



The Role of Citizen Science in Pest Surveillance

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- largest, longest-running, most versatile citizen bioscience facility in NZ.
 Secured ¼ mill observations, 1/3 mill photos, of 10 500 spp, by 4600
 observers, of whom 1000 have provided >100 000 crowd-sourced IDs. 1/2
 mill devices downloaded 3.5 mill unique page views. Fully interactive &
 conversational (60 000 comments). Part of global iNaturalist open source
 network (2.7 mill records; map layer in 0.5 bill GBIF records)
- Its fundamental purposes: engage, inform, raise awareness about natural heritage, biosecurity & ecological interactions; conservation literacy by supporting community-based projects, enhancing educational & tourism experiences; provide authentic basis for place-making/identity. Aims to demystify science & provide valuable, robust data that can be used to unravel taxonomic & ecological questions.
- Observations can be anecdotal or part of structured monitoring within projects or places—for plants, fungi, animals, pests, flowers, fish, on land, in freshwater or in the sea. Locations may be hidden or obscured (automatic for red-listed species).

Its multi-functional attributes include:

- Crowd-sourced IDs & conversations 'Fb' of natural history
- Archived reliable data supports Science; easy comms with URLs
- Place- & Project-based lists, journal Search & mapping engines
- Custom Fields can be added or created <u>http://naturewatch.org.nz/pages/extra_fields_nz_</u>
- Surveillance of pests or target spp & Alerts
- Pictorial Guides and Simple keys for places or taxa
- CSV bulk up/down load
- Photos, video links, sound recording (copyright options)
- Apps are available to support field data entry http://naturewatch.org.nz/pages/mobile apps nz
- Research grade data to Global Bio Information Facility (GBIF)

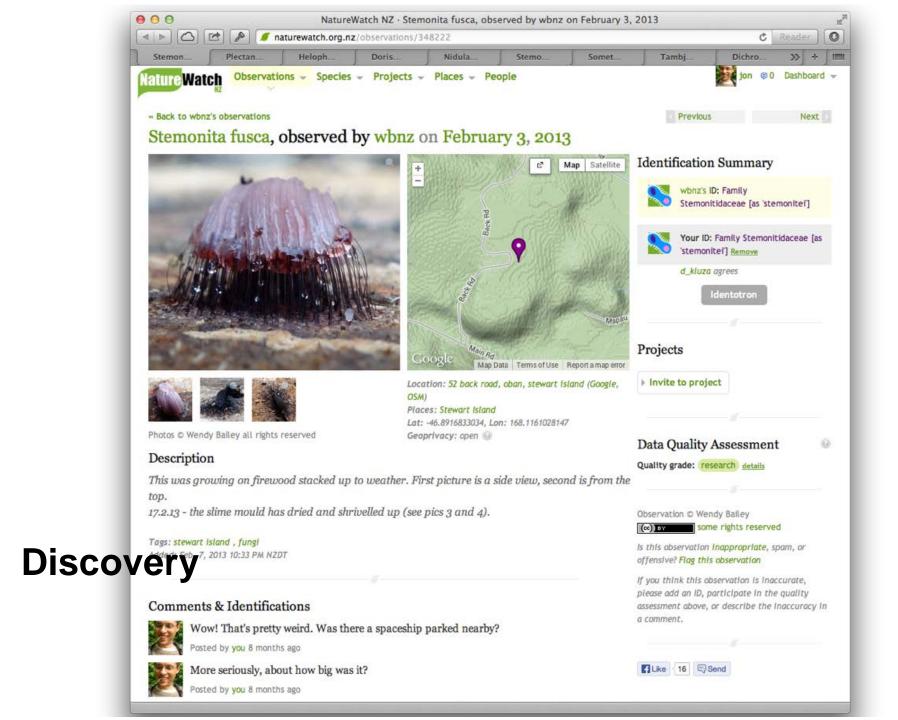
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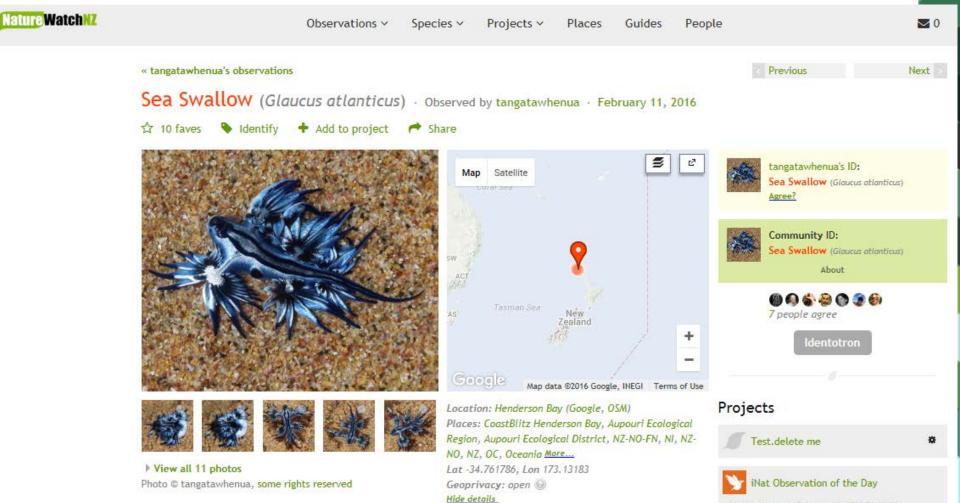
NatureWatch NZ's interactivity, conversations, messaging (anonymous), camera skill & diagnostics training, personal life lists, diaries, dashboard, calendar, journals, Fb, blog, twitter, Google community help forum

