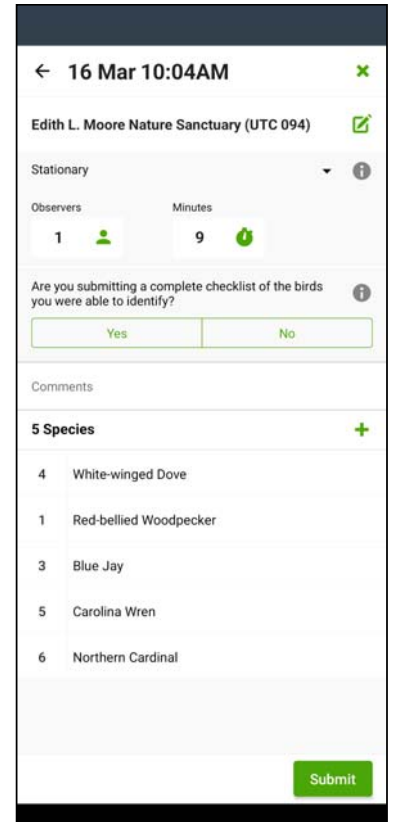# eBird to iNaturalist for the City Nature Challenge

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Make a Bird Checklist

- Go birding! If possible, record sounds and take photos! If you are new to birding, be sure to make a list of the species you have seen, complete with your location and the date/time.

- Create and submit a checklist on your phone or from your desktop computer in eBird.

Download your Checklist

View your submitted eBird checklist on your desktop computer, select the pull-down list Checklist Tools and click on Download. This will download a .CSV file with your checklist information.

Format your Checklist for iNaturalist

Open the .CSV file and view it in Excel (or similar). Some columns will need to be moved/renamed/deleted to match the format needed to upload it into iNaturalist

Use these column names and formats:

- Taxon name: text

- Observation date: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM

- Description: text

- Place name: text

- Latitude / y coord / northing: dd.dddd

- Longitude / x coord / easting: dd.dddd

- Tags: tag,tag,tag

- Geoprivacy: Leave blank for public, or entire "Private" or "Obscured"

Save your CSV to your computer

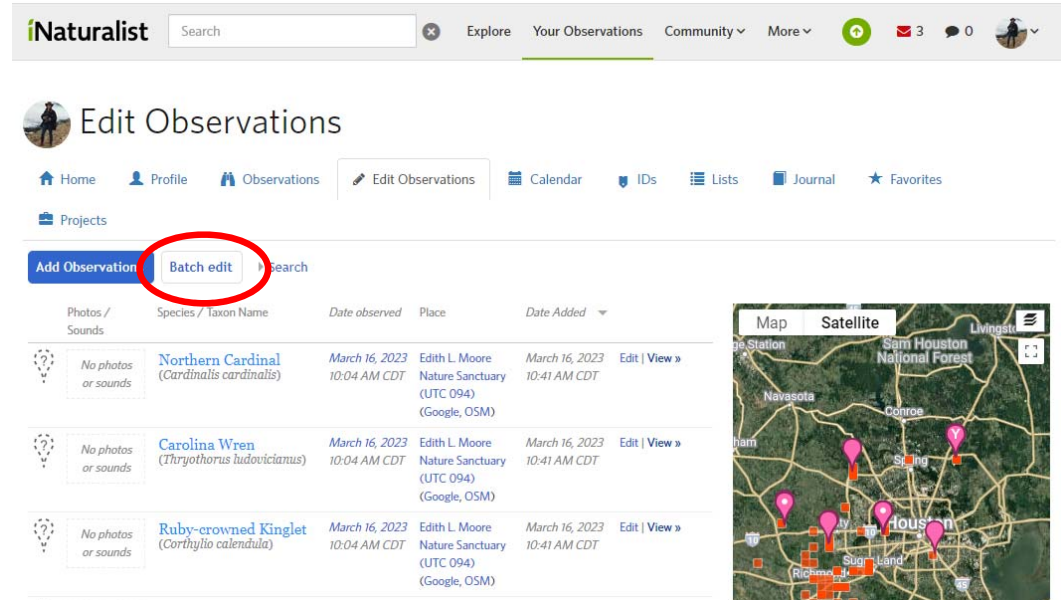After matching the formatting required by iNat, give your .CSV a unique name and save it.

