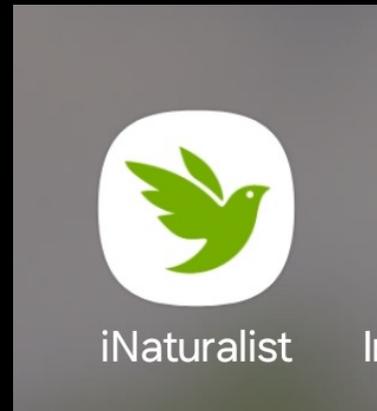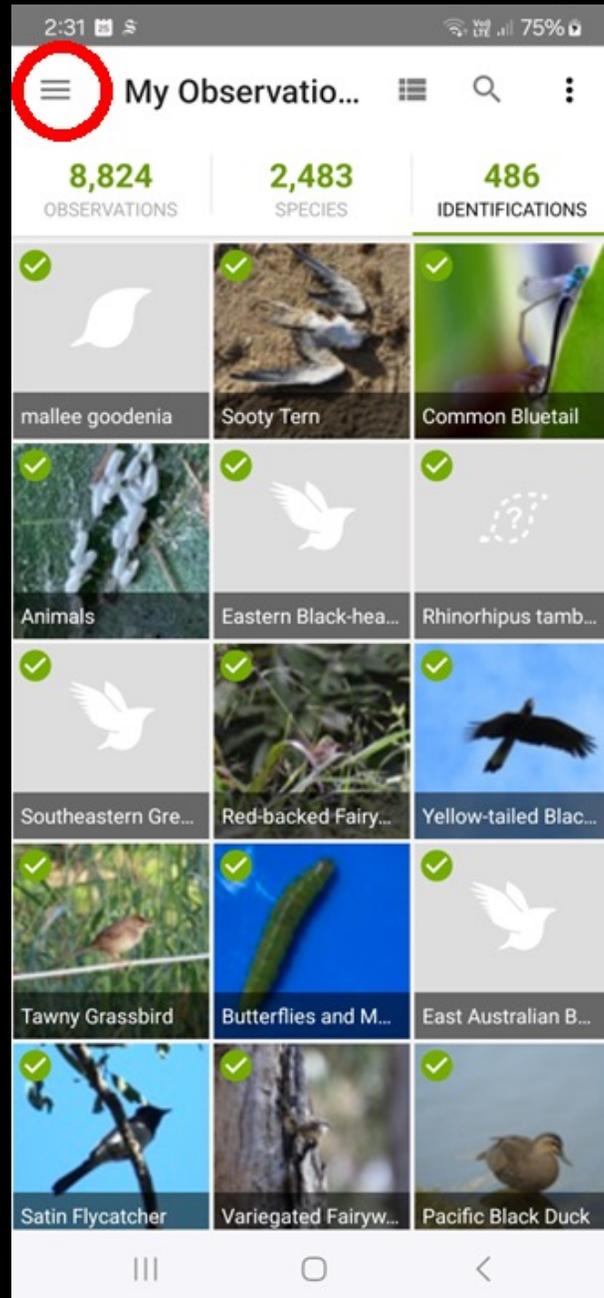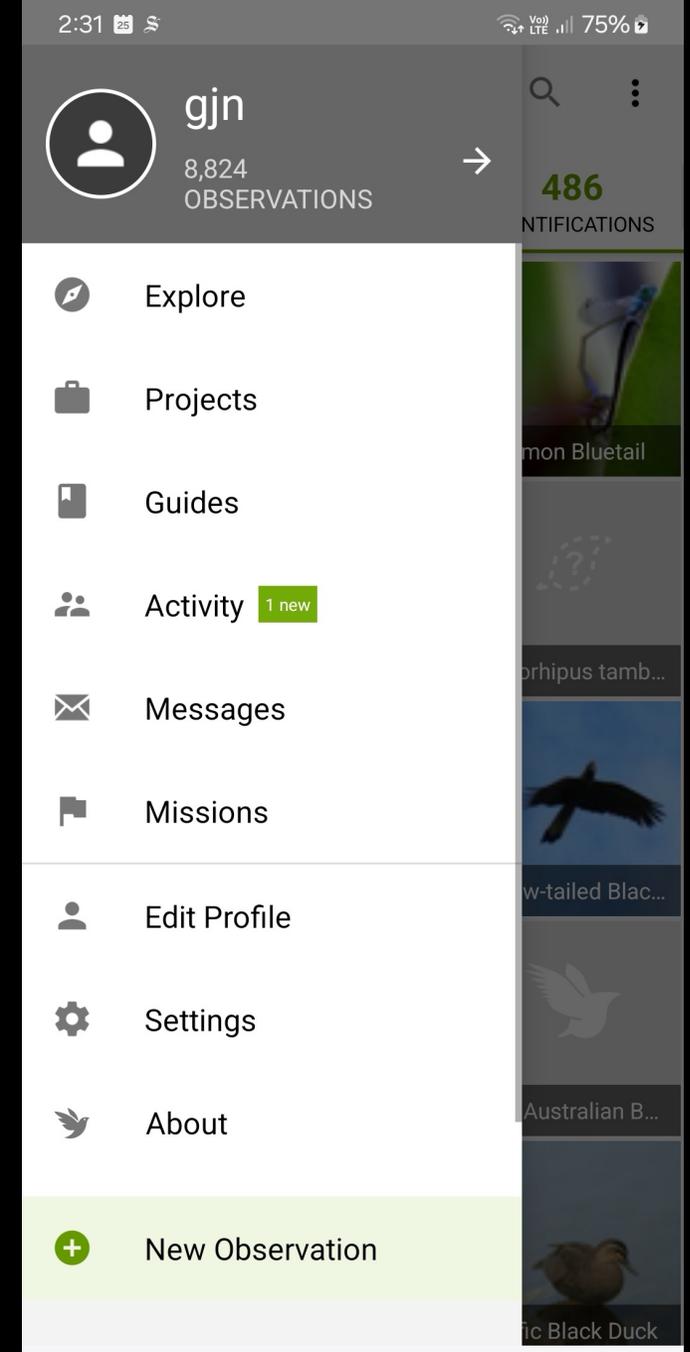Demonstration on using the iNaturalist phone app