Within this buzz important **discoveries** are being made: new native species, **first detections of pests**, new populations of critically rare species, extensions to species distributions, previously **undocumented natural history** such as new behaviours and interactions, and how species distributions, phenology and behaviour are modified by climate change, pest invasion, land use and restoration. See top discoveries http://naturewatch.org.nz/pages/discoveries-nz



- Aid to Biosecurity Surveillance!
 - Random (discovery), Targeted or Repeat surveys/monitoring
- ID Please learn pests by crowd sourcing!
 - See Project http://naturewatch.org.nz/projects/pest-plants-weeds-of-nz
- Quick Assessment before committing resources
- Alert & Guides with Pictures!





Added by tiwane on February 14, 2016 04:41 AM

Added by lisa_bennett on February 12, 2016 12:20 PM

Beachcombing

 Observation of the day in iNaturalist

Is it a fish? Is it a slug? Is it a fishy anemone? I do not have a clue what this is!

Over 40 comments

Description









Places: Auckland Council boundary Lat: -36.8816119078, Lon: 174.853193610

Accuracy: 8 m Geoprivacy: open 😡

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Sex: Female Stage: Adult

Number of individuals: 1

Description

On vegetation by pond.

Vouchered: AMNZ (not accessioned as yet)

Record published: Thorpe, S.E. 2013: Scutellista caerulea (Fonscolombe, 1832) (Hyme Pteromalidae), new to New Zealand for the second time! Biodiversity data journal, 1: 10.3897/BDJ.1.e959

Tags: Not on NZOR

Added: Apr. 17, 2013 04:14 PM NZST



That's an interesting tiny little thing. What a big head and big eyes.

I found several accounts of this being a useful parasitoid of soft scale insects in crops about the world (e.g., here and here). Do you know if this a purposeful biocontrol introduction to New Zealand?

Posted by jon_sullivan about 3 years ago

Posted by stephen_thorpe about 3 years ago

I don't see it listed on NZOR at all. Is this another omission or does it have a synonym?

Posted by jon_sullivan about 3 years ago



See details here: http://species.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Scutellista_caerulea_% 28New Zealand%29

Introduced for biocontrol in 1921, but thought to have failed to establish, which is why it isn't on any current lists!

Posted by stephen_thorpe about 3 years ago



Interesting indeed. Auckland and 2013 are a long way from Nelson and 1921. Perhaps it is more plausible that it's arrived from Australia.

Good spotting!

Posted by jon_sullivan about 3 years ago

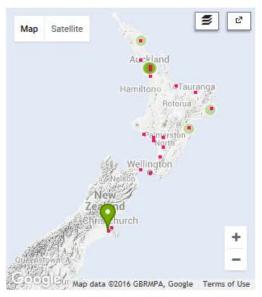
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Mignonette vine (Anredera cordifolia) · Observed by jon_sullivan · May 10, 2016 · 11:55 AM NZST



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Location: Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Roa... (Google, OSM) <u>Details</u>



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Description

To my surprise, I found two mignonette (Maderia) vines establishing in the northeastern corner of Lincoln's Mahoe Reserve, presumably sourced from a nearby garden. I've never seen this weed in Canterbury before.

