

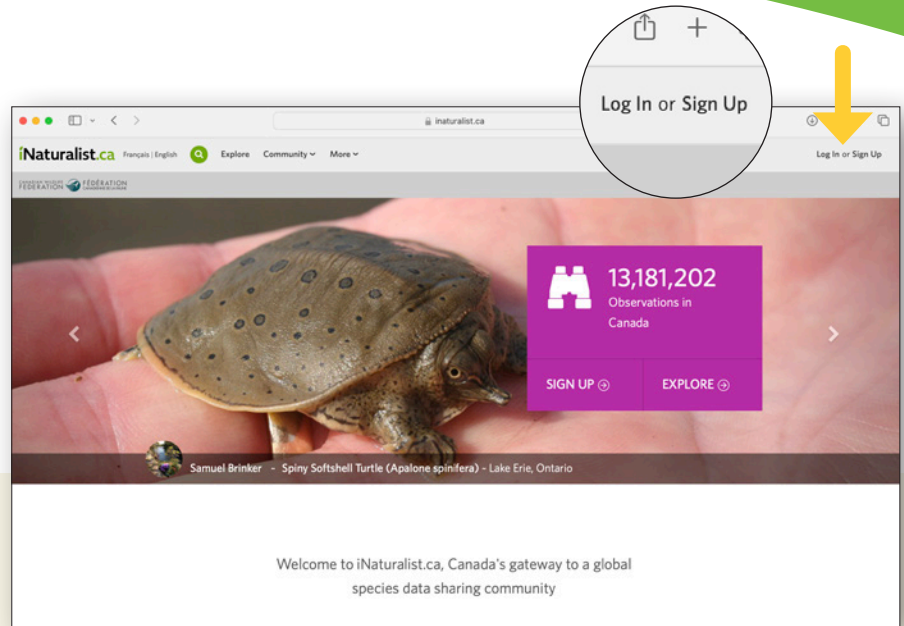
START OBSERVING IN SEVEN SIMPLE STEPS!