When you open the phone app you will see a screen with your observations & stats (if any).
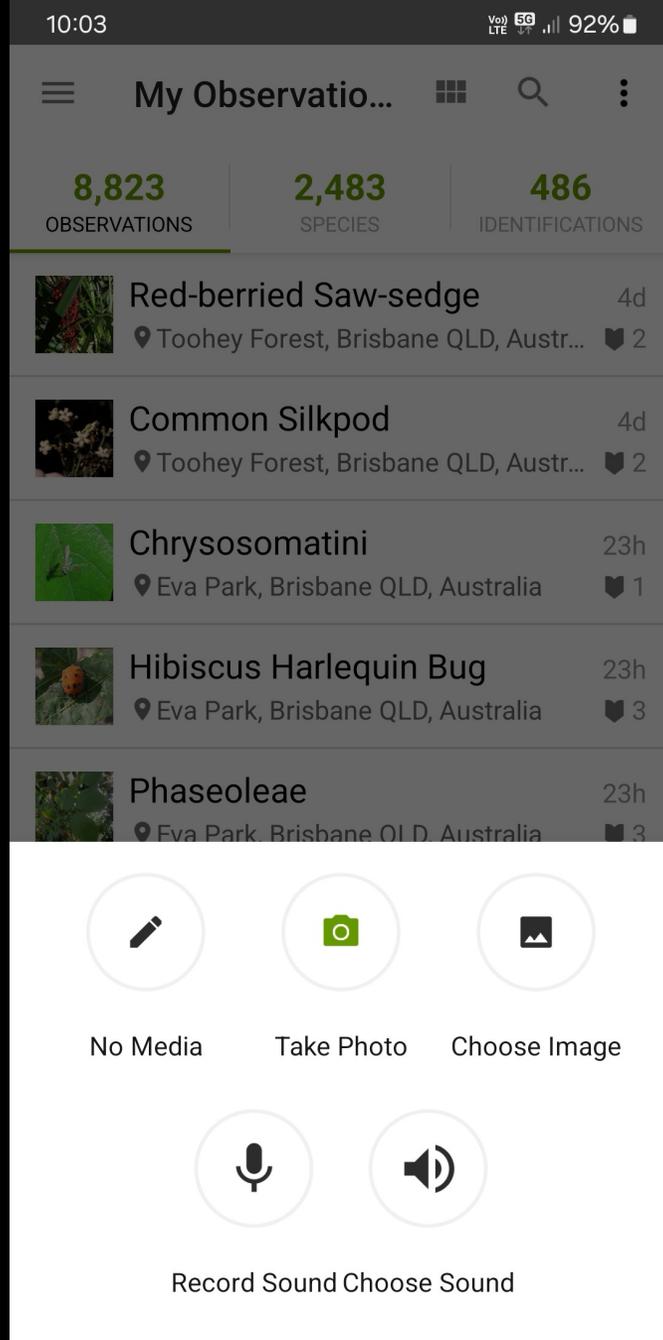
This is my observation list.

