

Creativitree # 27

Explore the wildlife in your garden and record your findings on the iNaturalist app to help provide valuable data to scientific research projects and conservation agencies.



Make a list of what you found:



From **insects** to
plant life you
can discover
and record the
wildlife around
you.

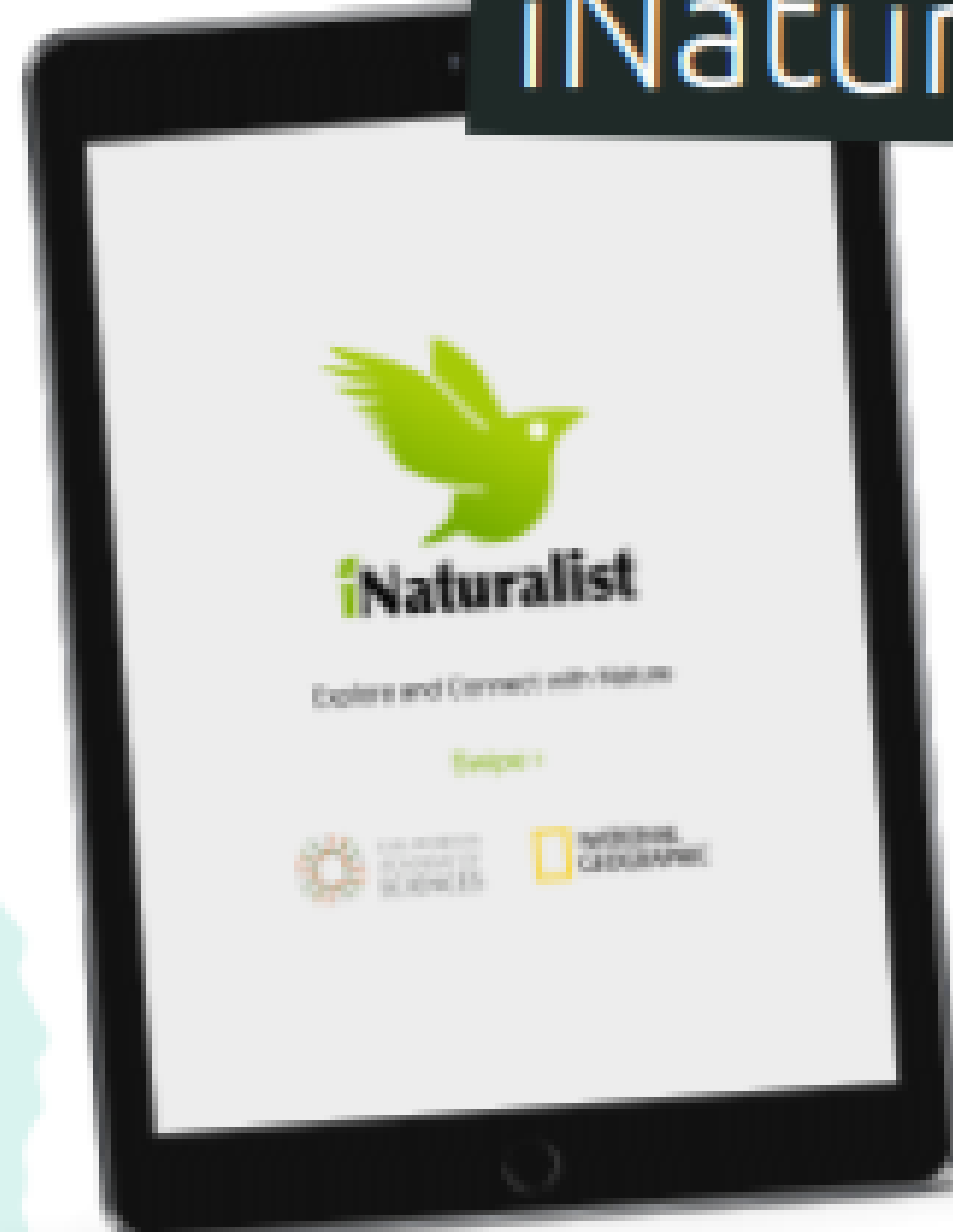
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The Big Forest Find

iNaturalist User Guide



Step 1 - Download the app

1. Before visiting, download the iNaturalist app from Google Play or the App Store.*
2. Open the app, create a username and allow iNaturalist to access your location.
3. Visit the projects tab, search for your nearest Big Forest Find project and select 'Join'.
4. For more information on how to prepare look at the 'Big Forest Find Top Tips'.

