

How to Submit a Sighting

A quick guide on how to submit a sighting on NatureLynx

Add a Sighting

Sightings are species that you find on your outdoor adventures and want to share with NatureLynx.

In order to submit a sighting, you will need to navigate to the “Add a Sighting” tab. Start by getting your awesome pictures ready!

Tip: Only submit photos of one species per sighting. Otherwise, our experts will not be able to differentiate which species to identify.

Add Sighting

Please include at least one image

SPECIES NAME

Species Name (if known)

Higher order taxon if species unknown

SPECIES GROUP

DATE/TIME

SELECT A LOCATION

SELECT LOCATION

FIELD NOTES

Enter field notes

Select the camera icon to take/upload a photo

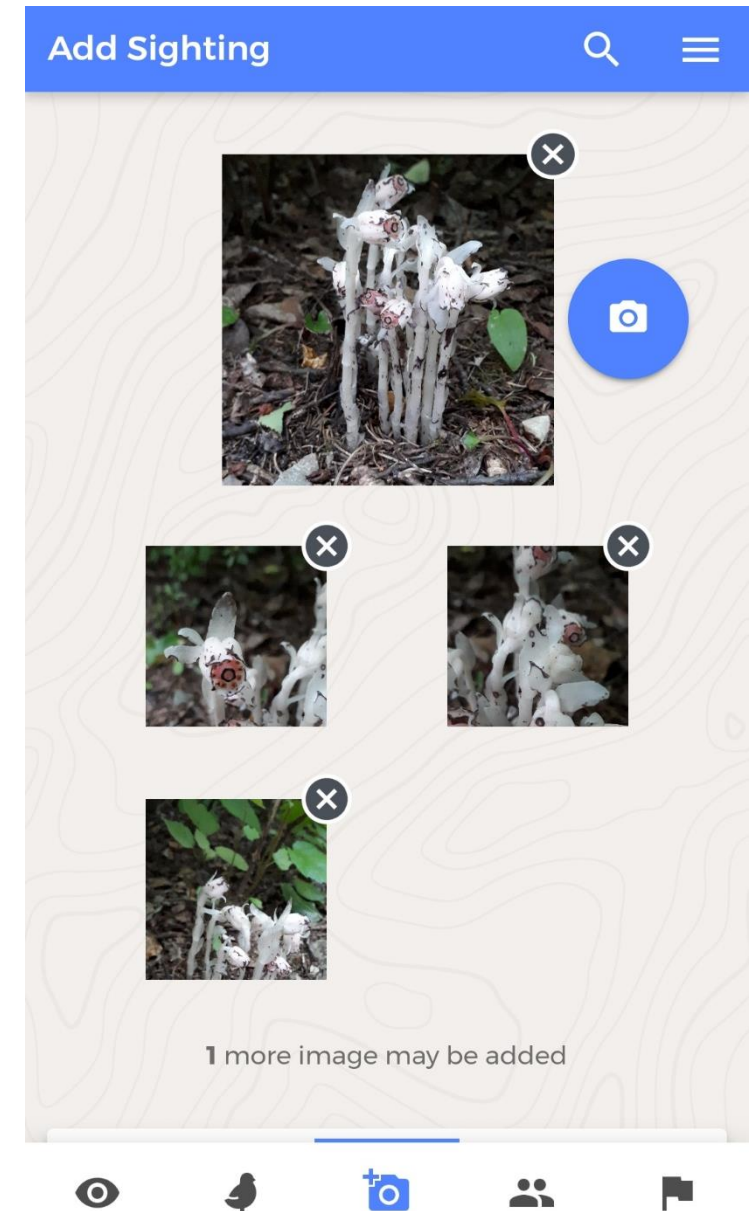
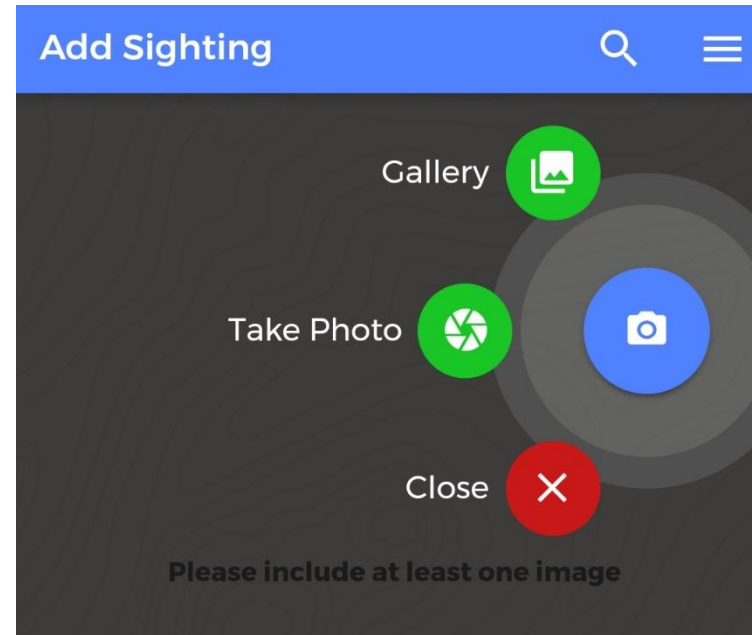
Select Images