How to use the iNaturalist Website

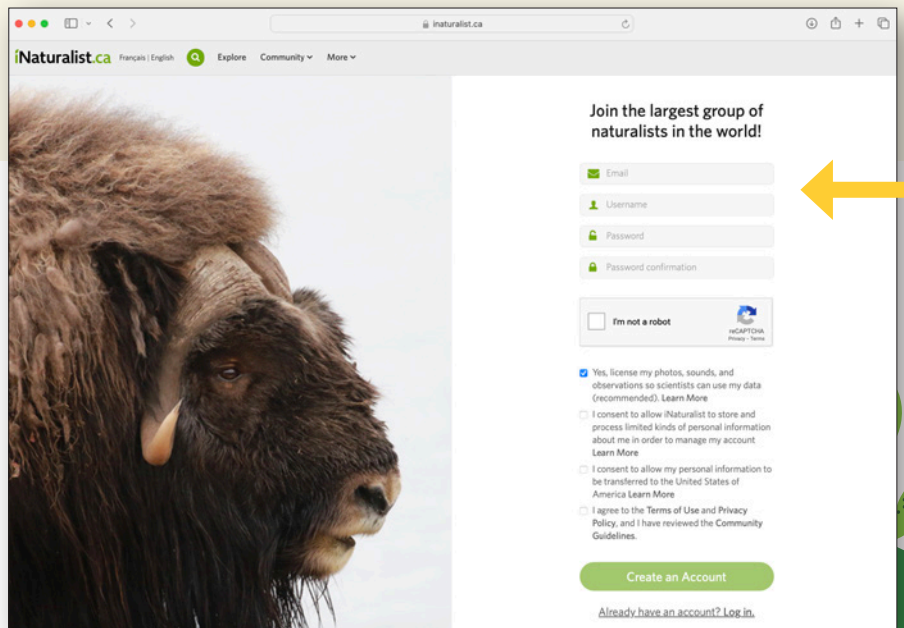
Step 1

Visit the iNaturalist.ca website:
www.inaturalist.ca



Step 2

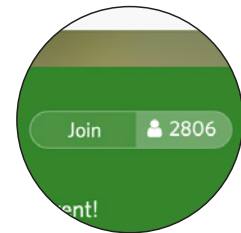
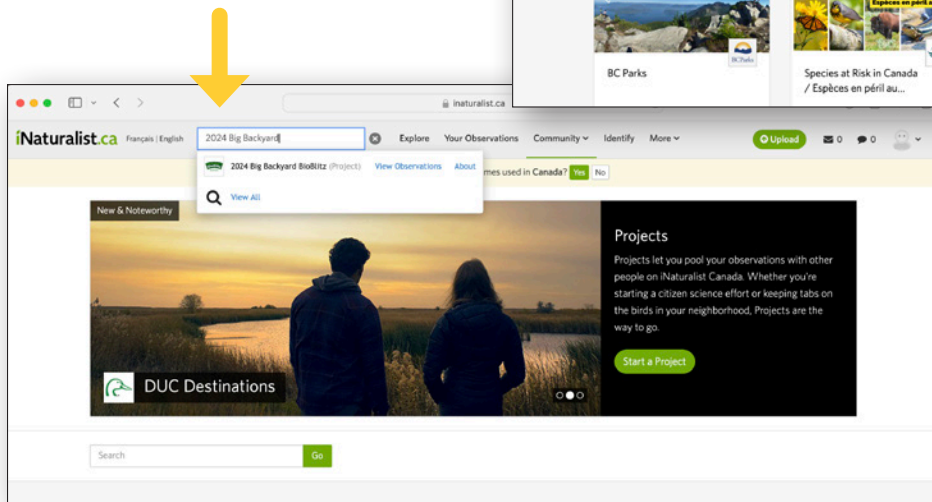
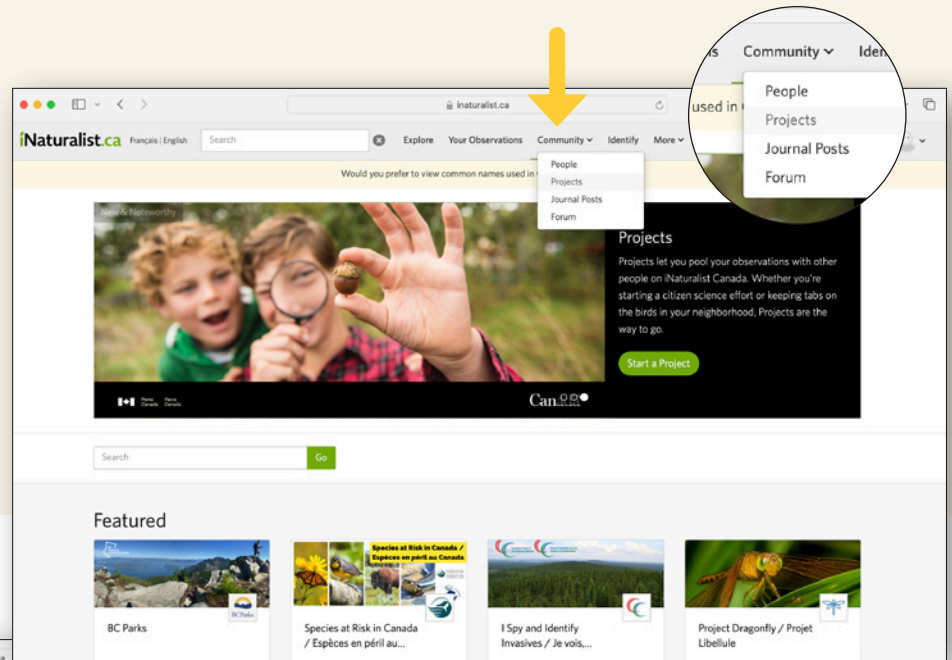
Create an account for free, or sign in if you already have one.



