

# iNaturalist Observation Submission Instructions

iNaturalist is a massive ecological observation sharing platform. It routes all of the submitted data to the Global Biodiversity Information Facility that helps connect your data to scientists. It is also a platform designed to help citizen scientists network with other citizens and scientists. One avenue by which they can network is to get involved with a project. We have created a project on iNaturalist to be a repository for all invasive species observations in the county of San Diego, CA.

Here are the step-by-step instructions on how to get your data into the San Diego Invasive Species project:

When you go to [www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org) you will be greeted by the home screen with this display:

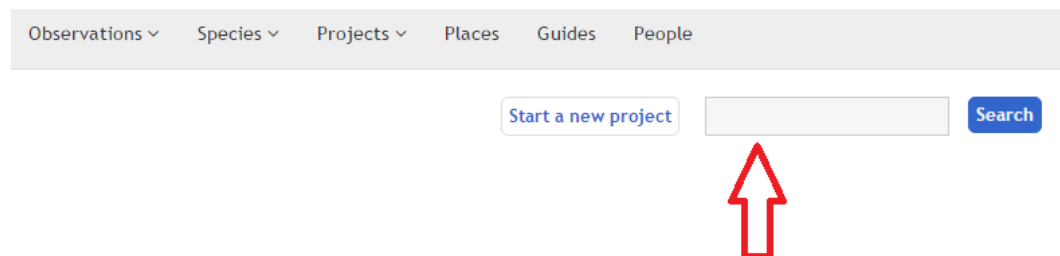


Click on the “sign up” link to make an account.

After creating your account, click on projects,





and Type: “San Diego Invasive Species Watch” in the search box.



You should find a page that looks like this:
















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**ADD OBSERVATIONS**

## San Diego Invasive Species Watch

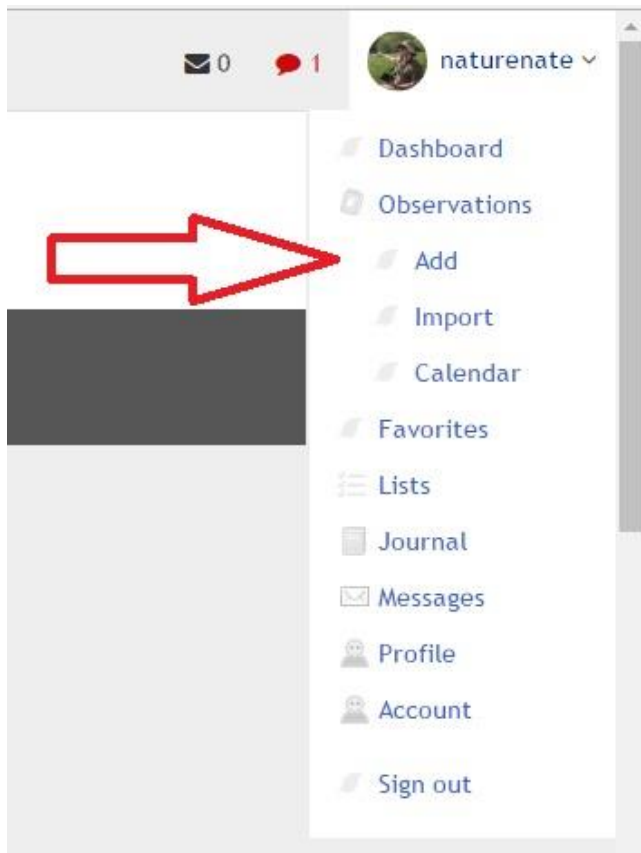
### Stats

Totals	Most Observations	Most Species	Most Observed Species
<b>1126</b> Observations »	 <b>finatic</b> 829 observations	 <b>finatic</b> 84 species	 <b>Pond Slider</b> 87 observations
<b>121</b> Species »	 <b>naturenate</b> 24 observations	 <b>naturenate</b> 15 species	 <b>American Bullfrog</b> 76 observations
<b>124</b> People »	 <b>jaykeller</b> 23 observations	 <b>biohexx1</b> 7 species	 <b>Honey Bee</b> 60 observations
	 <b>richbreisch</b> 14 observations	 <b>jaykeller</b> 5 species	 <b>Rock Pigeon</b> 54 observations
	 <b>biohexx1</b> 12 observations	 <b>milliebasden</b> 5 species	 <b>Garden Snail</b> 48 observations

Click the “Join this project” in the upper right corner.