Choose the tiles, top left of the screen, and you should then get a drop down list of options, choose the bottom option, "New Observation"
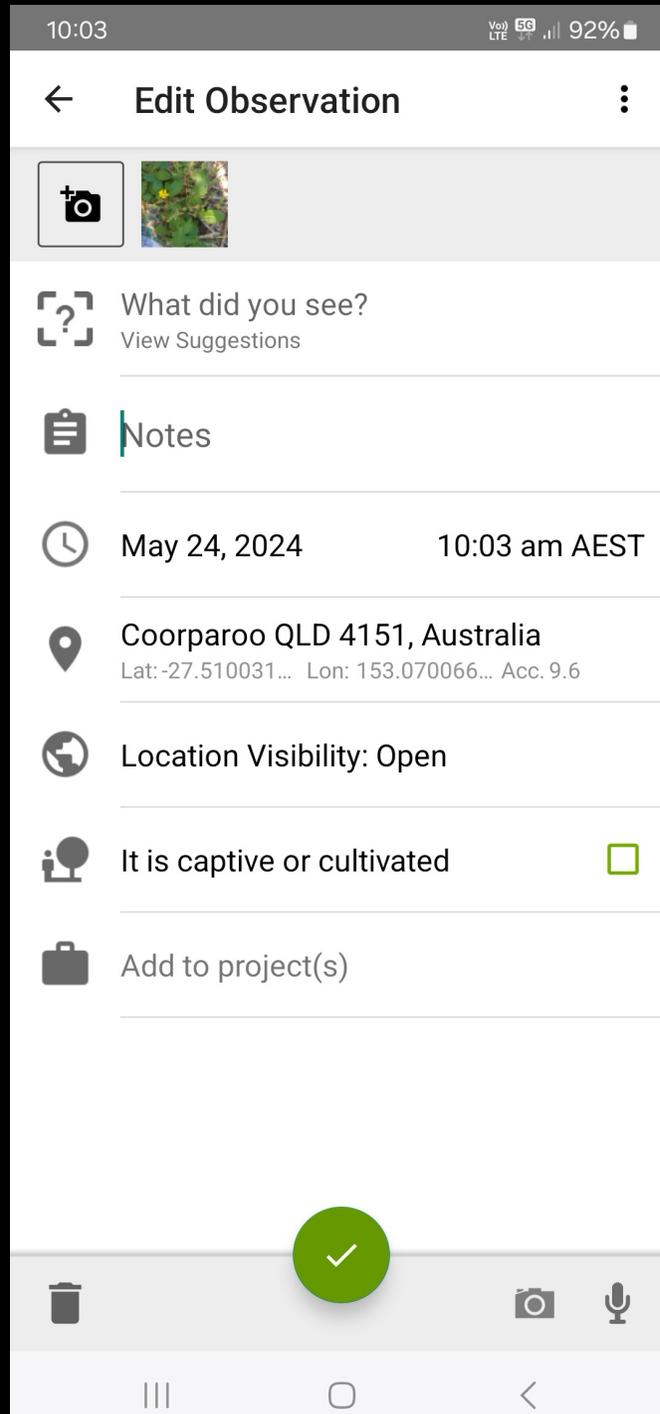
You'll then get the option to "Take