I've collected a herbarium specimen.

Tags: restoration site, weed Added: May. 11, 2016 16:57:28 +1200 Ecol202 field trip group name 2016: Staff Ecol202 field trip: method: casual observation

Plant flower buds: Yes Plant flowering: Yes

Plant immature fruit/seeds: No Plant mature fruit/seeds: No

Plant phenology: most common flowering/fruiting reproductive stage: flowers

Count: 2

Weed Range Extensions





Quality grade: Research Details

Observation © Jon Sullivan

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Comments & Identifications





jon_sullivan's ID: Mignonette vine (Anredera cordifolia)

Posted by jon_sullivan 2 days ago





johnvandenhoeven's ID: Mignonette vine (Anredera cordifolia)

Posted by johnvandenhoeven 2 days ago



You probably should control this before it spreads.

Posted by johnvandenhoeven 2 days ago



Yes, it's days are numbered. I didn't at the time because I want to make sure none of it survives.

Posted by jon_sullivan 2 days ago



There's only two records of this weed from Canterbury on the NZ Virtual Herbarium and one on NZPCN. There's still time to stop this weed establishing in Canterbury.

Posted by jon_sullivan 2 days ago

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hanging sedge (Carex pendula) - Observed by meurkc - April 26, 2016









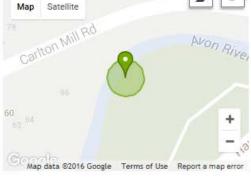












Location: Little Hagley Park, Christc... (Google, OSM)

Places: Little Hagley Park - Milbrook Reserve, NZ-CA-

CC, Low Plains Ecological District, Canterbury Plains

Ecological Region, SI, NZ-CA, NZ, OC, Oceania More...

Lat -43.521002, Lon 172.624298

Geoprivacy: open Edit (9)

Accuracy: 10m

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hanging sedge (Carex pendula) Community ID: hanging sedge (Carex pendula) About person agrees

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http://naturewatch.org.nz/obse rvations/3071530

Carex pendula

Description

serious pest plant establishing along the Avon River here, needs to be removed!

Added: May. 01, 2016 20:58:20 +1200

Elevation (m): 15

Plant phenology: most common flowering/fruiting reproductive stage: seed dispersed

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Ease of Reporting

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Your ID: hanging sedge (Carex pendula) Remove

Posted by you 15 days ago





pjd1's ID: hanging sedge (Carex pendula)

Posted by pid1 14 days ago

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Data Quality Assessment

Quality grade: Research Details

Observation @ Colin Meurk

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Grasses (Family Poaceae) - Observed by mike68lusk - April 20, 2016

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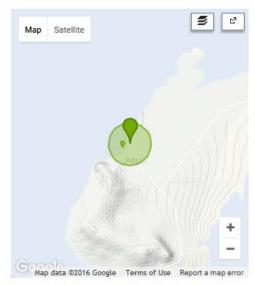
Spartina

http://naturewatch.org.nz/obse rvations/3149513

Description

estuarine

Added: May. 11, 2016 20:30:48 +1200 Add/edit more fields



Location: Parengarenga Harbour, North... (Google, OSM)

Places: Te Paki, Te Paki Ecological Region, Te Paki Ecological District, NZ-NO-FN, NI, NZ-NO, NZ, OC, Oceania More...

Lat -34,53753, Lon 172,923303

Accuracy: 218m Geoprivacy: open (9) Hide details



mike68lusk's ID: Elytrigia pycnantha, a member of Grasses (Family Poaceae) Agree?



Community ID:

Grasses (Family Poaceae) Agree?