Step 3

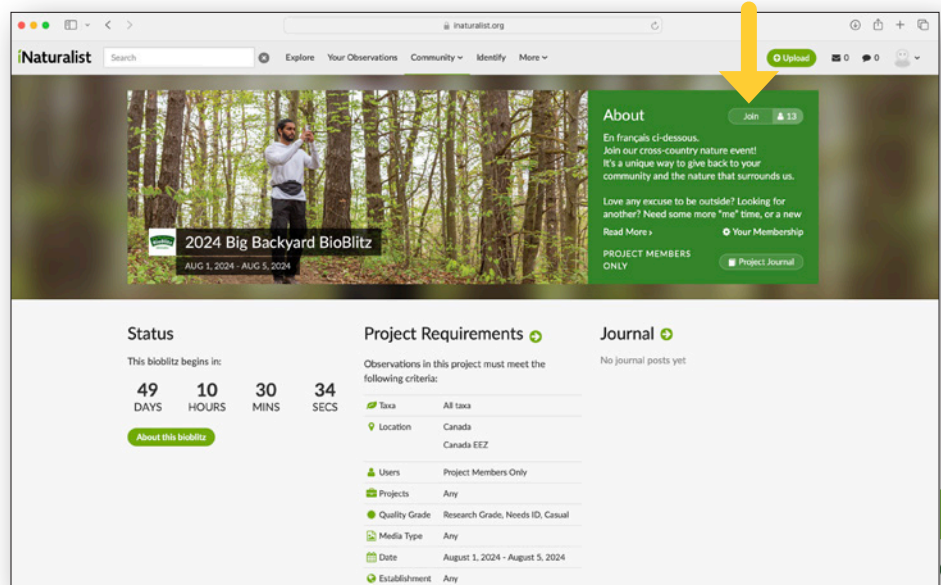
Find and select our project:
2024 Big Backyard BioBlitz

Go to the **"Community"** option in the top menu of the iNaturalist homepage and select **"Projects."** You can also use the search function.



Step 4

Once you've selected the project, click **JOIN** to become a member. This will ensure your images and audio clips are automatically captured as part of the collective effort for NCC's Big Backyard BioBlitz.



