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Explore Local Wildlife

iNaturalist is a free tool that helps people document wildlife, plants, fungi, and other organisms all over the world. People share their observations with each other and scientists. To see the wildlife others have found in your area, follow these steps:

1. Go to [iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org). Choose the "Explore" tab at top left.

How many **observations** have been made worldwide to date? _____

How many **species** have people observed globally? _____

2. Type the name of your city, town, or community in the "Location" box and select "Go."

Community, city, or town: _____

How many **species** have people observed here? _____

How many **observers** have contributed these observations? _____

3. Select the "Species" tab, and scroll to see photos of the species found in your area.

What do you notice about the wildlife?	What do you wonder?

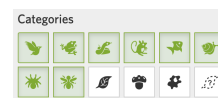
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Exploring Local Wildlife - A Closer Look

4. **Explore the Map.** Select the Observations tab and click on  at top left of the map.

Choose the  icon to change from map view to satellite view.

Click on "Filters" and select categories for animals only, leaving out plants and fungi, and "Update Search." The icons will look like this:



Now, zoom in and out to look for a place that has more animal observations than the area around it. What is this place? Why might it have so many observations? Are there places near you with a lot of observations? Record what you notice exploring the map, adding additional questions below.

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5. **Find threatened species.** Select "Filters" at top right, and check the box for "Threatened" and "Update Search." These are species that are vulnerable to extinction, including endangered species. What do you notice and wonder about these species in your area?

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