About



Townsend's Cord-grass (Spartina ×

1 person agrees

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Pest Plants (weeds) of NZ

Added by meurks on May 12, 2016 04:51 PM



Comments & Identifications



Posted by mike68lusk 5 days ago



Data Quality Assessment

Quality grade: Needs ID Details

Observation @ Mike Lusk

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Townsend's Cord-grass (Spartina × townsendii) · Observed by tangatawhenua · May 13, 2016

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Spartina

http://naturewatch.org.nz/observations/3160850

Description

Our assignment for today from @pjd1 was to search and find Spartina × townsendii that was spotted lurking at Paua and added to NW yesterday. Packing up the truck with our camera's, garden tools and lunch we headed north and found the location easily.

As well as growing just in front of the cottage on the right hand side of the channel there is also a mass area of this growing on the left hand side of the channel bordering on the mangroves. The tide was on it's way in but the sand that this was growing in was still damp.

These photos as well as the speciman collected for the herbarium comes from the right hand side of the channel. (Apologies about the photos - I am not usually up this early in the morning taking photos so not used to photographing in this light!)

We also spot checked around Te Pua, Paua and Tangoake but are happy to report that we did not sight any more. However it could be growing at Waipuna which is just around the corner from

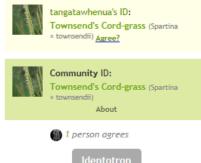
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Company of the Report a map error

Location: Paua Northland (Google, OSM)
Places: Te Paki, Te Paki Ecological Region, Te Paki
Ecological District, NZ-NO-FN, NI, NZ-NO, NZ, OC,
Oceania More...

Lat -34.538375, Lon 172.92251 Geoprivacy: open (2) Hide details



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Data Quality Assessment

Quality grade: Research Details

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here but were not sufficently equipped to get in there today, but will try within the next month or so.

On our way out of Paua we got caught in a traffic jam as there was a quad bike in front of us! We were so traumatised that we thought we may have been in Auckland traffic on our way home *LOL*

@rongoa will give a report about the root system that was discovered when a plant sepciman was removed for the herbarium collection.

Added: May. 13, 2016 12:56:55 +1200 Add/edit more fields

Comments & Identifications





tangatawhenua's ID: Townsend's Cord-grass (Spartina × townsendii) Agree?

Posted by tangatawhenua 3 days ago



I found a plant that was slightly on its own, but upon digging around the roots I found that the root system was a runner of a mass densely of roots and the plant itself was hard to pull outhad a feeling it was connected under-ground to other runner roots.

Posted by rongoa 3 days ago



Just got the plant out to process and most of the yellow has fallen off - will this be a problem and do you need those as well? If so @rongoa and I can go back and get lots of the seed heads.

Posted by tangatawhenua 3 days ago



I'm in for that so we can do it when we go to Waipuna, unless these may disappear within the next few days and we have to go ASAP.

Posted by rongoa 3 days ago



I am sure @pjd1 will advise us what he would like done :D

Posted by tangatawhenua 3 days ago



And the book was way too small, but a 10 x 2 works nicely :)

Posted by tangatawhenua 3 days ago



Hi - Yes this is Spartina - let's call it S. xtownsendii for now and when I see a specimen we can finally decide which one it is (S. xtownsendii is rather uncommon in New Zealand). What you have done to me sounds fine. Sorry my book was too small - better write another of an appropriate size and weight! Don't worry about the yellow falling off. This grass by the way was introduced to help reclaim estuaries - so its rootstock is a complex intermeshed system that traps sediment - so what 'rongoa' describes is very







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Genus Pittosporum Observer johnsteel May 8, 2016 Needs ID View »



inky caps Genus Coprinus Observer lauradillon89 Date May 16, 2016 04:14 PM NZST



Needs ID View »

Ear fungus Auricularia cornea





2 photos »

