

To Add or Remove your Observation Tags in iNaturalist
To Add Associated Flower Observations
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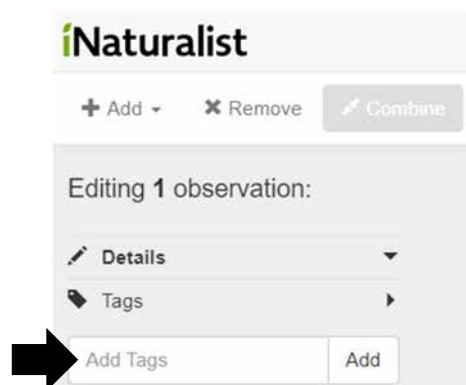
An observation in iNaturalist is one or more photos of the same bee (and associated plant). Tags are used to find observations more easily.

All our observations must have a “**TPSNRBeeMonitoring2025**” tag and a tag for one of the nine monitoring routes. The first observation will also have a “**BeeMonitoringMetadata**” tag (time and weather info), and a “**YesBee**” or “**NoBee**” tag. Therefore, your first observation of the day will have four tags, and the following will have two.

As the person uploading the observation, only *you* can add and remove tags. Here is to how to do this.

To add a tag as you are uploading your observation (easiest method), first combine your photos. Then click on “Tags,” type your tag into the box, and hit “add.” Add your second tag (and third if needed). Completing these steps will add the tags to your observation, and the same tags will go with each photo.

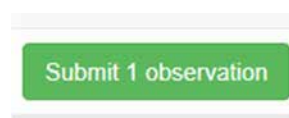
If you make a mistake, see below...



For quick reference, here are the updated tags for our nine monitoring routes, generally listed from north to south. All routes have five letters and end in “MR.”

MSTMR	Mar Scenic Trail [Extension]
MFTMR	Margaret Fleming Nature Trail [Extension]
MTTMR	Marsh Trail
GFNMR	Guy Fleming Trail (North)
GFSMR	Guy Fleming Trail (South)
PGTMR	Parry Grove Trail
RPWMR	Razor Point Trail (West)
RPEMR	Razor Point Trail (East)
NFTMR	North Fork Trail

Be sure to submit your observation to go live!



To add a tag after you have posted the observation, go to the observation, and look in the right column near the bottom.

If you have not added a tag, your screen will look like this.

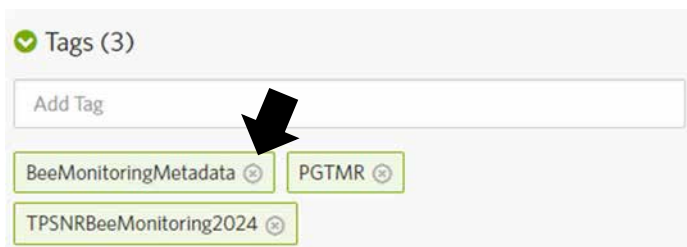


To add a tag, type the 5-letter code into the box. Here is the one for the Margaret Fleming Nature Trail Monitoring Route. Hit “enter” to add the code into the iNaturalist database. This step associates your observation with the tag.

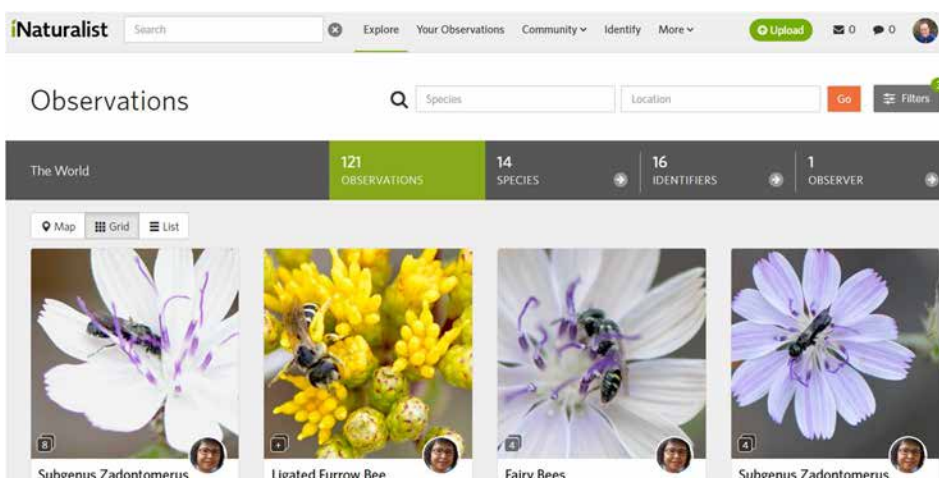


Note: Do not tag a honeybee observation. If the observation is later determined to be one, please remove the tags

Make an error? Sometimes it is necessary to remove a tag either because the code must be updated or like me 😊 you sometimes misspell it. To remove a tag, simply click on the circled ‘X.’ Then add the correct tag.



PRO TIP: To quickly see your new (or updated) observation, type ctrl-F5 to refresh your browser.



To Add Associated Flower Observations in iNaturalist (include if possible)

Place the cursor in the box below "Observation Fields" (see snapshot below). Select "Interaction->Visited flower of." Start typing name of plant (common or *scientific*) and find a match in pick list. Note: you can select "View" for info about a choice (e.g., photos, observation map) if you are unsure. You can always just choose a family or genus.

Once you are satisfied with your choice, click "Add."



Observation Fields

Choose a field

Interaction->Visited flower of

 Deerweed Add

The observed species was seen visiting flowers of this plant (and possibly pollinating the flowers).

[Cancel](#)

TIP: In addition to the suggested iNaturalist identifications, use Margaret Fillius' book  *Native Plants: Torrey Pines State Reserve & Nearby San Diego County Locations*. Along with the helpful photos, there is an index of flowers by color.

An observation with a completed plant addition will appear like this:



Observation Fields (1)

Interaction->Visited flower of: **California Buckwheat**
(*Eriogonum fasciculatum*)

Choose a field