

Why watch nature?

Most people nature watch because **it's fun**.

There's so much more though. **You can make important discoveries**. Little is known about most NZ species. Where are they found? How do they live? Most NZ species (especially fungi and invertebrates) don't even have scientific names. Also, every year new pests get detected in NZ.

iNaturalist NZ users have found new native species and populations, like a new species of native moss. We've also been the first to find hundreds of species new to NZ, like the giant willow aphid and European paper wasp. We've found new pest populations that have led to their eradication.

For our top discoveries, see inaturalist.nz/pages/discoveries-nz



The rare mushroom *Nivatogastrium baylisianum*, not seen for 44 years, photographed by tramper Kathy Warburton in central Otago. inaturalist.nz/observations/980135

Tips for good observations

- Include a scale so we know how big it is.
- Take several photos of all the organism's features.
- Make sure that your location, date, and time are accurate.
- To get closer, hold your smartphone up to a magnifying glass. To get further away, try binoculars.

Who are we?

We're operated by the **New Zealand Bio-Recording Network (NZBRN) Trust**, a NZ charitable trust lead by a team of NZ scientists and biodiversity IT professionals.

NZ in the global iNaturalist Network



iNaturalist NZ is the NZ site in the global **iNaturalist Network**.

iNaturalist is an open-source nature observation system from the California Academy of Sciences and the US National Geographic. Your **iNaturalist NZ** account also works on **iNaturalist.org** so you can keep nature watching when you travel overseas.

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Kids, ask your parents first.

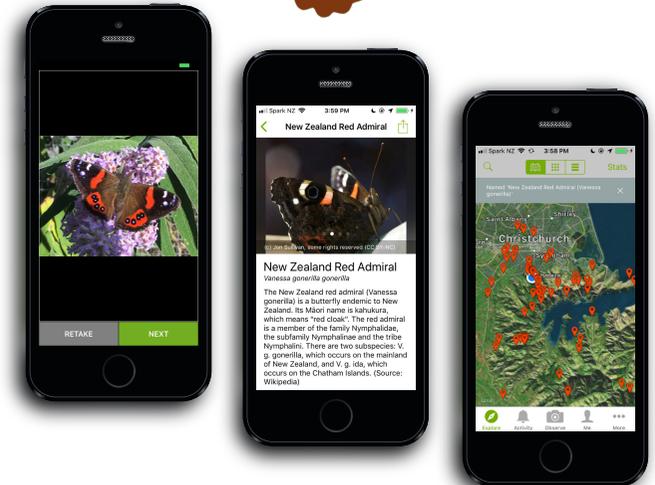
Children under 13 should use accounts set up with one of their parents' email addresses. Ask your parents before sharing any personal details. We recommend that children participating with their parents use a nick name or alias as their user name and not their full name, and that their icon photo is not a photo of themselves.

Have fun and always be polite.

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The site for Kiwi nature watchers



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