Fly Agaric Amanita muscaria

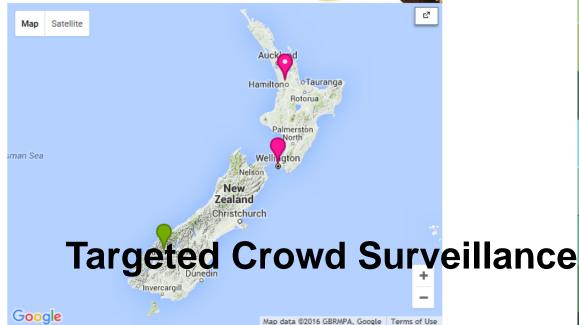
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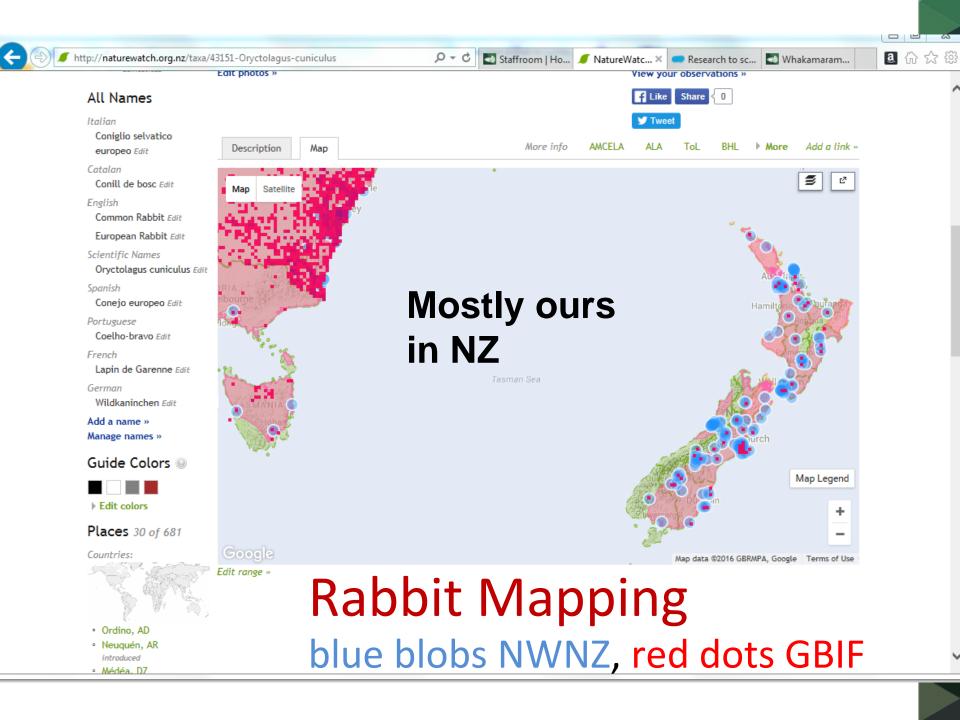
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Observer davidwhyte May 16, 2016 1 ID | Research Grade









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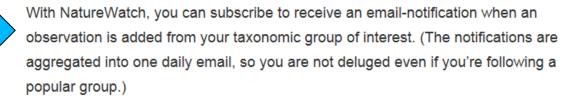
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- or just love seeing slime moulds!

Fortunately, a more targeted approach is possible (think GCSB).



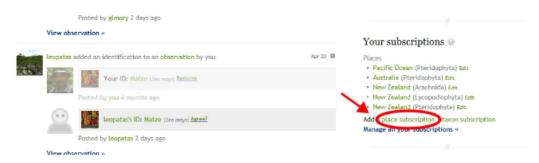
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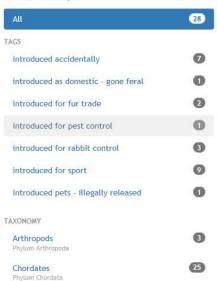
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Black Rat (Ship Rat) 2 Rattus rattus



Ferret 6 Mustela furo



Possum, Common Brushtail 10 Trichosurus vulpecula





Brown Rat (Norway Rat) 3 Rattus norvegicus



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27th New Zealand Fungal Foray & Colloquium: May 2013

Submitted by Bevan Weir on Wed, 30/01/2013 - 12:48pm

Registration and payment due by: 31St March 2013. Download registration form at the end of this page. The 2013 foray will be based at Matawai, midway between Opotiki and Gisborne, in the East Cape region, from Sunday 12th May to Saturday 18th May 2013. The area offers a wide variety of vegetation types, including *Nothofagus*, podocarp and broadleaf forests.