Photo" – or if you already have an image on phone then "Choose Image"
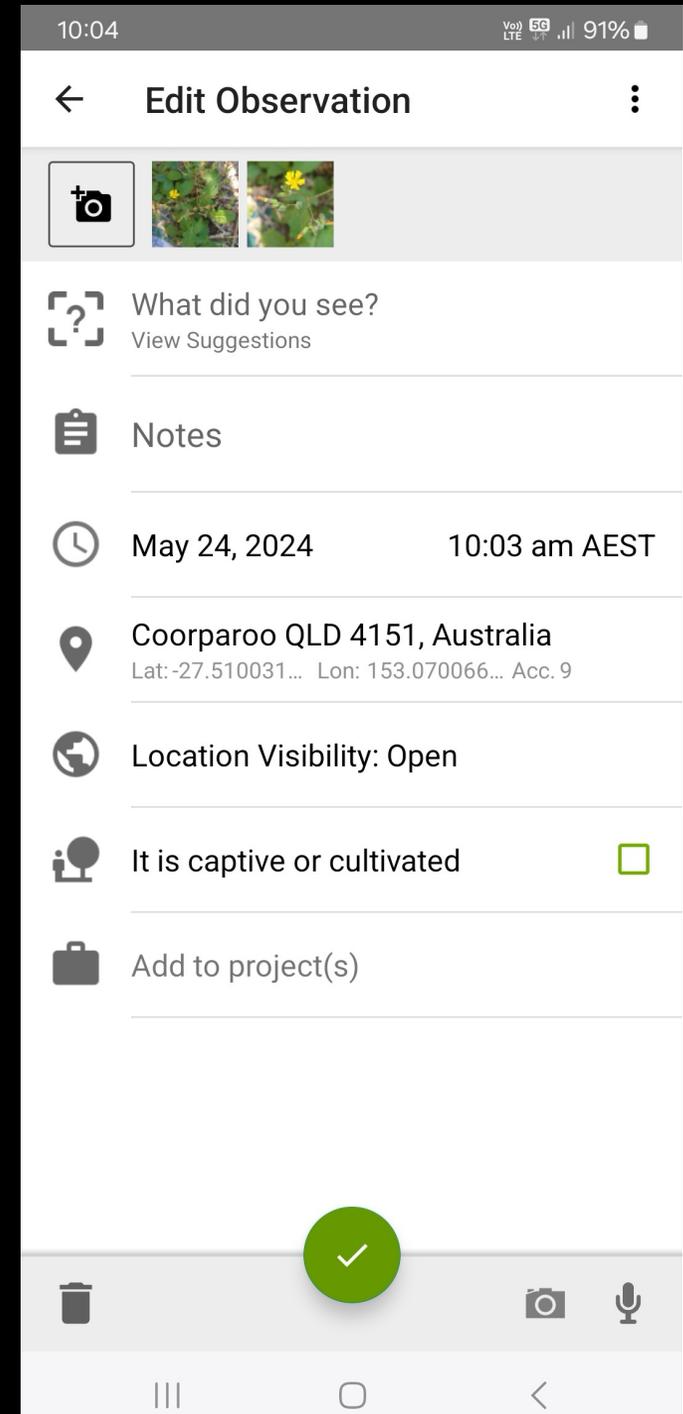
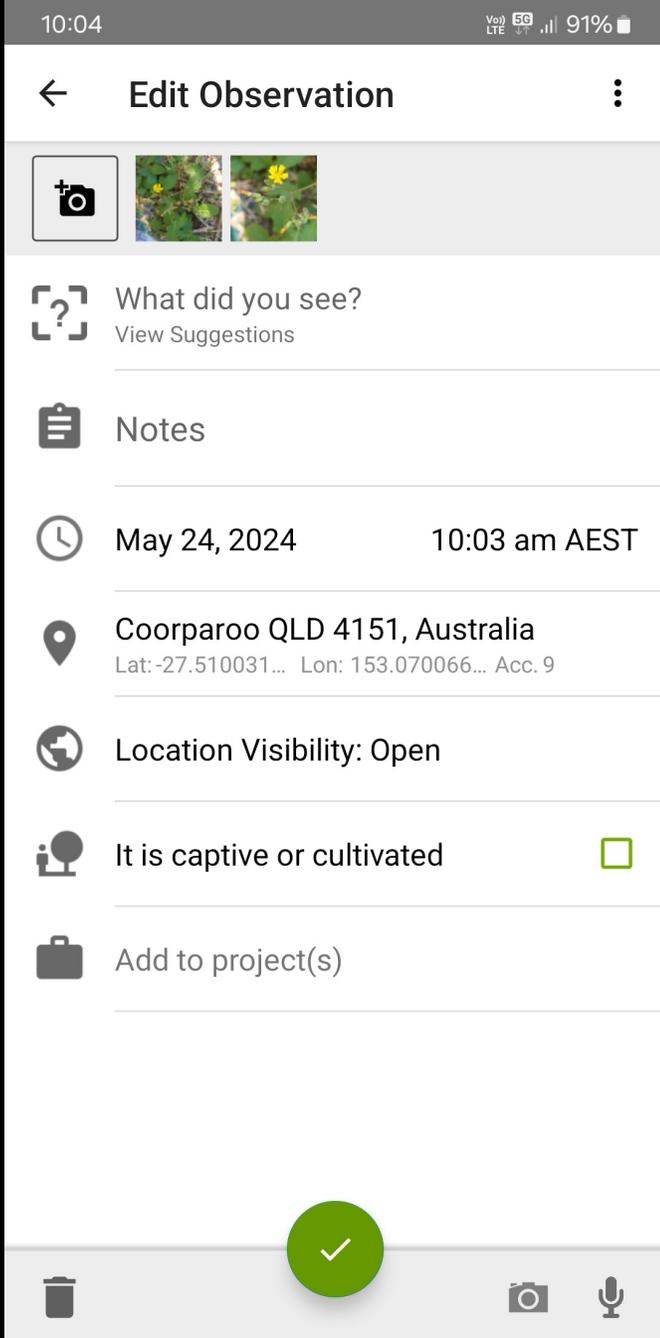Take a photo & if satisfied with quality etc then click "OK"