The images are the most important part of the sighting! Not only are they the fun part, they are key for our experts identifying your species!

You can choose to upload images that were previously taken or use the camera action to take images in the moment.

To help out our experts, we recommend uploading multiple images from different angles or of different features. This ensures our experts can see every characteristic that may help ID your sighting! You can submit up to 5 images per sighting.

Tip: try to get clear images of your species. If an image is blurry, it will be hard for our experts to identify!



Species Information

If you know or have a pretty good idea of the species you have – fantastic! If not, no need to worry – we’ve got you covered!

If you don’t know your species, you simply need to set the Species Name to Unknown. This option will be available in a dropdown list when the Species Name is selected.

You will then need to select the species group, but that is a piece of cake. This is simply whether or not your species is a plant, bird, mammal, fungus, or whatever else you may have found!

SPECIES NAME
Species Name (if known)
Higher order taxon if species unknown

SPECIES GROUP

DATE/TIME

SELECT A LOCATION
SELECT LOCATION

FIELD NOTES
Enter field notes

Click to enter a value... Done

Don't see your option? try searching above!

Not Listed

Unknown

American Avocet

American Dipper

Arctic Bladderpod

Bank Swallow

Bark-dwelling Camouflage Lichens

Big Sagebrush

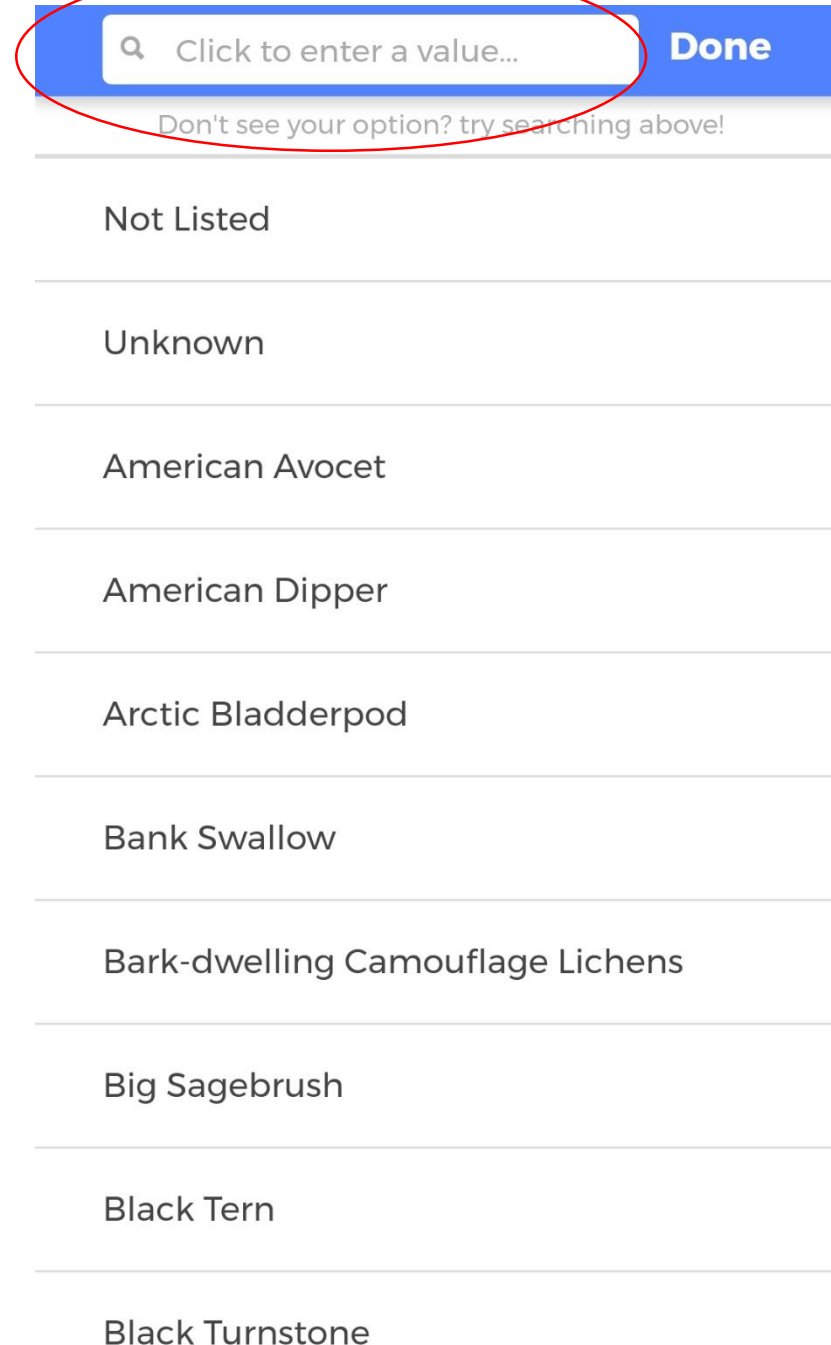
Black Tern

Black Turnstone

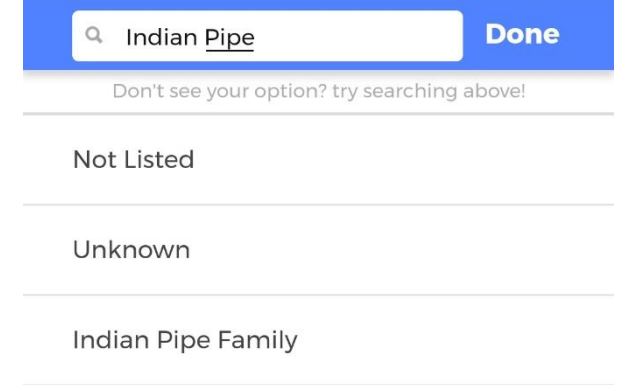
Species Information

If you know the species you have found, type the name in the Species Name. It should appear in a dropdown list.

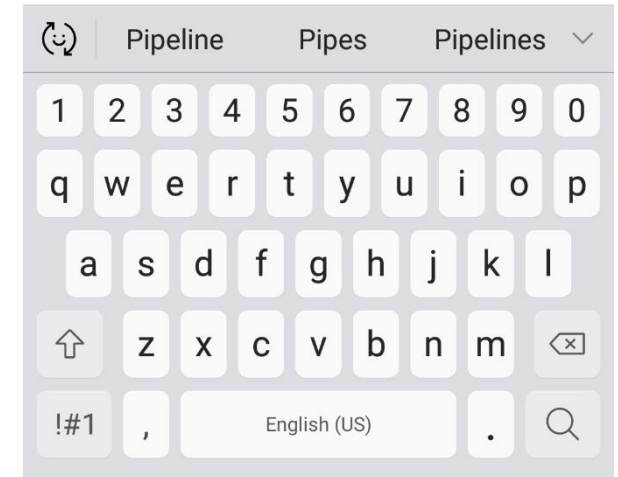
You can search the species list by common name or scientific name.



