



Submitting Data to the California Natural Diversity Database

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About the CNDDDB

The California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) is an inventory of the location and status of rare plants and animals in California.

- 2345 tracked rare plant taxa (plus 57 rare lichen and bryophyte taxa)
- 45,000+ plant element occurrences (EOs)

With the increasing array of options for collecting rare species data and sharing it online, it becomes more difficult for CNDDDB staff to gather and efficiently process the best available data from many disparate sources.

Submit your data directly to the CNDDDB

The best way to be sure your data makes it into the CNDDDB is to submit it to us directly.

Options for submitting data directly to the CNDDDB:

- CNDDDB online field survey form
- Email data (shapefiles, Excel tables, PDF field survey forms) to CNDDDB@Wildlife.ca.gov



Visit the [CNDDDB webpage](https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/CNDDDB) for additional information on data submission!



Two New Ways To Collect Rare Plant Data

CNDDDB/Calflora form

Calflora has developed a new rare species observation form where you can fill out the detailed fields that CNDDDB needs to make high quality occurrences.

Benefits to using Calflora:

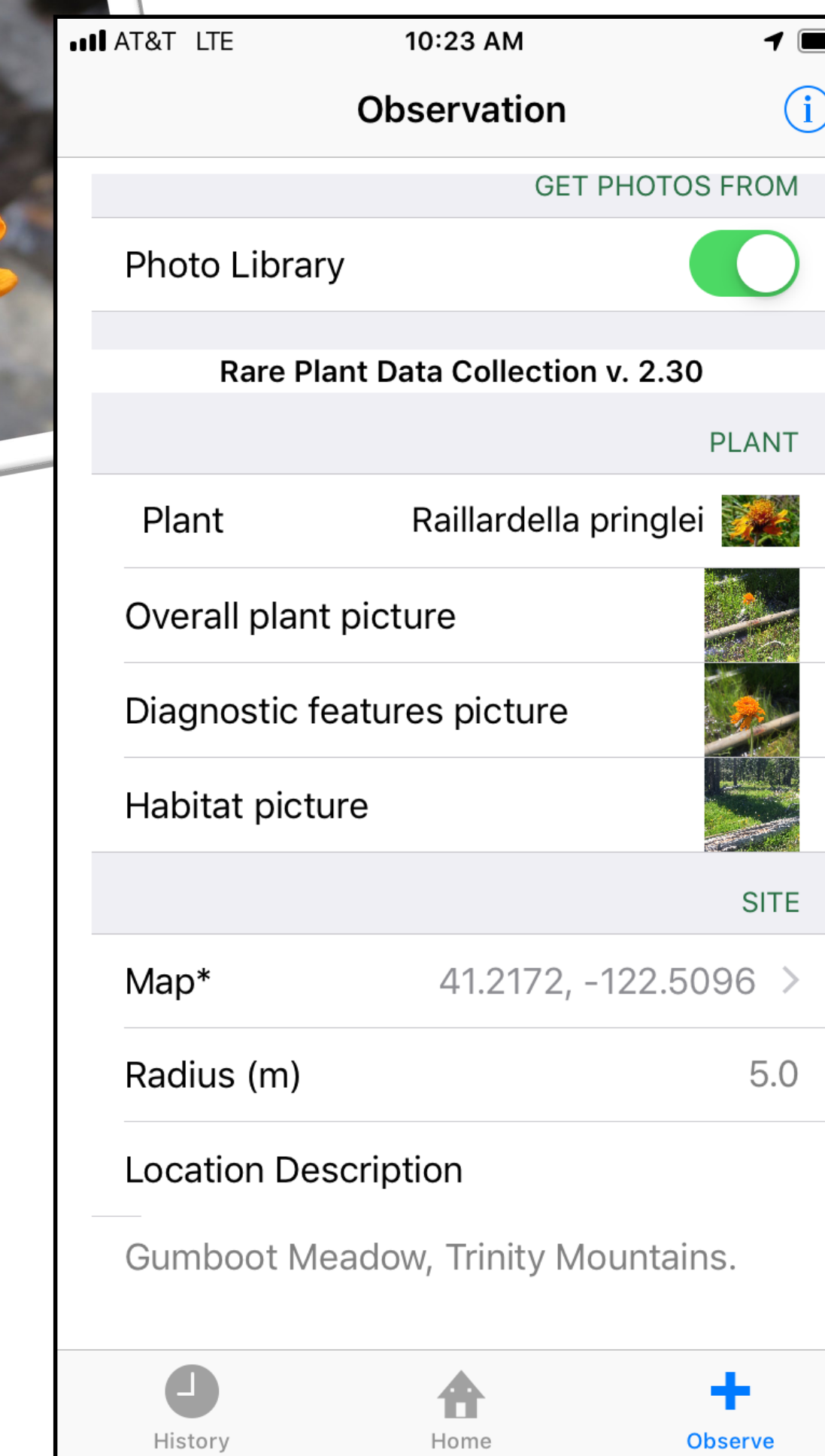
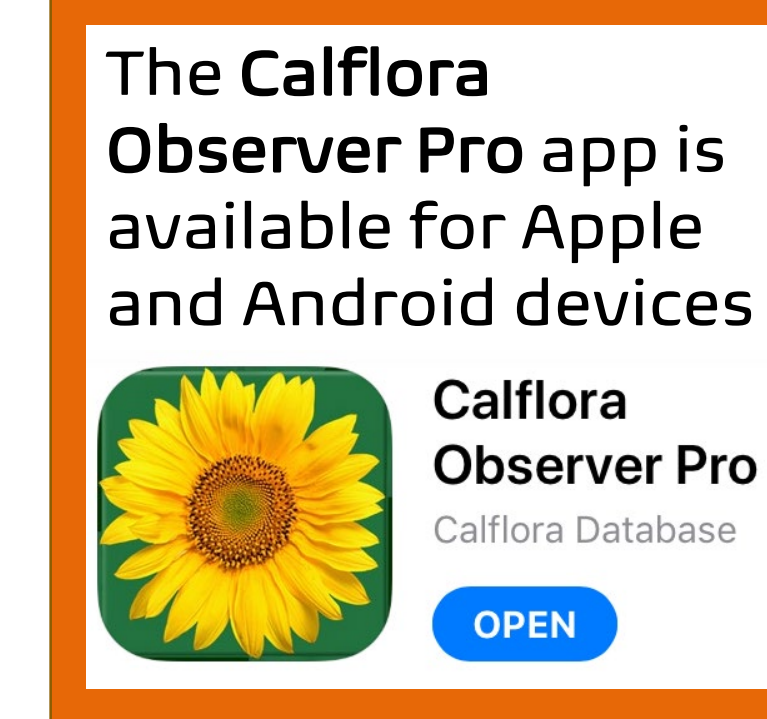
- Only contains observations from California
- Have an app to make data collection easy