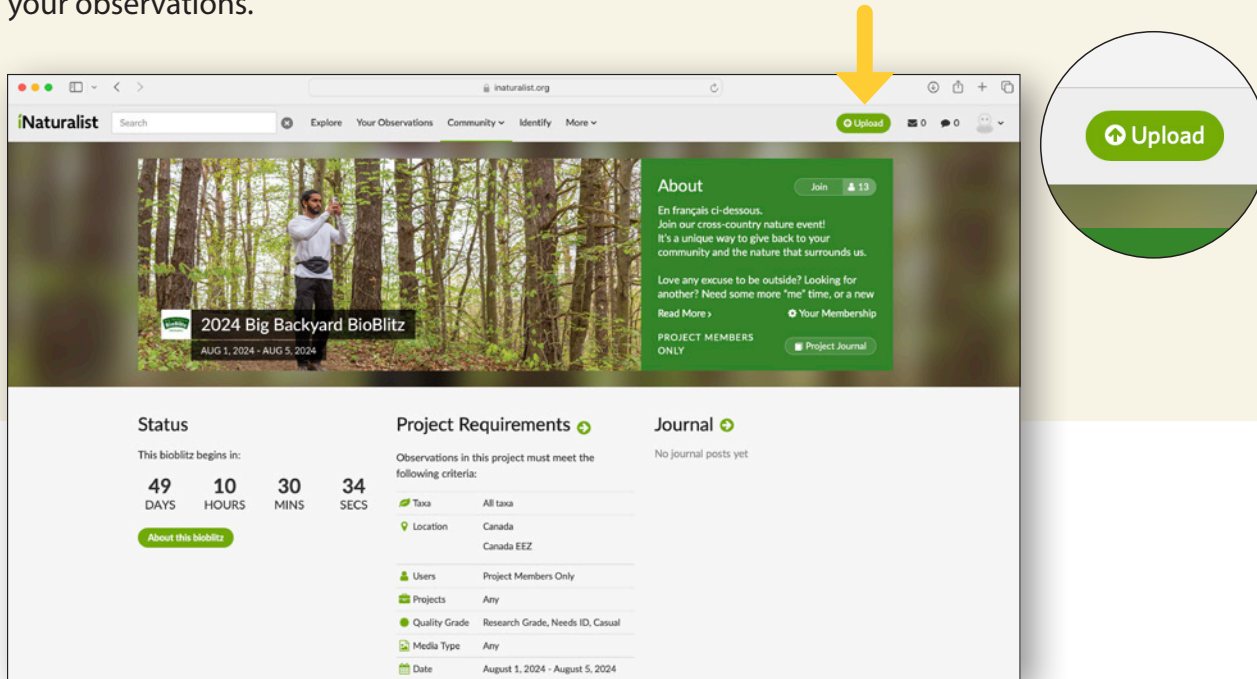
Step 5

Start documenting! Grab your smartphone, tablet or camera and head outside. Take photos or audio recordings to capture the sights and sounds of nature.

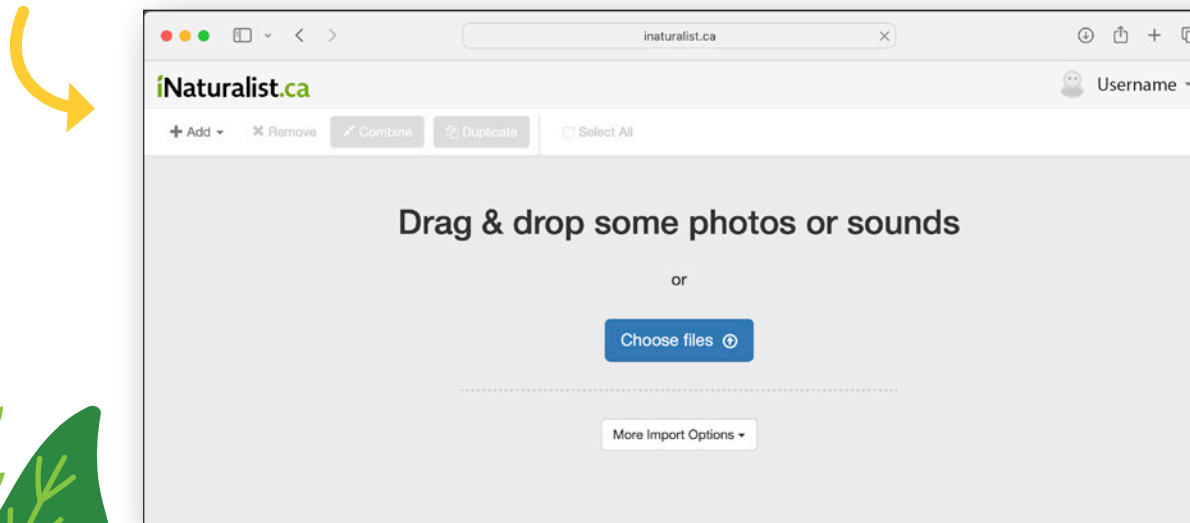
Step 6

Add your observations. Use your device to capture photos or sound clips and then upload them at iNaturalist.ca.

Go to the 2024 Big Backyard BioBlitz project page and click the **“Upload”** button to submit your observations.