Search interface showing a search bar with the placeholder text "Click to enter a value..." and a "Done" button. Below the search bar, a list of species names is displayed, including "Not Listed", "Unknown", "American Avocet", "American Dipper", "Arctic Bladderpod", "Bank Swallow", "Bark-dwelling Camouflage Lichens", "Big Sagebrush", "Black Tern", and "Black Turnstone". A red circle highlights the search input field.



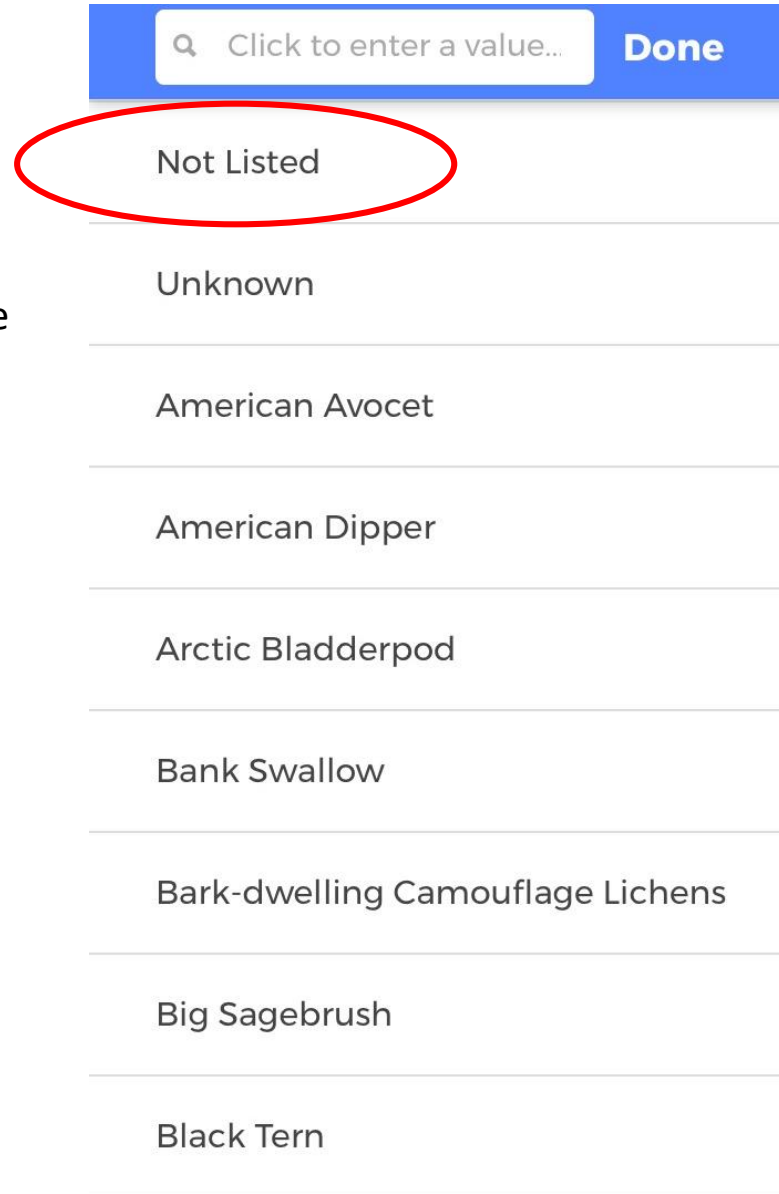
Search interface showing a search bar with the text "Indian Pipe" and a "Done" button. Below the search bar, a list of species names is displayed, including "Not Listed", "Unknown", and "Indian Pipe Family".



Mobile keyboard interface showing a search bar with the text "Pipeline" and a "Done" button. The keyboard is visible below the search bar, with the text "Pipeline" appearing in the search bar. The keyboard includes a search icon and a "Done" button.