Drawbacks to using Calflora:

- **Data is not directly submitted to CNDDDB; data is pulled off of Calflora on a species-by-species basis when CNDDDB is updating that plant**

How you can help us:

- Fill out as many fields as you can!



CNDDDB iNaturalist project

Benefits to using iNaturalist:

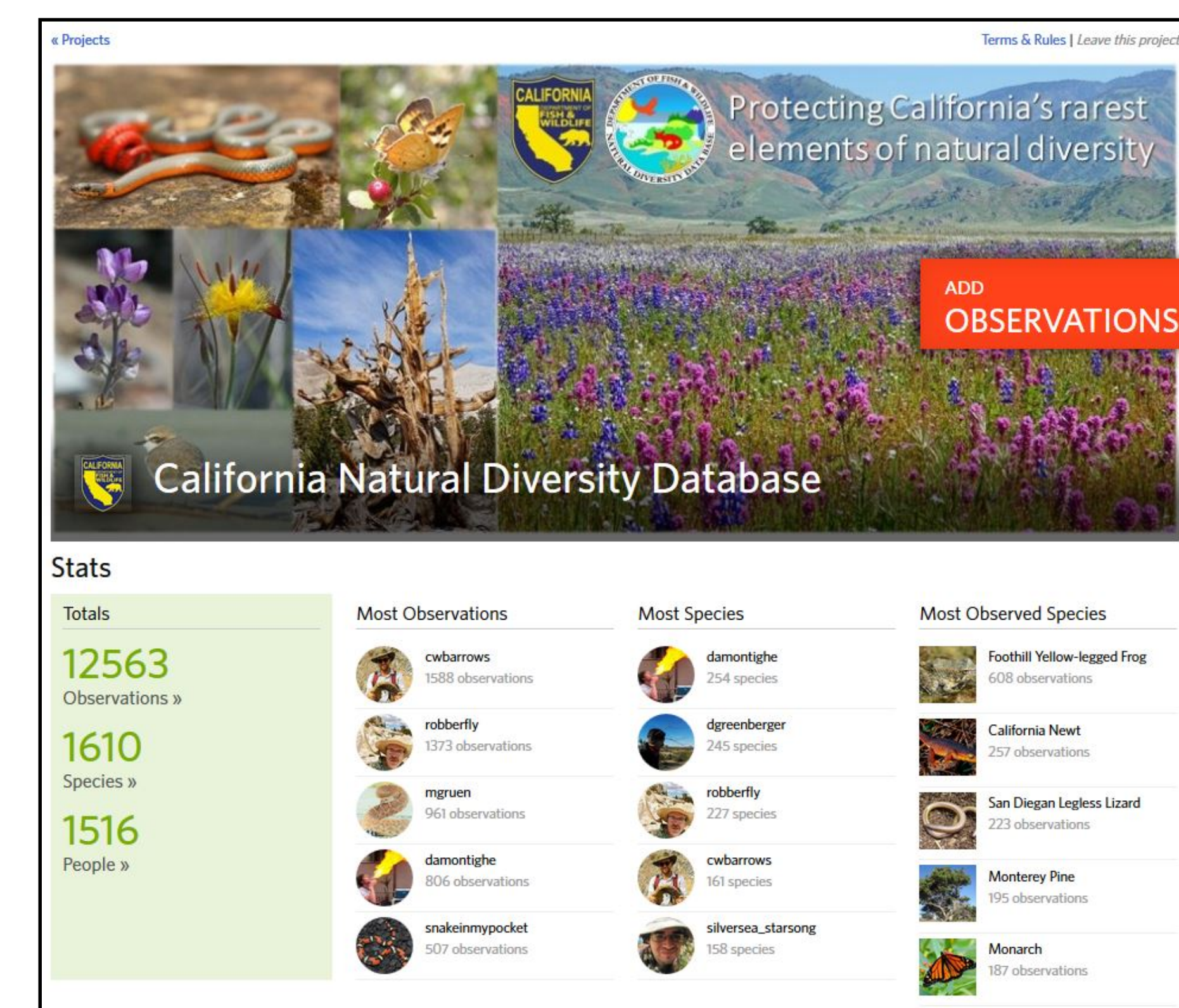
- Data collection is simple & user-friendly
- IDs are crowdsourced

Drawbacks to using iNaturalist:

- **CNDDDB cannot see your coordinates unless you share them with us**
- **Data is not directly submitted to CNDDDB; data is pulled off of iNaturalist on a species-by-species basis when CNDDDB is updating that plant**
- Lacks detailed fields useful to CNDDDB

How you can help us:

- Join the CNDDDB iNaturalist project
- Select the option to make your coordinates visible to project curators ***no matter who adds the observation to the project.***
- Add info on habitat & number of individuals (a prompt should appear when you add an observation to the CNDDDB project)



Scan to join the CNDDDB iNat project!

How does your data get turned into CNDDDB data?

Data Collection

Field surveys, population monitoring, academic research, citizen science, etc.

Data Formats

- Field Surveys
- Shapefiles
- Specimens
- Excel tables
- Reports
- Photos

Submission

Data uploaded onto external website

Data submitted directly to CNDDDB

CNDDDB botanists update species occurrences

Updates made using submitted data & data we can find online

CNDDDB distribution

CNDDDB data is packaged into monthly updates, distributed via Rarefind/BIOS and shapefiles

CNDDDB is only as good as the data we receive! Please contact us if you have questions about the best way to submit your data to CNDDDB. Thank you to all of our data submitters for sharing the results of your work with us and contributing toward the conservation of California's rare flora!