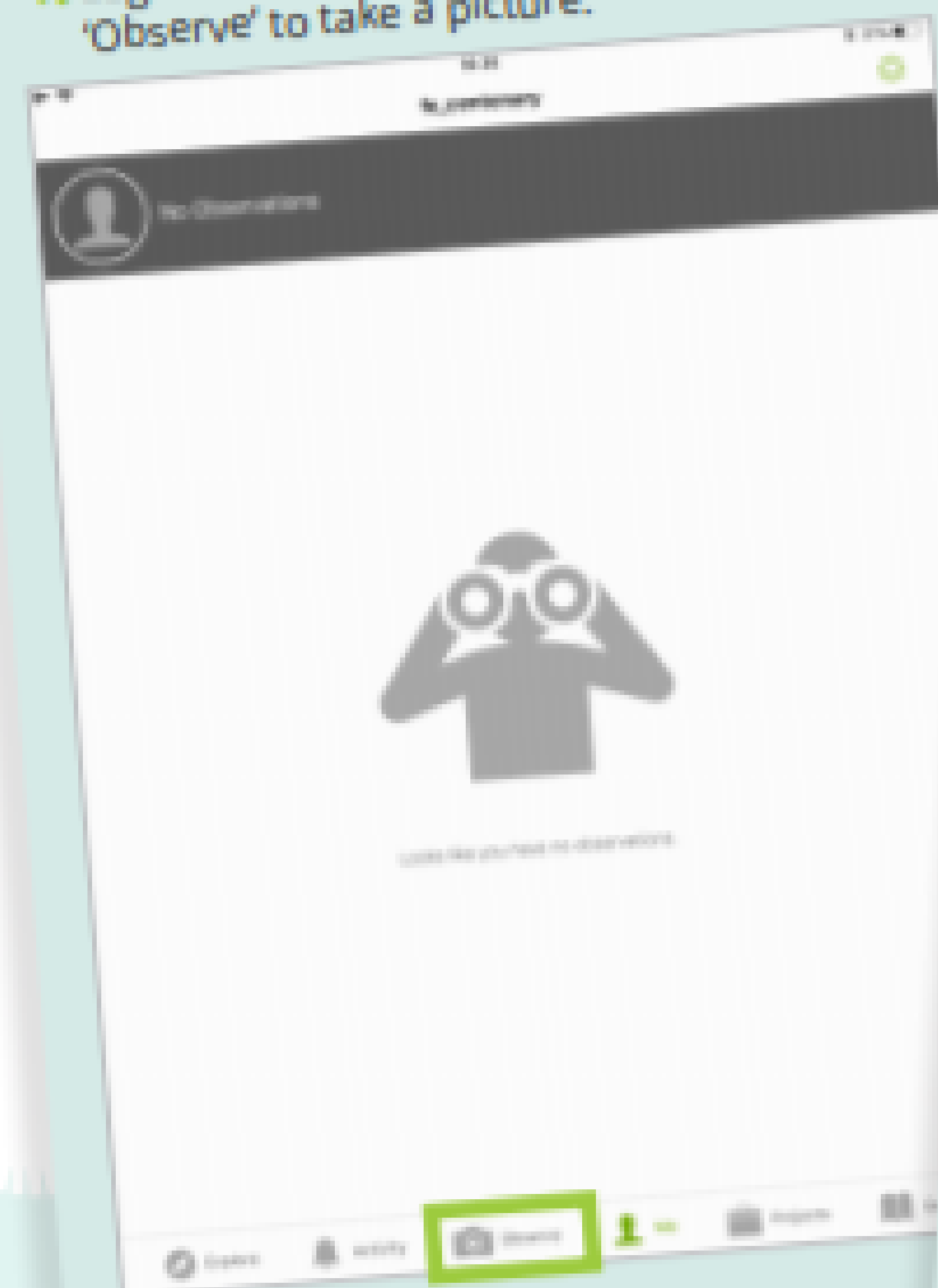
Step 2 - Make an observation

2. Take a picture of your observation, making sure it fills the screen, press 'Next'.