When you select "OK" the app will open this screen.
With plants it is helpful to have more than 1 photo so I have then selected the Camera icon, taken another photo

After taking another photo, this time a close up of the flower and again selecting "Ok" from the camera screen, the app then returns to this screen, now showing both images

Left screen:

10:03   Vo)) LTE 5G ⬇⬆ 📶 92% 🔋

←   **Edit Observation**   ⋮

What did you see?
View Suggestions

Notes

May 24, 2024   10:03 am AEST

Coorparoo QLD 4151, Australia
Lat: -27.510031... Lon: 153.070066... Acc. 9.6

Location Visibility: Open

It is captive or cultivated ☐

Add to project(s)

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Right screen:

10:04   Vo)) LTE 5G ⬇⬆ 📶 91% 🔋

←   **Edit Observation**   ⋮

What did you see?
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Select "What did you see"

Edit Observation

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And the app will give you a list of possible IDs for your observation. Most times I would select the genus, family or even a higher level but here I know it is *Y japonica* so I click on the "tick"

Species Search

We're pretty sure it's in this genus:

Youngia
Genus *Youngia*   ⊘

Top suggestions   ⊟ Filters

Oriental false hawksbeard
Youngia japonica   ⇄ ⊘
Visually Similar / Expected Nearby

Include suggestions not seen nearby

Suggestions based on observations and identifications provided by the iNaturalist community, including Hong, 古國順, 锔钌锔, and many others.
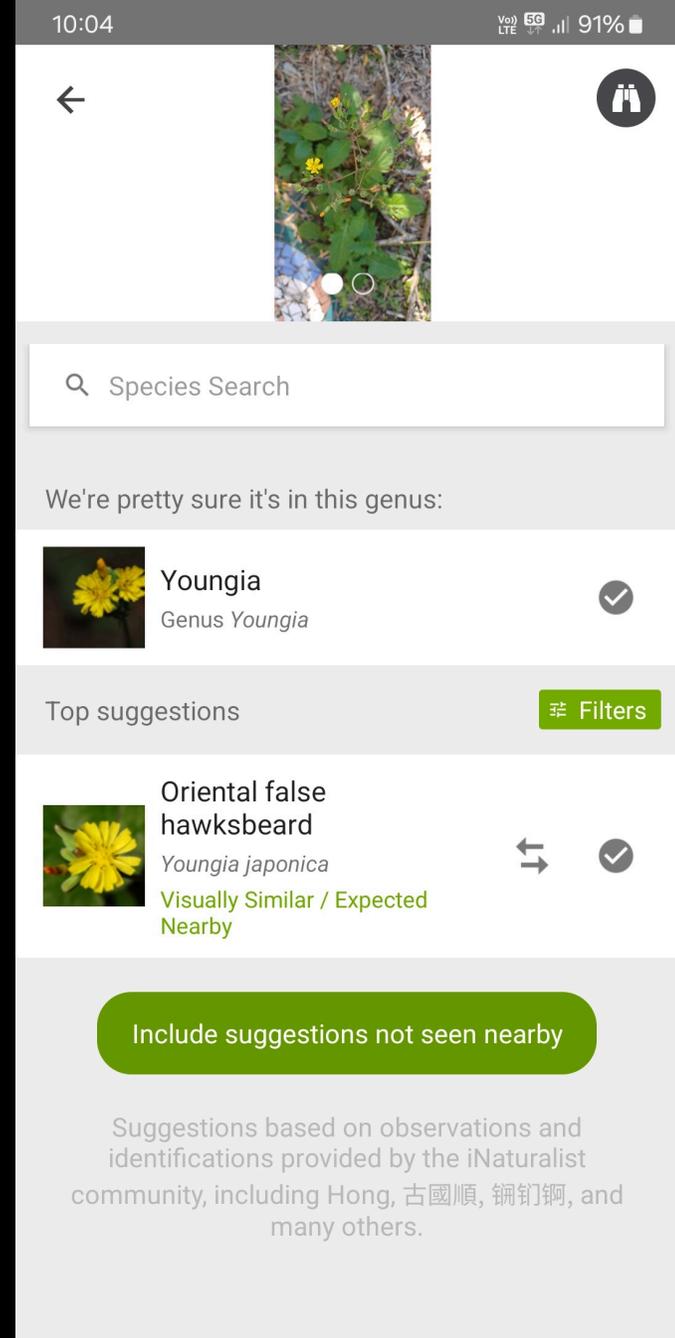
The app then takes you back to this screen with the name you have selected showing. At this point you can add "**Notes**" about your observation
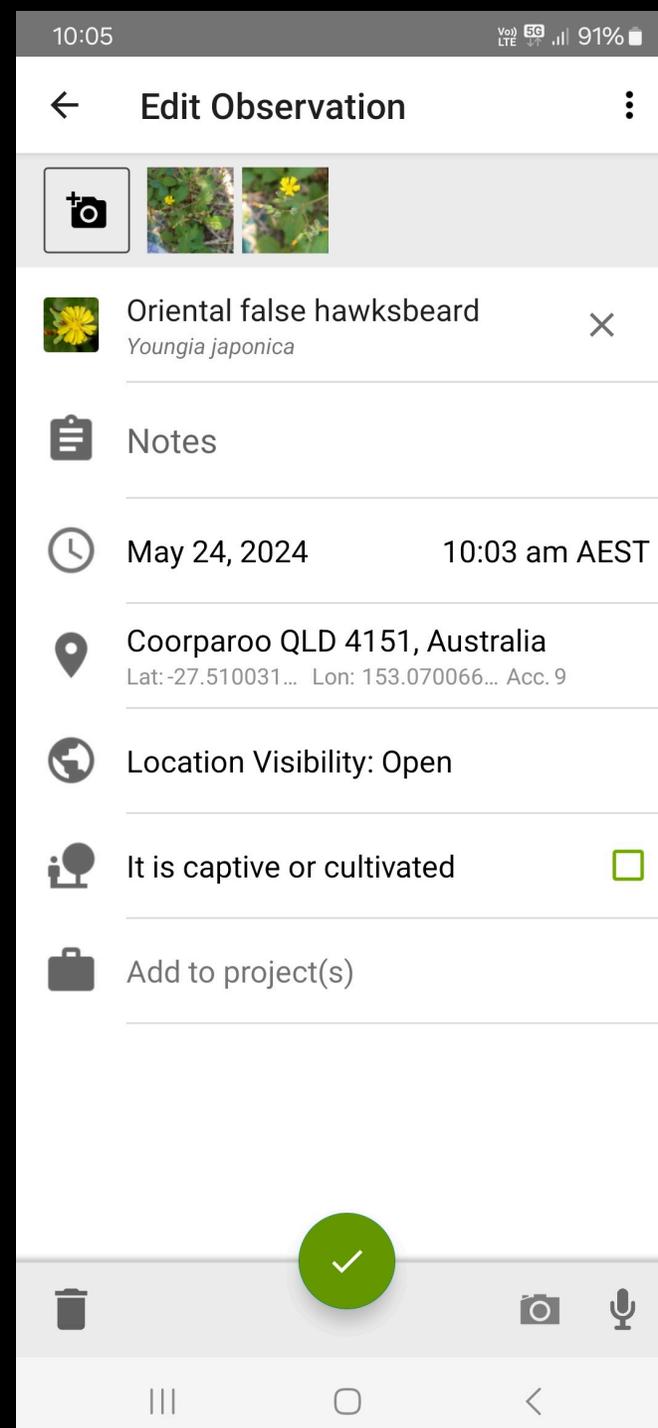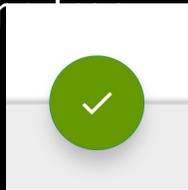
The **date & time** is automatic from phone or camera

The **location** is automatic, provided you have location turned on and linked to your phone camera.

