

Name _____
iNaturalist Username _____
Period _____



iNaturalist.org Individual Assignment

Your assignment is to create at least one of your own iNaturalist "Research Grade Observations ID'd to Species or Lower". Be sure to follow the rules and guidelines of iNaturalist.org and our project. Be sure to go to natural areas to photograph (such as _____).

1. Read the "Collecting and Uploading Observations" instructions!!!
2. Be sure to identify the species as close to the scientific name as possible in the box and then click "lookup". Be sure to click on the link of your ID. Use "ID Please" (unless you are sure of the ID). **NOTE:** The more observations you add and the better quality they are (detailed photos and description, etc), the more likely you will receive at least one "Research Grade Observation ID'd to Species or Lower".
3. BE SURE TO INCLUDE **EACH** OBSERVATION INTO OUR SCHOOL PROJECT, "_____". Did you do this? _____ (use "Batch Edit" if you are adding several observations on the website).
4. Go to our project page and click "Observations". Your observations should be in here. Your observations are here, right? _____
5. Name **one** organism you photographed? _____
6. Number of photos? _____ Date of observation? _____
7. Is it georeferenced (latitude and longitude included)? _____
8. Did you add a detailed description? _____
9. **Check back** with your iNaturalist account at another time after you submit your observation. Did one or more go to "Research Grade ID'd to Species or Lower"? _____
10. Did anyone agree to an ID or comment on your observations? If so, list their username _____.

From iNaturalist.org:

The data quality assessment is a summary of an observation's accuracy. All observations start as "**casual**" grade, and achieve "**research**" grade when

- the iNat **community agrees with the observer's ID**, where an "agreeing" identification is one that matches exactly or is of a child taxon of the observer's ID. For example, if Scott says it's a mammal and Ken-ichi says it's *Homo sapiens*, then Ken-ichi agrees with Scott.
- the observation **has a date**
- the observation **is georeferenced** (i.e. has lat/lon coordinates)
- the observation **has a photo**

Observations will revert to "casual" grade if the above conditions aren't met or

- the community agrees the **location doesn't look accurate** (e.g. monkeys in the middle of the ocean, hippos in office buildings, etc.)
- the community agrees the **organism isn't wild/naturalized** (e.g. captive or cultivated by humans or intelligent space aliens)