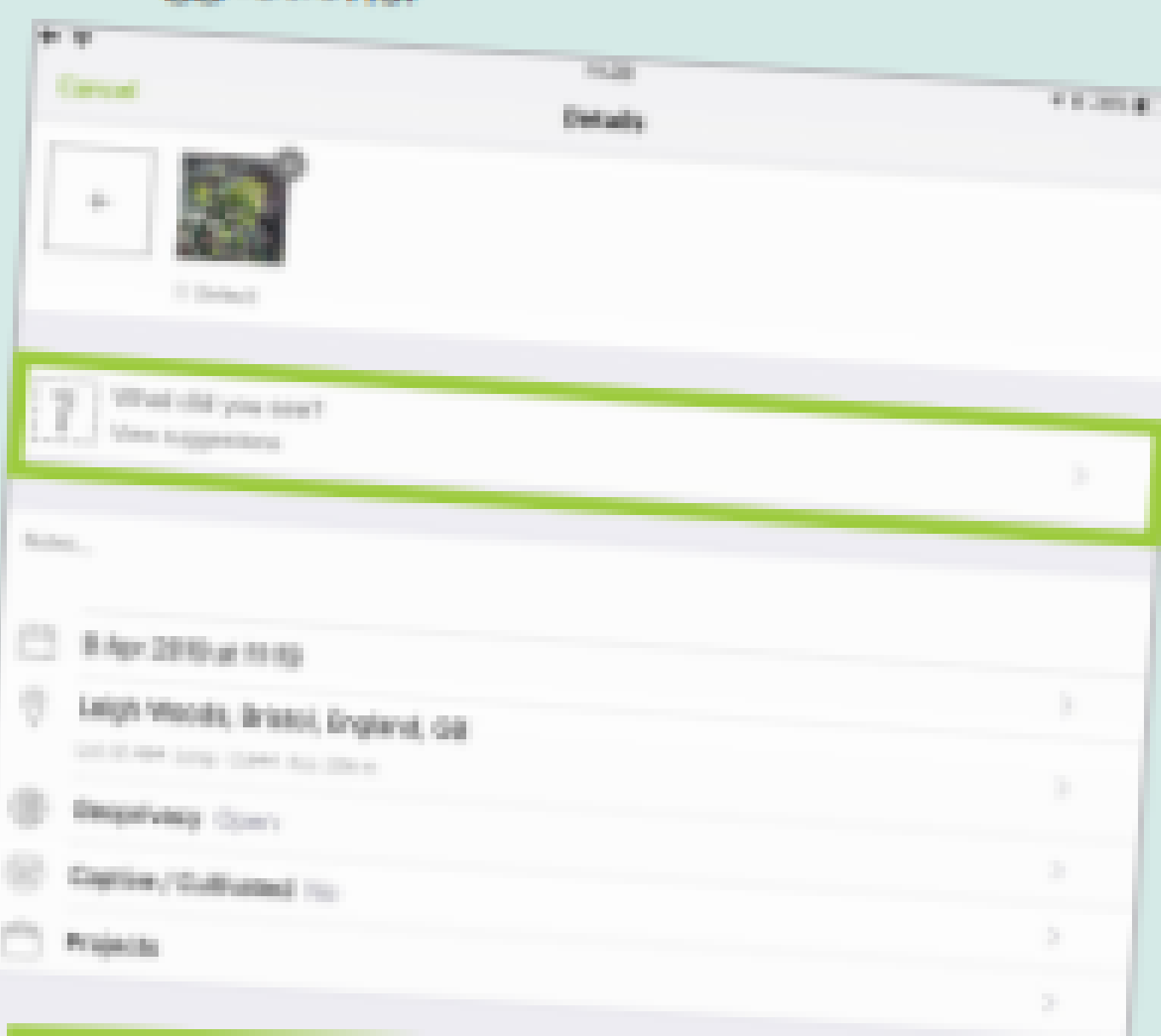


Top Tip - Blurry photos are difficult to identify, so re-take the photo if needed.