**Location Visibility** Is "open" by default. If the observation is on private land you can select "Obscured" or "Private".

captive or cultivated select this box for plants that have been imported or animals that are not roaming free

Then select the green tick

10:05

← Edit Observation

Oriental false hawksbeard
Youngia japonica

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You'll then get a message advising your observation is being uploaded and synced.
Depending on internet speed at your location your observation will be uploaded within a minute or so if in the city, or if out in the bush many minutes. You might have to wait until you return to "civilization" before the upload is complete.
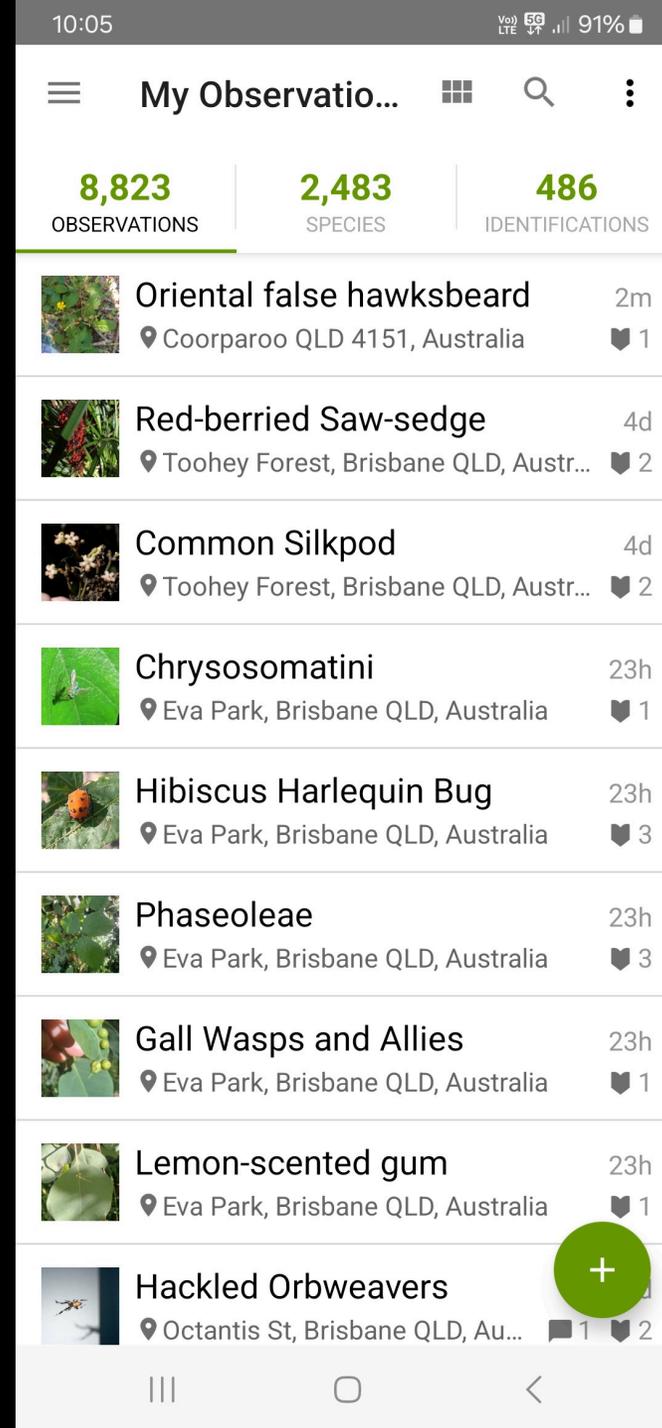
Once uploaded your screen will revert back to the home screen you had at the start but now with your new observation showing.

If you are in area with limited or No internet access it would be helpful if before you start recording observations you go to the tile icon (top left on screen) then click "settings" option and then untick "Automatic Upload". Once back in good range click/ tick "Automatic Upload" and any observations will be uploaded.