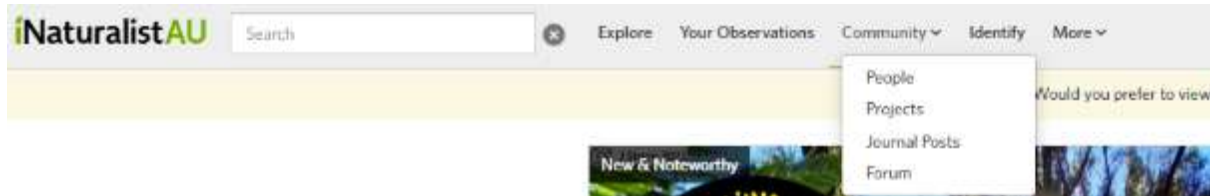


How to join the LCV iNat project

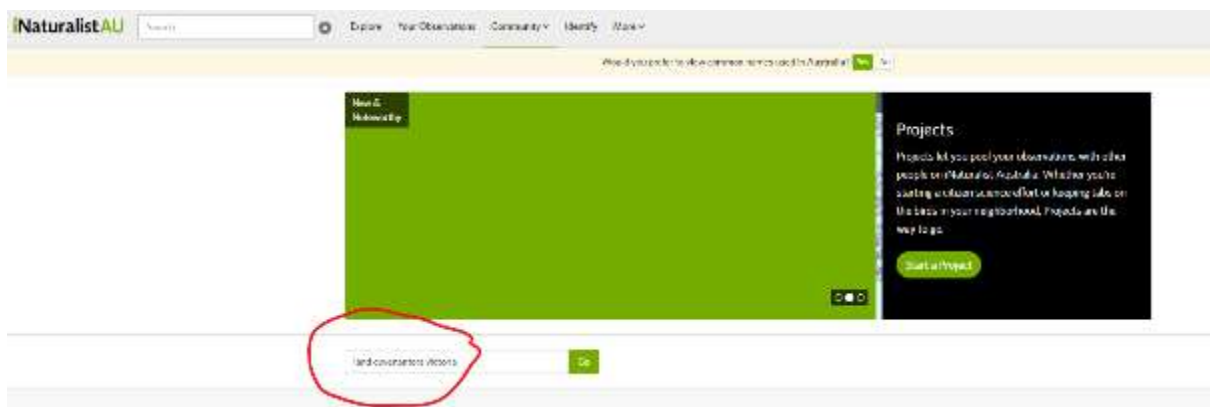
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1 Find the project

In iNaturalist, from the “Community” section of the top menu bar, select “Projects”



From the Projects page, type “Land Covenantors Victoria” into the search box and Go



Select the blue heading “Land Covenantors Victoria”

Search Projects


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You are now in the LCV project dashboard.

2 Join the LCV project

You can join the project by selecting the blue text in the very top right


















Projects Terms & Rules [Join this project](#)

ADD OBSERVATIONS

Land Covenantors Victoria

Stats

Totals	Most Observations	Most Species	Most Observed Species
179 Observations »	 theresaom 93 observations	 theresaom 58 species	 Echidna 5 observations
132 Species »	 timbudge 46 observations	 timbudge 37 species	 Wattle Orchid 4 observations
6 People »	 janetmi 12 observations	 janetmi 8 species	 Purple Beard Orchid 4 observations
	 fionamurdoch 8 observations	 fionamurdoch 7 species	 Milkmaids 3 observations
	 stuart_larwin 5 observations	 stuart_larwin 4 species	 Golden Sunmoth 3 observations

Have a read of the project description. Please remember that the project is only for observations that are made on private land in Victoria that has a conservation covenant. Our curators are trusted members of the LCV team:

- Louise Nicholas – Operations and Engagement
- Stuart Inchley – The instigator of the project and iNat wizz.
- Fiona Murdoch – LCV secretary and uploader to Victorian Biodiversity Atlas

2.1 Please trust the LCV project with your “obscured” observations

Land Covenantors Victoria




Join Land Covenantors Victoria?

About this Project

Land Covenantors Victoria is an independent, not-for-profit, member-driven organisation established to represent, support and connect private landholders in Victoria who have a conservation covenant in place on their land to protect biodiversity. If you have a covenant on your land, please join as a member, free of charge, via our website: <https://landcovenantors.org.au/>

Trust For Nature and other conservation covenants play an important role in protecting our state's biodiversity. This project is a record of species found on private land covenants in Victoria. Your observations will provide valuable data that will help us to advocate for our threatened species and those that protect them and their habitat. *less*

Project Curators

-  Louise Nicholas
3 observations
-  stuart_tarwin
1032 observations
-  fionamurdoch
269 observations

Terms

This project is only for observations made on private land in Victoria that is protected by a conservation covenant.

Rules for Adding Observations

- must be verifiable
- must have quality grades: research, needs ID

Other

Receive updates from this project
Receive updates about this project on your dashboard and in the daily updates email.

Do you want to make your private/obscured observation coordinates visible to the project curators?