1. Log in to iNaturalist and select 'Observe' to take a picture.

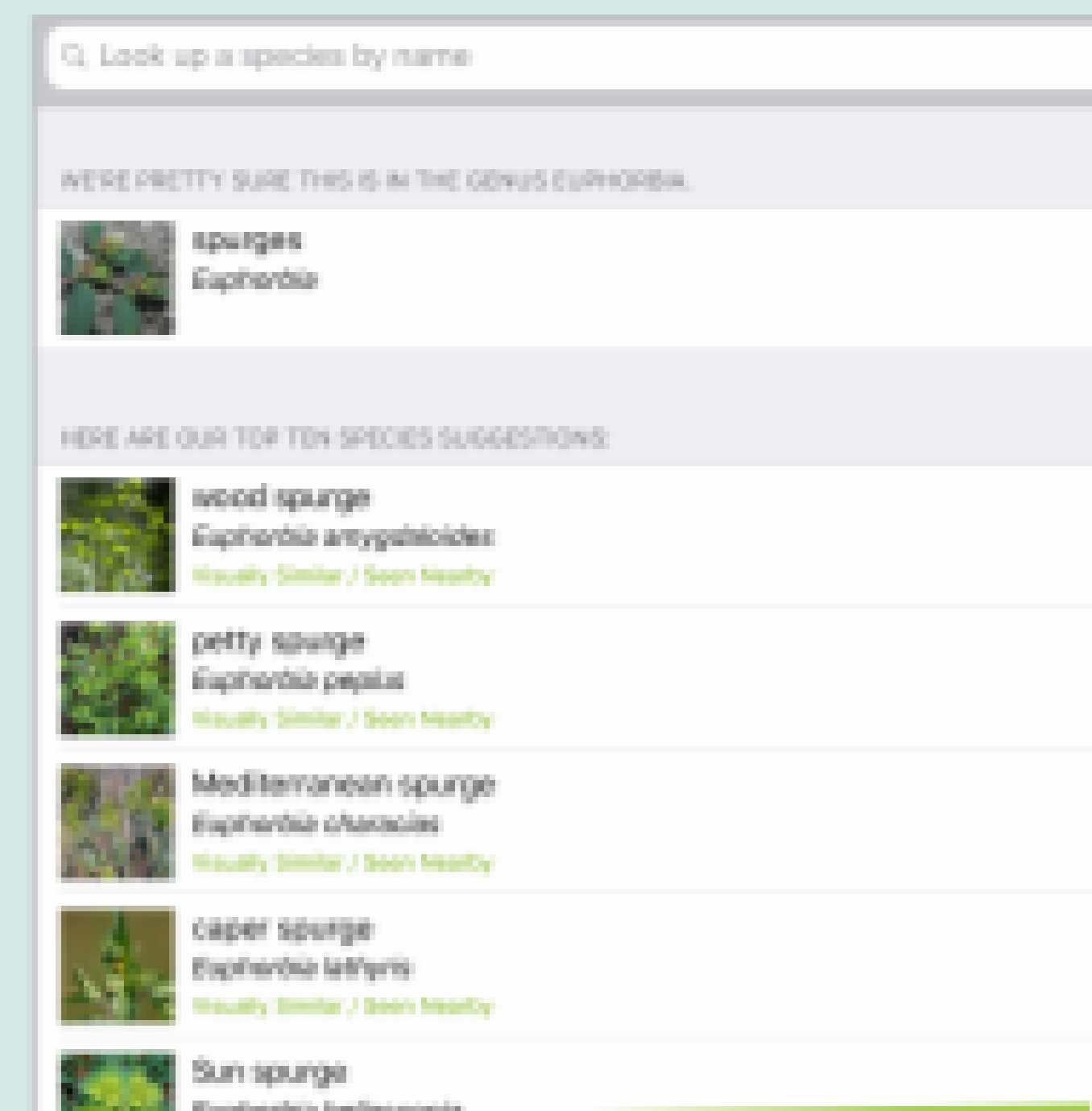


3. Click 'What did you see?' to open a list of suggestions.



