

Bruce Trail Conservancy Citizen Science Program: Making an Observation

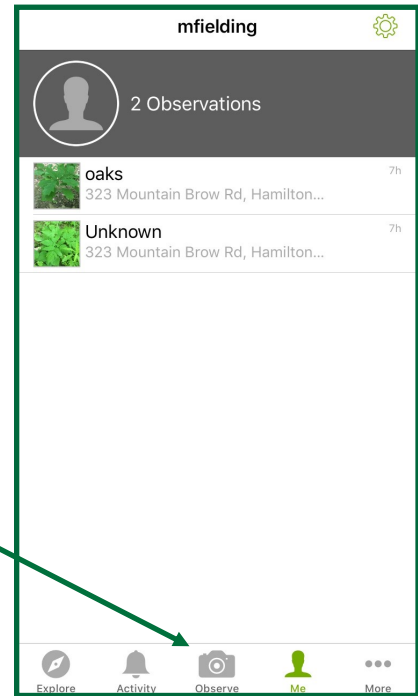


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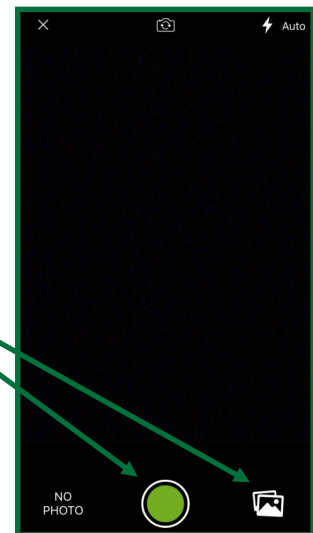
To make an observation for the Bruce Trail Conservancy Flora, Fungi & Birds Identification project, you will need to download the iNaturalist app and create a profile. Contact Meghan Croll by emailing mcroll@bruce-trail.org with your iNaturalist username to be then invited to join the project. When you accept your invitation, you are ready to begin tracking flora!

1. Open the iNaturalist app and tap “Observe” (the camera icon) or if utilizing an Android, open the menu and choose “Observe”.

Ensure in your phone’s app settings that the iNaturalist app is being allowed to use your location when using the app. This allows the app to track where you



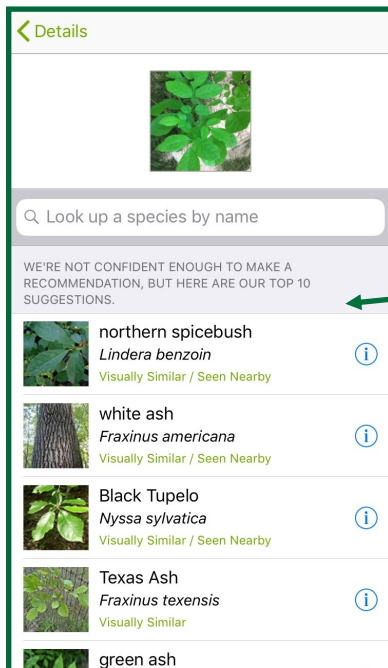
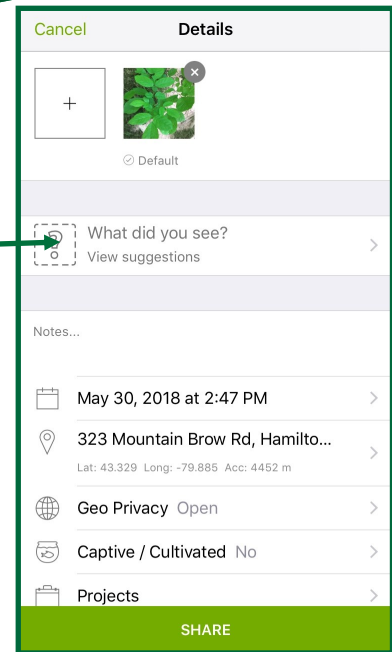
2. At this stage, you can either take a picture of the flora species you are observing in the moment, or you can upload an existing photo of a flora species you’ve found on the Trail. To take a picture, tap the green circle. To upload an existing photo, tap on the icon to the right of the green circle that looks like



3. When you have selected your photo or taken it, you will see a screen allowing you to either retake the photo or proceed with the one you have. If you are happy with the photo, tap “Next” to proceed.

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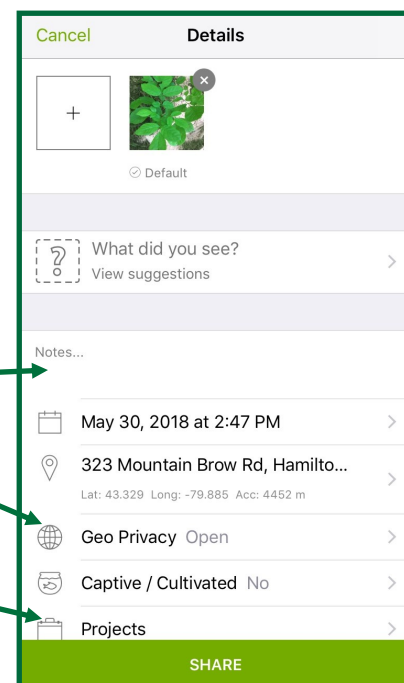
4. The screen you see now allows you to provide as much information as you can about the flora species you found. Tap “What did you see?” to see suggestions or to identify the species yourself.