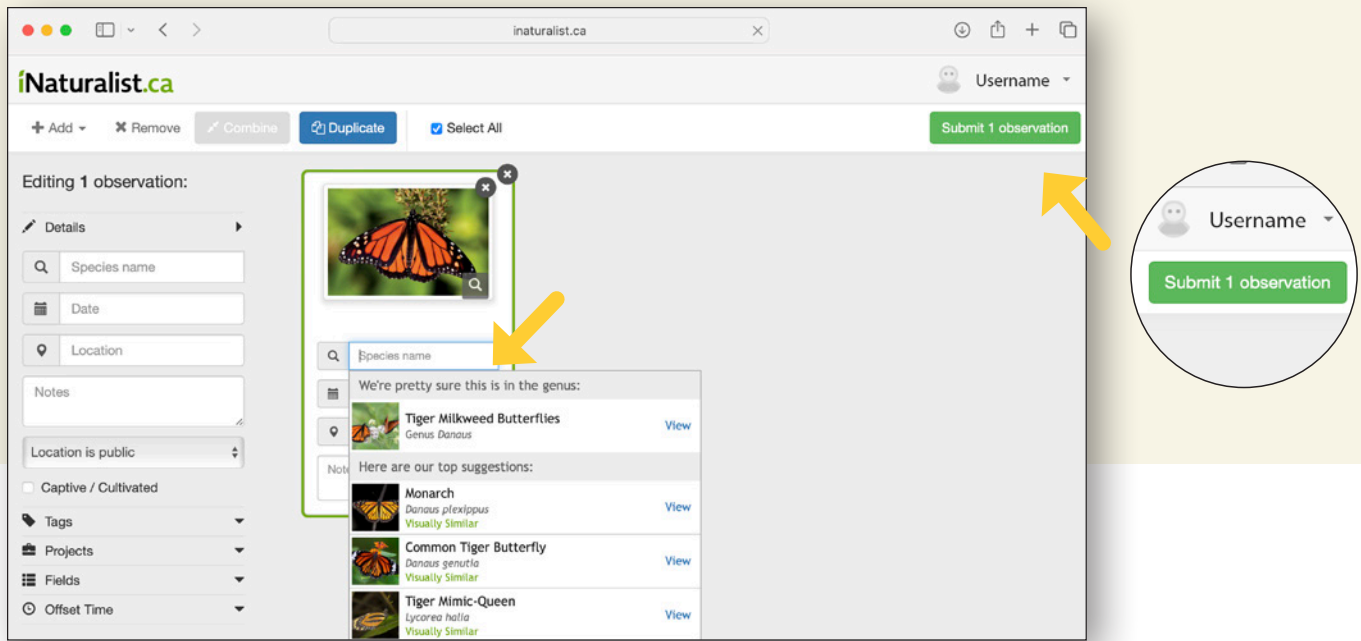


The screenshot shows the iNaturalist.org website interface for the 2024 Big Backyard BioBlitz project. The page features a header with navigation links and a prominent green 'Upload' button in the top right corner, highlighted by a yellow arrow. Below the header is a banner image of a person in a forest, with text about the project and a 'Join' button. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Status' showing a countdown timer (49 days, 10 hours, 30 mins, 34 secs), 'Project Requirements' listing criteria like Taxa, Location, Users, Projects, Quality Grade, Media Type, and Date, and 'Journal' indicating no posts yet. A circular callout on the right side of the page provides a magnified view of the 'Upload' button.



The screenshot shows the iNaturalist.ca website interface for uploading files. A yellow arrow points from the 'Upload' button in the previous screenshot to this page. The page displays a large text prompt: 'Drag & drop some photos or sounds' followed by 'or' and a blue 'Choose files' button. Below this, there is a 'More Import Options' button. The interface also includes navigation controls like '+ Add', 'Remove', 'Combine', 'Duplicate', and 'Select All'.

The iNaturalist website will automatically give you “**Species Suggestions**” to fill in.



If you're submitting an observation of something you planted in your garden or something planted in a local green space, make sure the **cultivated** option is set to “**Yes**”, under **Notes**.

Fill out as many notes as you can. Then hit “**Submit**”.

Don't have access to the internet while you're out in nature? Simply upload your observations to the website when you're back online. Just set the date on the file you upload to August 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, and it will automatically be added to NCC's Big Backyard BioBlitz project.

Step 7

Do your best to identify your species. But don't worry about getting it wrong — iNaturalist community members are there to help!

