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### What you saw

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### When you saw it

Record the date you encountered the organism



### Where you saw it

Record coordinates and their accuracy (you can hide this from the public)



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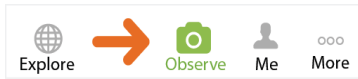
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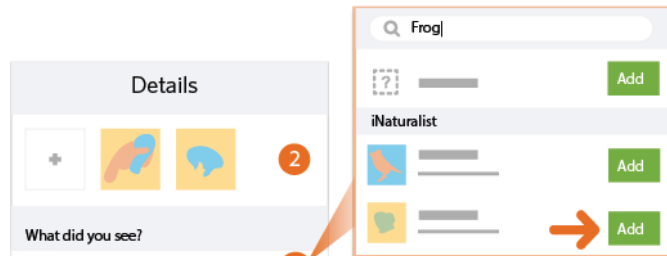
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# iPhone App

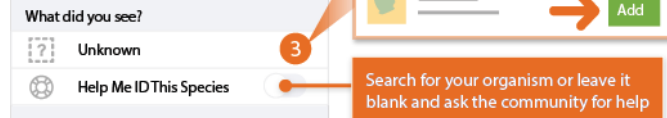
1. Tap **observe**



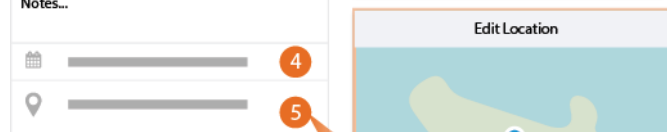
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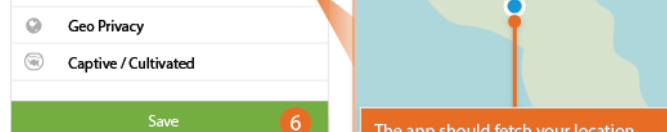
3. Enter **what** you saw (or leave blank)



4. **When** you saw it should be automatically added



5. **Where** you saw it should be automatically added (if not check Privacy in app Settings)



6. **Save** observation



7. **Upload** to share with the community. Uploads happen automatically. You can turn Auto Upload off in "Me" tab in app settings



8. Check back for **community** activity on your observation



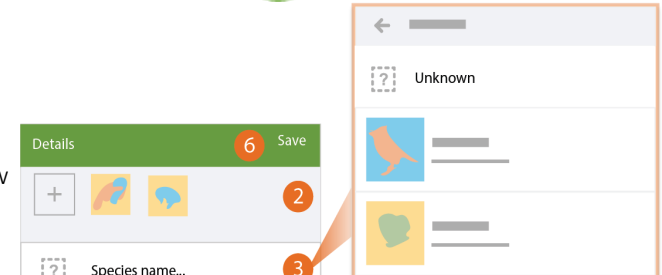
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# Android App

1. Tap **observe** button on My Observations tab



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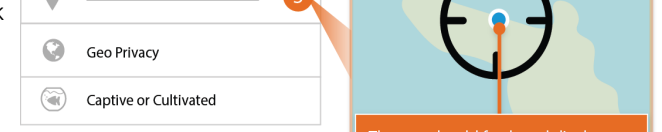
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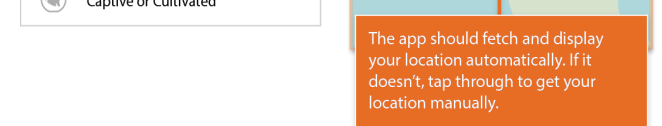
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