5. The app will create a list of suggestions, and if it can, provide a recommendation. Use the suggestions to either identify the species if you feel confident doing so, or leave this area blank. The image will be identified by another citizen scientist when it uploaded to the project.

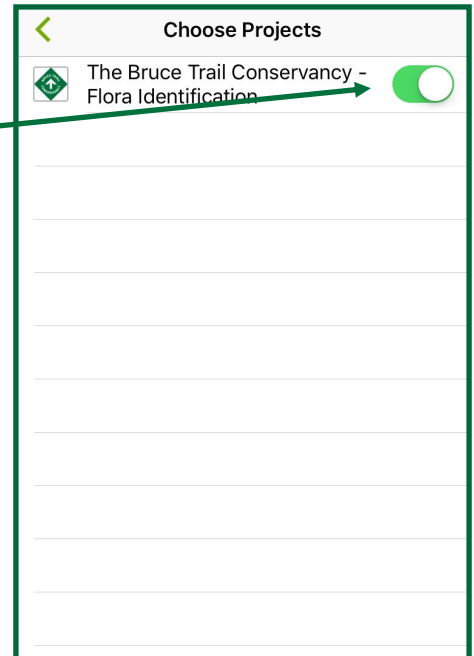
6. Add any notes you would like to share about where you found the species. Add the location if it has not already been tracked, and set the geoprivacy to “open”.

7. Tap on “Projects” to add your observation.

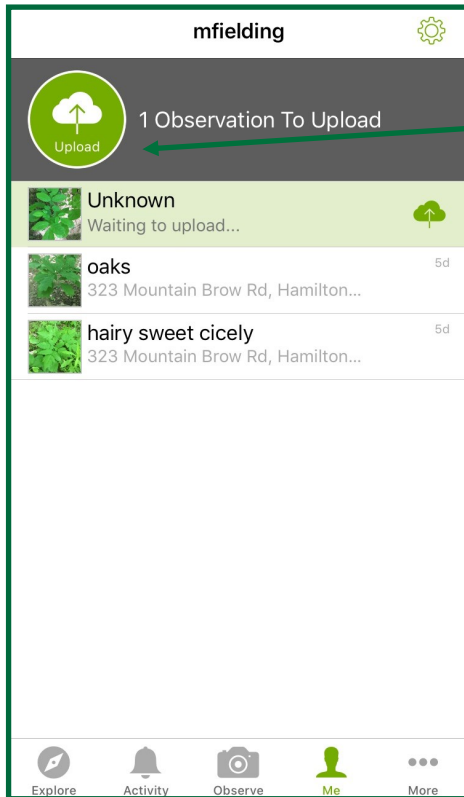


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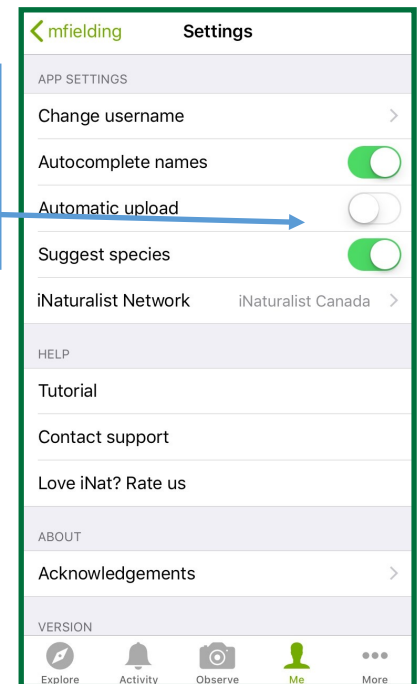
7. Ensure that you select the project by turning on “The Bruce Trail Conservancy– Flora, Fungi & Birds Identification”.



8. Tap the < arrow to go back. Tap “Share” and the app will take you to the upload screen. Depending on your settings, the observation will automatically upload or you can wait to upload your photo when you are back on a wifi connection in order to save your data.



To save on the amount of data the app may use, in the iNaturalist app settings, turn off



Tips for Taking Photos on the Trail:

- Remember to **stay on the Trail** – you may be hiking on a section on private property, there is risk of damaging flora and fauna if you hike off the Trail, and we are only tracking flora species that line the Trail for this project
- **Hike safely** – As you photograph, ensure you continue to follow the blazes and only use your smartphone when you have stopped walking to avoid tripping hazards
- **Take as clear a photo as possible**– if you take an image that shows multiple parts of the plant, there is more likely a

Congratulations and thank you! You have now made a contribution to the Bruce Trail Conservancy’s Identification project!