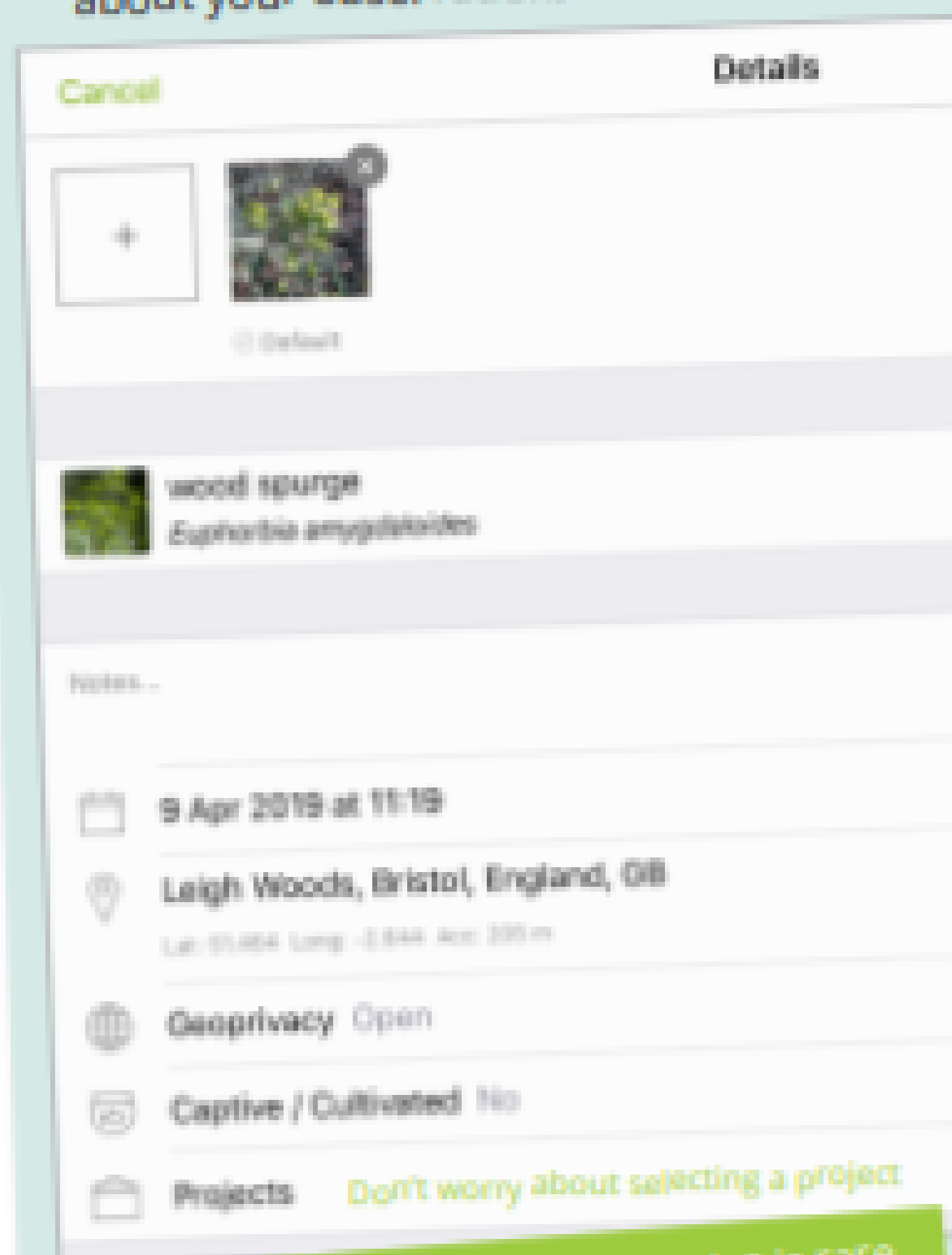
Top Tip - Upload several pictures from different angles to make it easier to identify.