Now that you have joined the project you can add your observations.

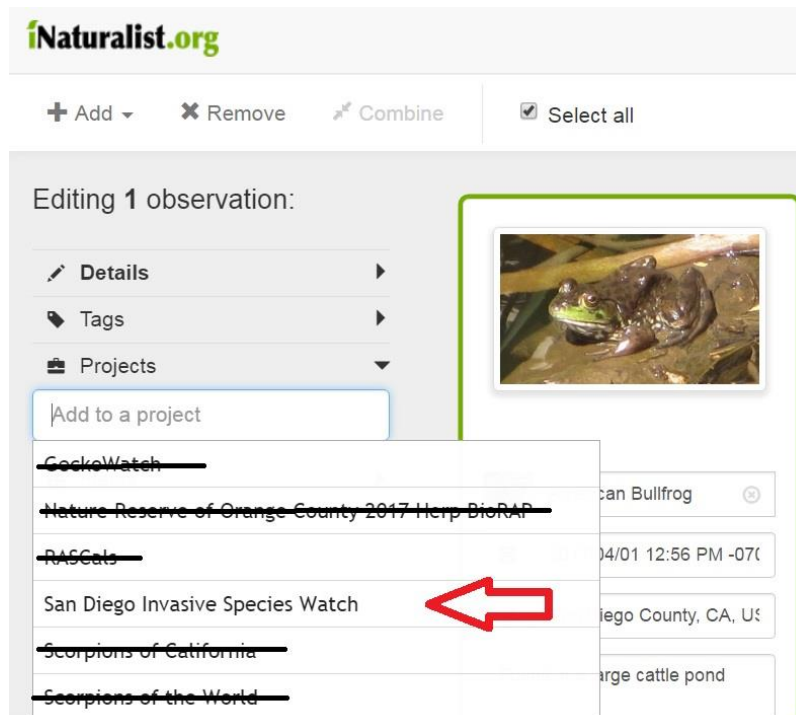
Mouse over your profile icon and click on the “Add” link in the drop-down menu.



You are now ready to drag and drop your photo vouchers into the web page. Once you have a set of vouchers on the screen (one or more) you can start adding the necessary information for the species, time, and location boxes. Once you have those three fields completed, click on “projects.”

The screenshot displays the iNaturalist.org interface. At the top, the logo "iNaturalist.org" is visible. Below it, there are buttons for "+ Add", "X Remove", "Combine", and a checked "Select all" option. The main section is titled "Editing 1 observation:". On the left, there is a "Details" section with a dropdown arrow. Below it, there are three input fields: "American Bullfrog" (with a small photo icon and a reset button), "2017/04/01 12:56 PM -0700" (with a calendar icon), and "San Diego County, CA, US/" (with a location pin icon). Below these is a text box containing "Found in a large cattle pond", a dropdown menu set to "Location is public", and a checkbox for "Captive / cultivated". At the bottom of the left sidebar are sections for "Tags", "Projects", and "Fields", each with a right-pointing arrow. On the right side of the interface, there is a green-bordered box containing a photo of an American Bullfrog. Below the photo, there is a duplicate of the "Details" section with the same information: "American Bullfrog", the date and time, the location, and the habitat description. Red arrows point from the "American Bullfrog" text field, the date/time field, and the location field in the left sidebar to their respective fields in the green-bordered voucher box. A red arrow also points from the "Projects" section in the left sidebar to the "Projects" section in the green-bordered voucher box.

On the projects tab you should see the BioRAP project auto-generate. Click to add all selected observations to the project.



After filling out all the fields and adding the observation(s) to the Invasive Watch project, click on the "Submit observation" button in the upper right corner

Submit 1 observation