Upload CSV to iNaturalist

Open iNaturalist from your desktop computer and click the green Upload button. Select More Import Options and click CSV. Click Choose File, find the .CSV you just saved, and select the blue Upload button.
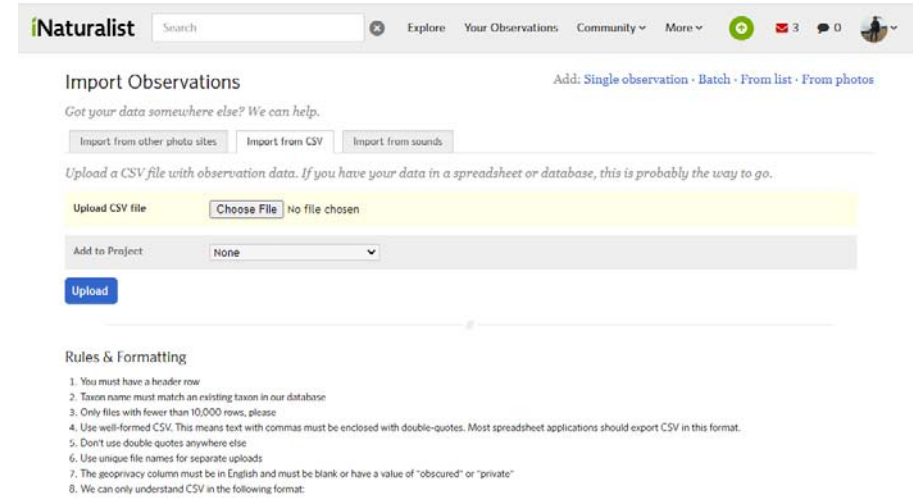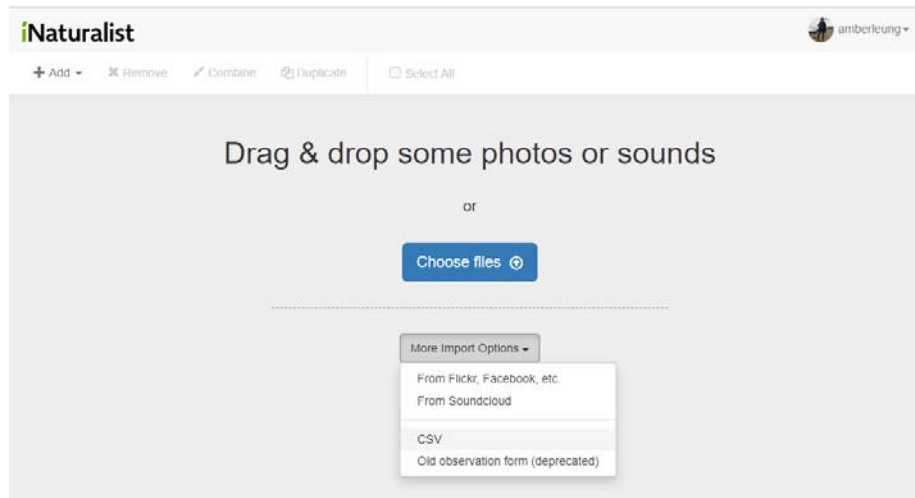
Edit your Observations in iNaturalist

- You can now go to Edit Observations and find all the species from your checklist entered as separate observations.

- You can make changes or add photos or sounds to them easily by selecting Batch Edit and checking each observation before clicking Edit Selected.

Making Easy Batch Edits

Edit each observation individually, add photos, notes, or sounds.

Select Batch Operations at the top to make changes to all of them at once. This is helpful if you need to select the location from the map and apply it to all of them.
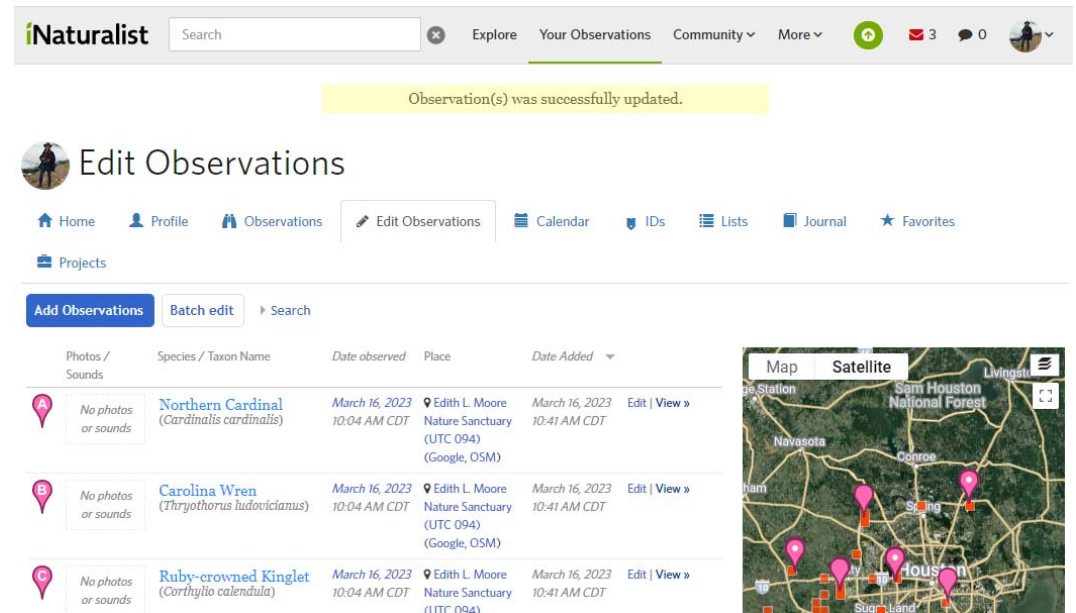
When you are finished editing and uploading any media, select the blue Save All button at the bottom.

Completed Observations Now in iNat

Your observations should now be complete with locations, dates, and times!

If there is a photo or sound, they are verifiable and can become Research Grade, otherwise they will remain Casual Grade.