers.

**Learn** about any animal, plant,  
and fungus in NZ.

# Kia ora! Welcome to **iNaturalist NZ** *Mātaki Taiao*

You can use **iNaturalist NZ** (previously NatureWatch NZ) to **record observations** of species, **get any species identified**, help others to identify species, and talk with other NZ nature enthusiasts and naturalists.



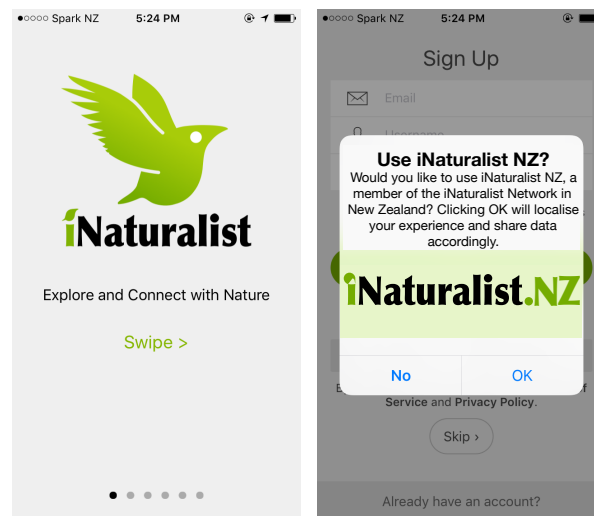
## How?

You can use **iNaturalist NZ** on our website ([iNaturalist.NZ](https://www.inaturalist.nz)) or with the free **iNaturalist app**, available for Apple and Android devices.

If you want to take photos of species and find out what they are, the iNat app is for you. Use our website to access lots more features and options, like maps, species lists, Guides, Identify, make Projects and Places, upload sounds, download data, connect to your Facebook or Flickr photos, and message users.

## Watch nature with the app

Search for **iNaturalist** on Google Play or Apple App Store. If you don't have an **iNaturalist NZ** account, you can sign up for free on the app. Log in once and the app will remember you and work offline and online.



*Clicking "OK" makes your app focus on NZ.*

When it asks, give the app access to your location and photo library so it knows where you and your photos are.

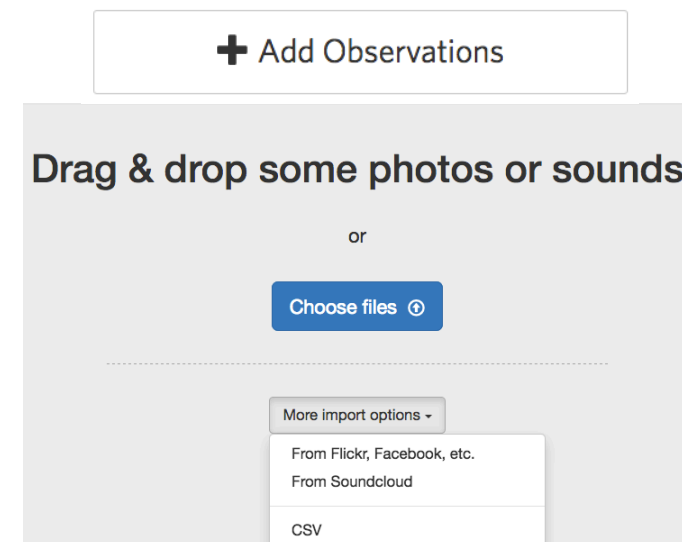
### Five steps to adding an observation:

1. **Open** the app.
2. Tap **Observe** (Apple)/+(Android) to **take a photo**, or select a photo in your phone, or make an observation without a photo. Press **Next/OK**.
3. Add extra photos or details if you want. Your smart phone will know where and when you are (if you're on a WiFi-only device, you'll need to pin the map).
4. Touch **Save/✓**.
5. When you're online, touch **Upload** to send to **iNaturalist NZ**. You'll soon be told the species ID.

## Watch nature with the website

Log in to the website, or sign up if it's your first time. When you're logged in, you'll see your user name at the top right of all **iNaturalist NZ** webpages.

You can do lots of things on the **iNaturalist NZ** website. Explore, comment, or help identify anyone's observations. Learn about species. Join (or create) Projects. Find (or create) Places. Use (or make) Guides. Subscribe to species and places. Find/message people. And, of course, **add observations**.



To add an observation, log in and click "+ Add Observations" or "Upload". You'll find that in lots of places: on your Dashboard when you log in, at the top of all pages, and in the drop-down list for your user name.

This takes you to a page where you can drag photos or sound files onto the webpage. You can combine several photos of one creature into one observation. There are other options too, like connecting to your Facebook or Flickr photos or uploading a CSV spreadsheet file.