4. Select what you've seen, or manually enter the species.

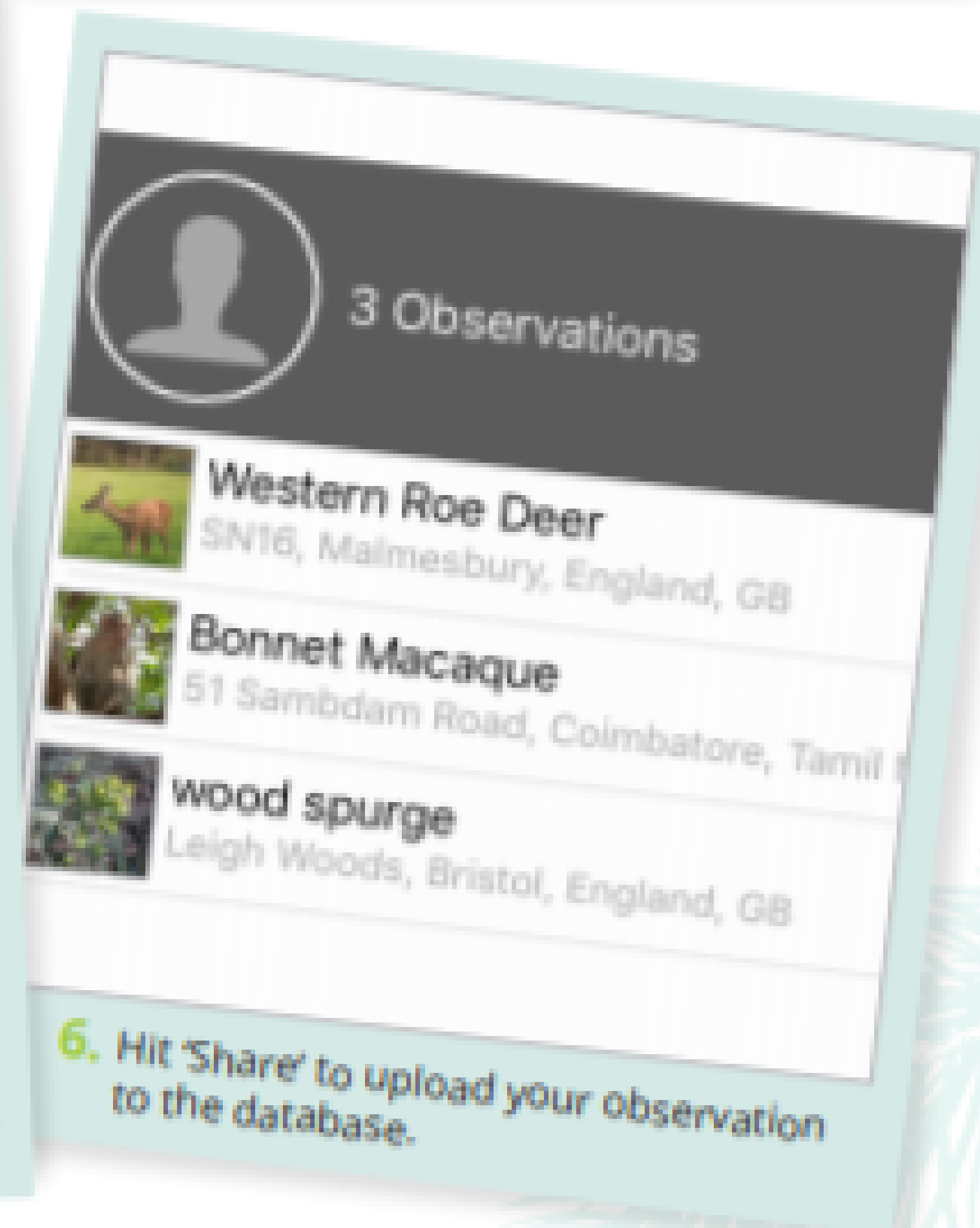


Top Tip - if you don't know the species, still upload it as an online expert might!

5. Check the location and enter any notes about your observation.



Top Tip - If you think the species is rare change 'Geoprivacy' to 'obscured'.



6. Hit 'Share' to upload your observation to the database.

No signal?

Don't worry, your camera saves the date and location of your observation automatically. 'Share' them with the app when you are reconnected.

Tracks and sounds

Evidence of mammals can also be useful, so look out for tracks as you explore. If you are using an iPhone, you can record birdsong to add later on the iNaturalist uploader using the import tool.