

5 KEY TIPS FOR PERFECT OBSERVATIONS



1 HAVE ONE SPECIES PER OBSERVATION

Try to keep each observation limited to one species. For example, if there are two different birds in your photo, crop the photos and make two separate observations.

2 TAKE PICTURES FROM MULTIPLE ANGLES

To help others identify your observation, it is helpful to take pictures with different angles. For example, when making an observation of a flower, try taking pictures of both the leaves and the flowers.

3 MAKE SURE THAT YOUR SUBJECT IS IN FOCUS

Take clear pictures to make it easier for others to identify your observation. Try holding a sheet of paper behind the subject to help the camera focus, or temporarily hold insects in a container.

4 TAG THE LOCATION OF THE OBSERVATION

Research Grade observations require a location. Also, including the location automatically puts your observation into your local City Nature Challenge project.

5 INDICATE IF CAPTIVE OR CULTIVATED

In general, the City Nature Challenge focuses on wild organisms. However, if you are unsure if your observation is wild, make sure to check the "captive/cultivated" box before publishing the observation.