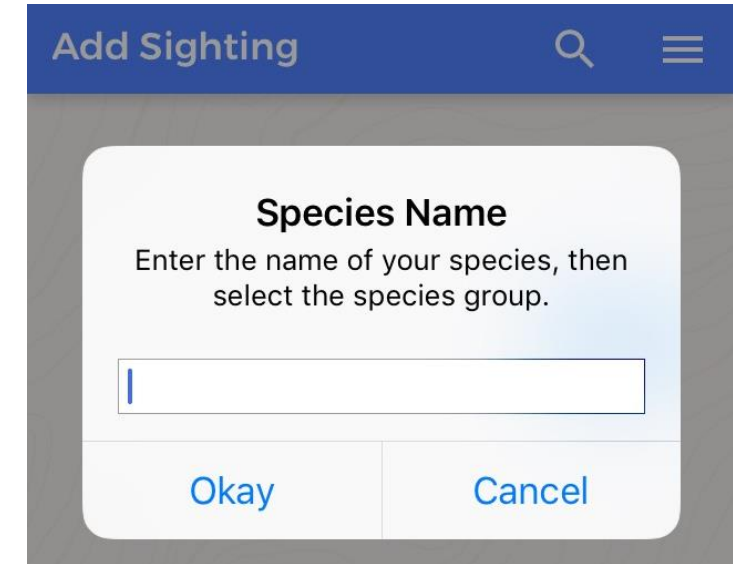
Species Information

As there are so many species in Alberta, we may not have your species listed. If this happens, select the Not Listed option and type in your species name in the space provided.



A screenshot of a mobile application interface showing a list of species. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Click to enter a value...". To the right of the search bar is a blue button labeled "Done". Below the search bar is a list of species names, each separated by a horizontal line. The first item, "Not Listed", is circled in red. The other items in the list are "Unknown", "American Avocet", "American Dipper", "Arctic Bladderpod", "Bank Swallow", "Bark-dwelling Camouflage Lichens", "Big Sagebrush", and "Black Tern".

Species Name
Not Listed
Unknown
American Avocet
American Dipper
Arctic Bladderpod
Bank Swallow
Bark-dwelling Camouflage Lichens
Big Sagebrush
Black Tern



A screenshot of a mobile application interface showing a dialog box titled "Add Sighting". The dialog box has a blue header with a magnifying glass icon and a menu icon. The main content area is white and contains the text "Species Name" in bold, followed by the instruction "Enter the name of your species, then select the species group." Below this text is a text input field with a vertical cursor. At the bottom of the dialog box are two buttons: "Okay" and "Cancel".

Add Sighting

Species Name
Enter the name of your species, then select the species group.

Okay Cancel

Additional Information

Once your species information and photos are added, the other fields should auto-fill based off of the information you already provided!

This includes species group (unless you typed in a new, Not listed species – then you'll have to select the species group yourself), location, and the date you had an encounter with wildlife!

Tip: Set your location settings on your phone and camera to "on", otherwise NatureLynx will not be able to retrieve this information to auto-fill the date and location for you.

Add Sighting

SPECIES NAME

Indian Pipe Family ✕

Higher order taxon if species unknown

SPECIES GROUP

Plants ▼

DATE/TIME

2019-08-17, 7:49:49 p.m.

UPDATE LOCATION

Map showing location pin at Beach Corner.

This location has been pulled from your phone's GPS coordinates. **If you believe it is inaccurate, tap the location pin to edit the location.**

Navigation icons: Eye, Share, Camera, People, Flag

Additional Information

If the Location does not auto-fill, you can manually select your location using Google Maps. You can “Drop a Pin” by tapping the desired location on the map.

Add Sighting

SPECIES NAME

Species Name (if known)

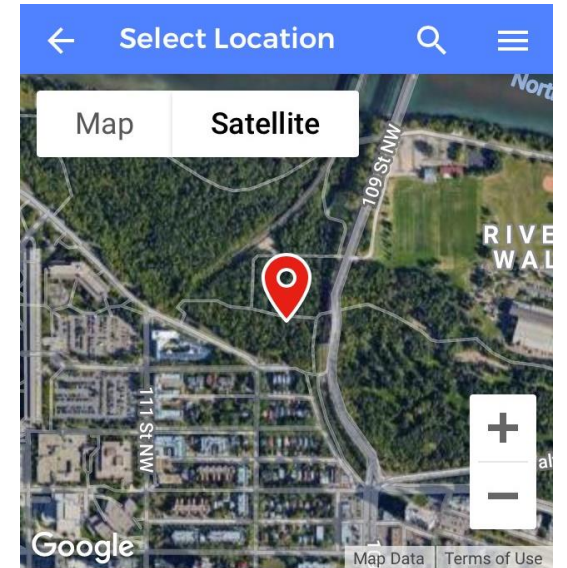
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SPECIES GROUP