Yes, but only if I add the observation to the project myself

Yes, no matter who adds the observation to the project

No

Click this button to share the hidden coordinates of observations in this project on a case-by-case basis. These are just the details for new observations added to the project

2.2 Why does LCV want the accurate locations of “obscured” observations

A common difficulty for citizen scientists is making sure that their observations are added to the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (VBA). The VBA is the database used by the Victorian government to make biodiversity decisions so it must contain as much accurate data as possible, particularly for threatened species.

To enable your records to be uploaded to the VBA, you **must** make your private/obscured observation coordinates visible to the project curators. This means the LCV project curators can upload verified observations to the VBA on your behalf (it's a bit tricky). Members of the project and the general public will still see your observations as “obscured”.

It is possible to upload observations to the VBA and ensure the location is obscured to VBA users. Please contact us at info@landcovenantors.org.au if this is something for you.

If you do not want your observations uploaded to the VBA you can choose not to make your obscured observations visible to the LCV project curators, but that would be a real shame 😞

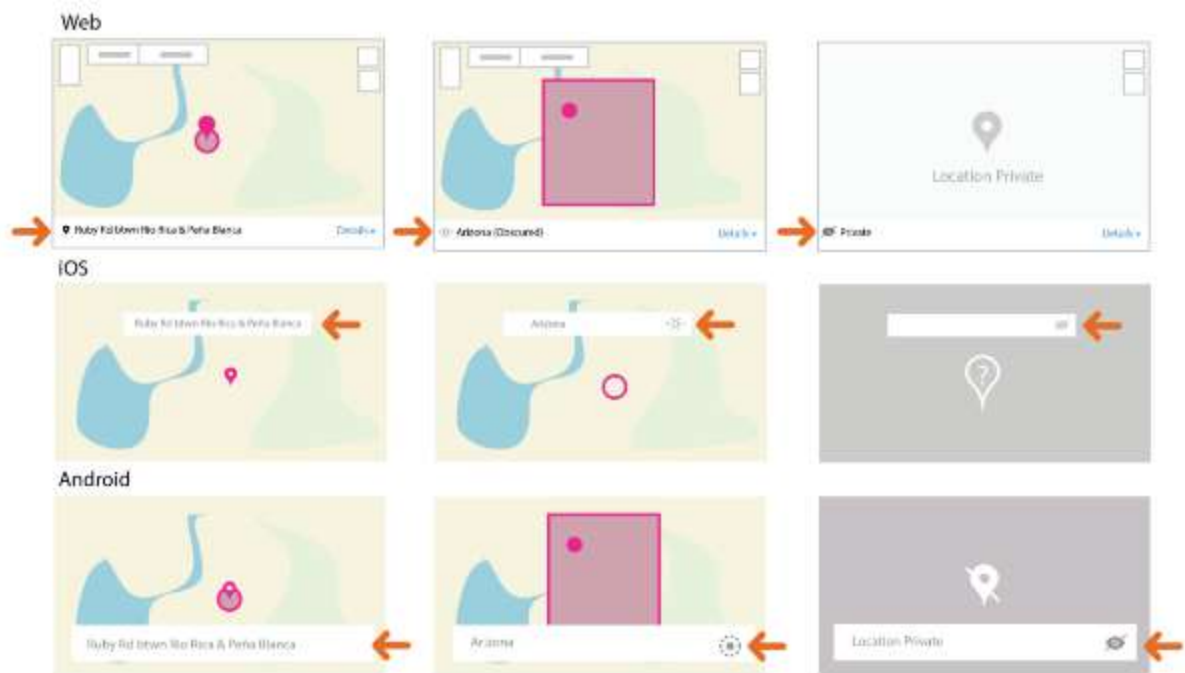
2.3 What's an obscured observation?

Geoprivacy - You may have chosen to obscure the locations of some of your observations (eg to protect your privacy, or to protect the species you have observed).

Obscured versus private – Making an observation “private” removes all locational information. This makes the observation nearly useless and is difficult for the iNat community to verify the observation. A better method if you are concerned about privacy, is to “**obscure**” the location. For

obscured observations, the public positional accuracy is increased to the diagonal of a 0.2 x 0.2 degree cell (~500km²). Latitude and longitude are replaced with a random point within this cell. You are still able to see the accurate latitude and longitude of your own observation.

To tell whether you are seeing the true location or an obscured location of an observation made by someone else, pay attention to whether you are seeing a stemmed marker (indicating the true location) or a stemless marker (indicating an obscured location). See the icons pointed out by the orange arrows below (left – accurate, middle – obscured, right-private 😞).



2.4 And finally taxon geoprivacy

iNat will also automatically obscure observations of some taxa that are threatened by potential poaching (eg orchids). These observations will be obscured for everyone, including the LCV project curators. We will see how we go, but the LCV project curators can request access to the true locations of these observations from iNat. These observations would be uploaded to the VBA with the location obscured.

You can read more here: <https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/help#geoprivacy>