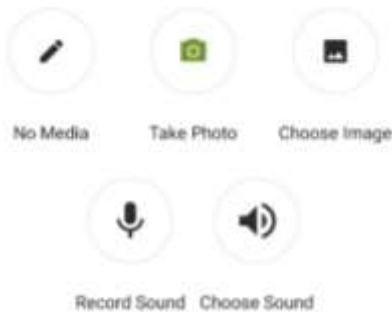# Woodland Walk Project guide to using INaturalist

## Setting up an account

1. Download the INaturalist app from the app store (either Google Play or iOS App Store)

2. Setup an account with INaturalist. Make sure to use your real name as your display name (as the records you create will be associated with this name) and tick the first box, ensuring that scientists can use your data.

3. Upload your findings, join projects and even ID specifies for other people.

## Upload observations

1. Click the plus button on the bottom right of the 'my observations' page.

2. Once you have chosen what media you are using, you will be taken to an edit observation page where you can add more information about the species.
Here you can:

- Say what you have observed or see what the AI suggests
- Write down notes about your observations
- Select the date and time of your observation
- Select the location of the observation
- Select if the observation was captive or cultivated
- Add to project(s) you have joined

If you are unsure on the species you can add a broader category for example birds, fungi. People can then see your observation and suggest an ID for you.

3. Remember to check back in with your observation to see the data quality, ID suggestions and information on what you have observed.

## Join projects

1. Go to 'projects' on the main menu of the INaturalist app

2. In the top right corner is a magnifying glass to search for a project. Remember to search for woodland walk project and join us!