DATE/TIME

SELECT A LOCATION

SELECT LOCATION

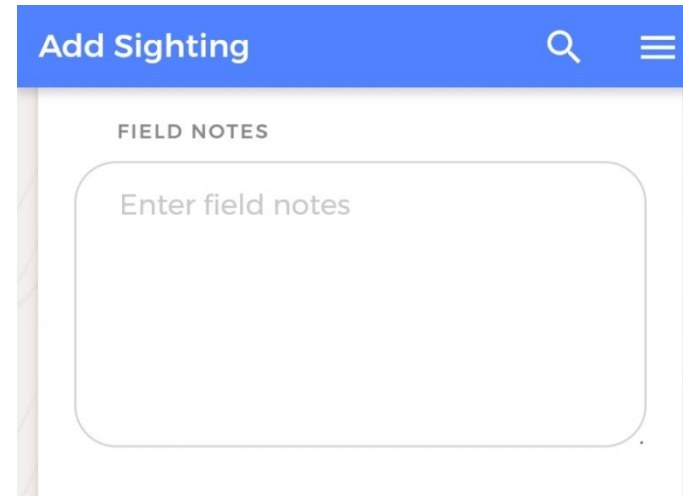


Pan and pinch the map to find the location. Tap at the desired location to drop a pin.

SELECT LOCATION

Additional Information

You can also add field notes if there was something that you found interesting when you found your species. Perhaps a specific plant it was eating or even if you found it in a meadow or next to a stream.



