


Let's Get Started

- 1. Download the app** onto your mobile device (iPhone or Android), or visit naturelynx.ca on your computer.
- 2. Sign up** to create a new NatureLynx account. The "location" field is used to help you filter for nearby sightings.
- 3. Explore the newsfeed** to see the latest sightings of Alberta's biodiversity submitted to NatureLynx .
- 4. Learn how to identify** common Alberta species by browsing our species profiles .
- 5. Submit your sightings!** Use the  to take a photo of an Alberta species*, or select a photo from your gallery. Choose the appropriate species group; if known, provide a species name or mark it as unknown. The date, time and location will autofill. Provide any relevant field notes (optional)—and then submit to share your sighting with the NatureLynx community!
- 6. And more:** edit your profile, join groups and missions, and follow other naturalists and NatureLynx users!

*NatureLynx is a way to collect and share data on all of Alberta's species (birds, mammals, plants, insects, etc.), but it's not intended for collecting data/images on domestic species (garden plants, domestic animals).

About the ABMI

NatureLynx is a citizen science application created and supported by the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI) with the goal of fostering an Alberta biodiversity network.

The ABMI is a value-neutral, non-profit scientific organization that tracks changes in Alberta's wildlife and habitats from border to border to provide ongoing, relevant, and scientifically credible information on Alberta's living resources.

All of the ABMI's biodiversity and geospatial data (plus a whole lot more) are available for free through our website.



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Alberta's nature app
Capture your curiosity

There's a world of wonder at your fingertips.

And now, NatureLynx™ connects you to it instantly.

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Collecting and sharing experiences and observations in nature has come a long, long way.

What began with pencils, notepads and sketches has evolved into an incredibly advanced tool that fits in your pocket.

Discover the app created for and by Alberta's nature enthusiasts. Use **NatureLynx™** to explore the world around you. Identify local species, learn about biodiversity hotspots and connect with other curious people.



Connect with the NatureLynx Community

NatureLynx's Newsfeed is a great way to share your sightings with others. But there's lots more to explore! Up your NatureLynx game by joining groups or participating in missions.



Groups

Groups bring people together around shared interests. Create and join groups to connect with like-minded users and share relevant sightings. A group's sightings are like calling cards on the Newsfeed inviting others to join. And data collected by a group is available for download by group members for their own purposes. Groups may be public or private and you can create or join as many as you want.



Missions

Missions bring people together to accomplish specific goals. Want to survey all the bird species in a specific park on a specific day? Or maybe you're a naturalist group looking to host your first bioblitz? Make a mission, invite other members to participate and easily share the resulting data. Or, join missions organized by others. Like groups, missions may be public or private, and you can create or participate in as many as you want.