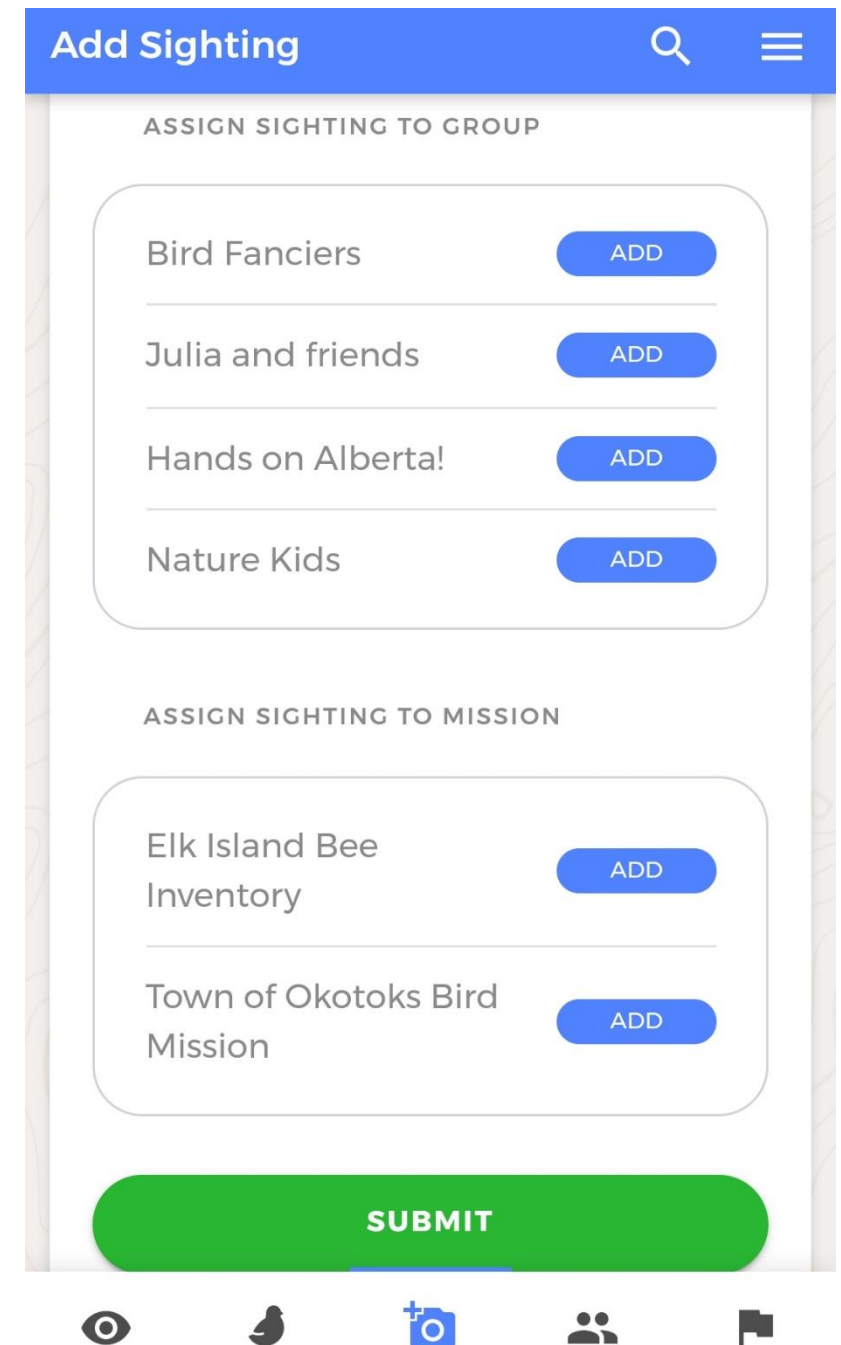
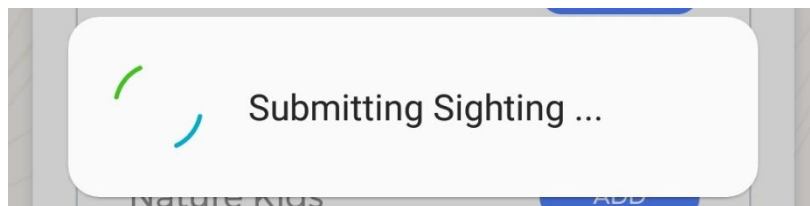
The image shows a mobile application interface for adding a sighting. At the top, there is a blue header bar with the text "Add Sighting" on the left, a magnifying glass icon for search in the center, and a hamburger menu icon on the right. Below the header, the text "FIELD NOTES" is displayed. Underneath, there is a large, rounded rectangular text input area with the placeholder text "Enter field notes".

Submitting to a Group or Mission

The last thing you can do is select if you want your sighting to be included in a Group or Mission.

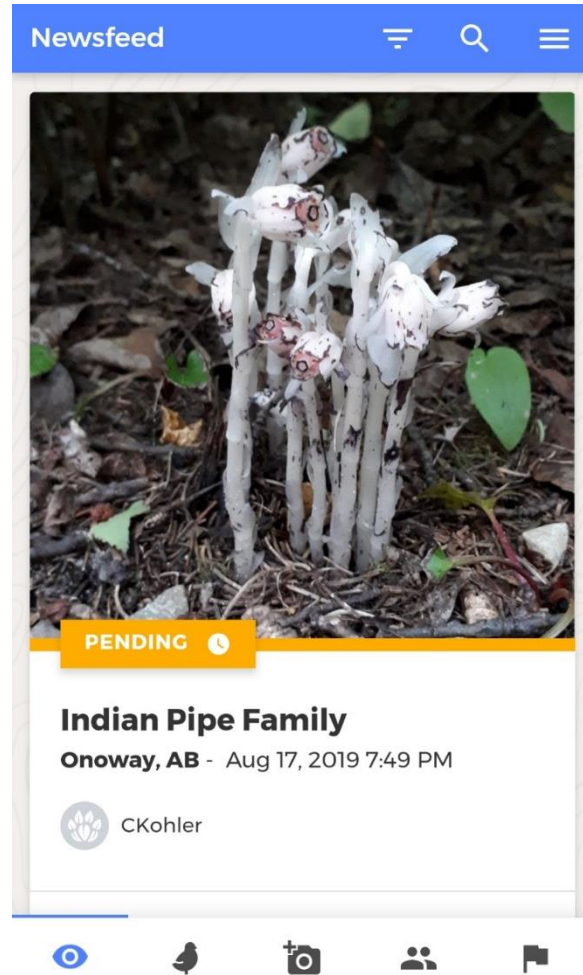
At the bottom of the submission area will be all the options for the groups and missions that you are a member of. Simply select the one(s) that apply and hit submit!

Tip: You must "Join" a group or mission for them to be available in this menu

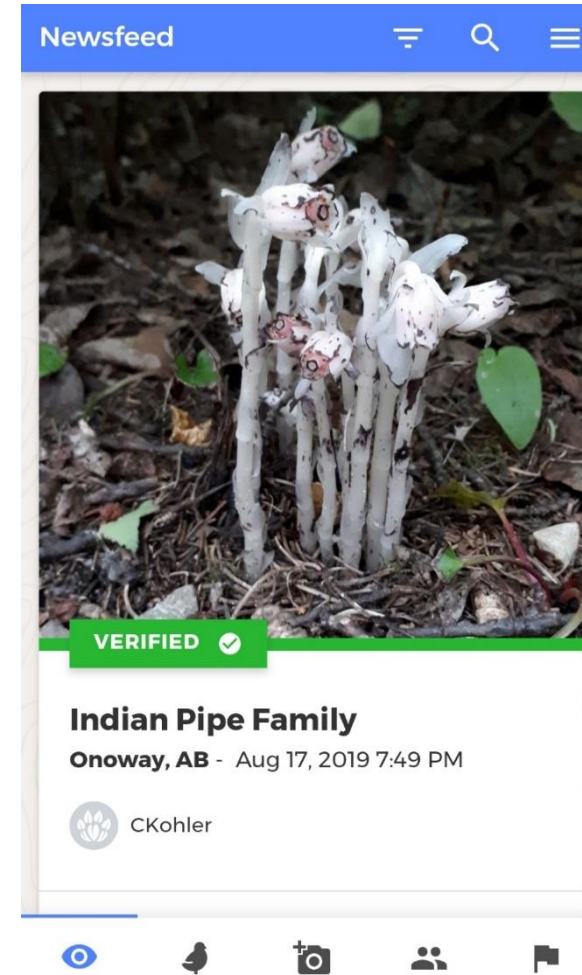


After Submission....

Once you have submitted a sighting, it will appear with an orange banner and marked as Pending.



After our experts have had a look at it, the banner will change to green and be marked as Verified.

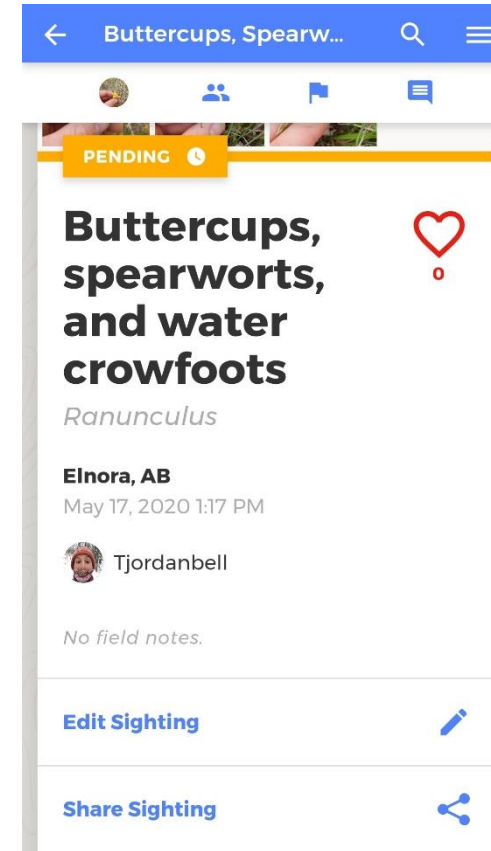


After Submission....

If you made a mistake, would like to add an extra photo, or you forgot to tag your sighting to a mission or a group, you can edit your sighting...



Simply select your sighting in the Newsfeed, or go to your profile and pick the sighting you would like to edit.



But, once your sighting has been Verified by one of our experts, it can no longer be edited.