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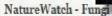
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Report on the 22nd NZ Fungal Foray (Dunedin, 2008)

Submitted by petraw on Wed, 27/02/2013 - 8:15am

THE 22nd NZ FUNGAL FORAY, DUNEDIN, May 2008







rungi Observer, epitri

Observer: epitree Date: 12 Jun 2013 Place: Te Ardha Wetlands



Observer: jon Date: 11 Jun 2013

Place: Lincoln University



Fungi

Observer: epitree Date: 11 Jun 2013 Place: Mt Te Aroha



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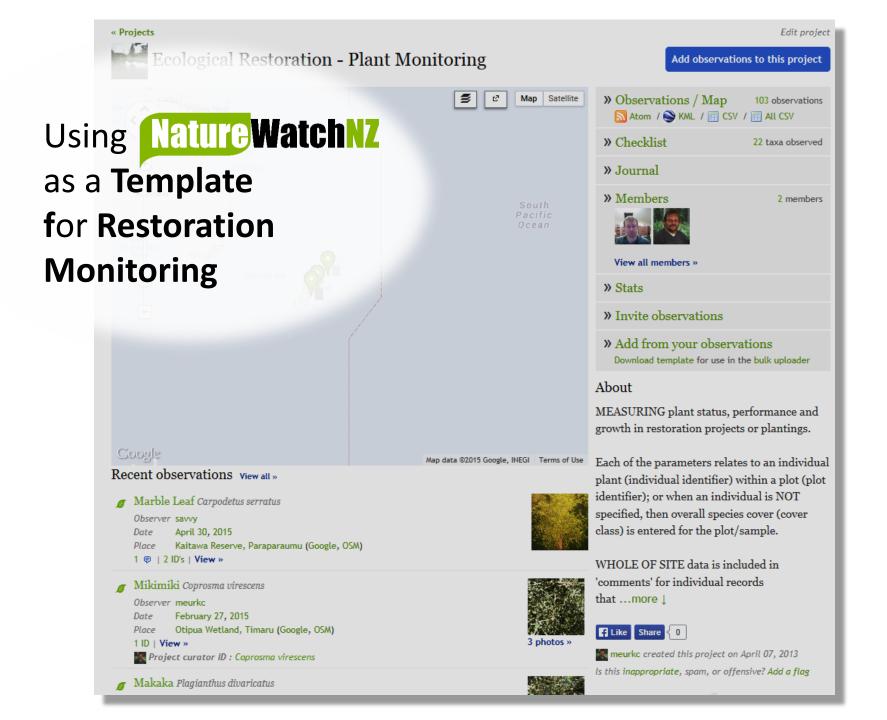








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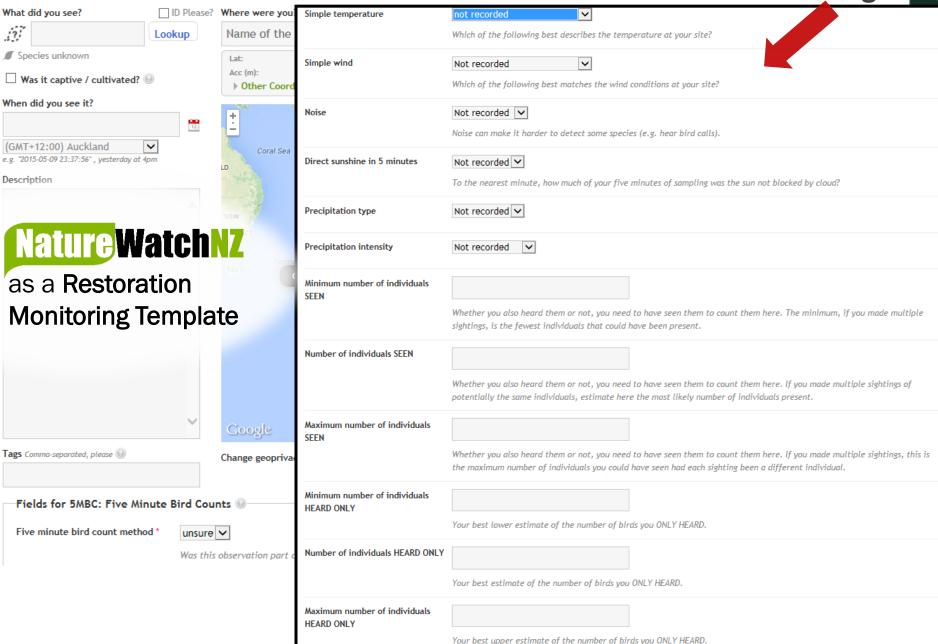


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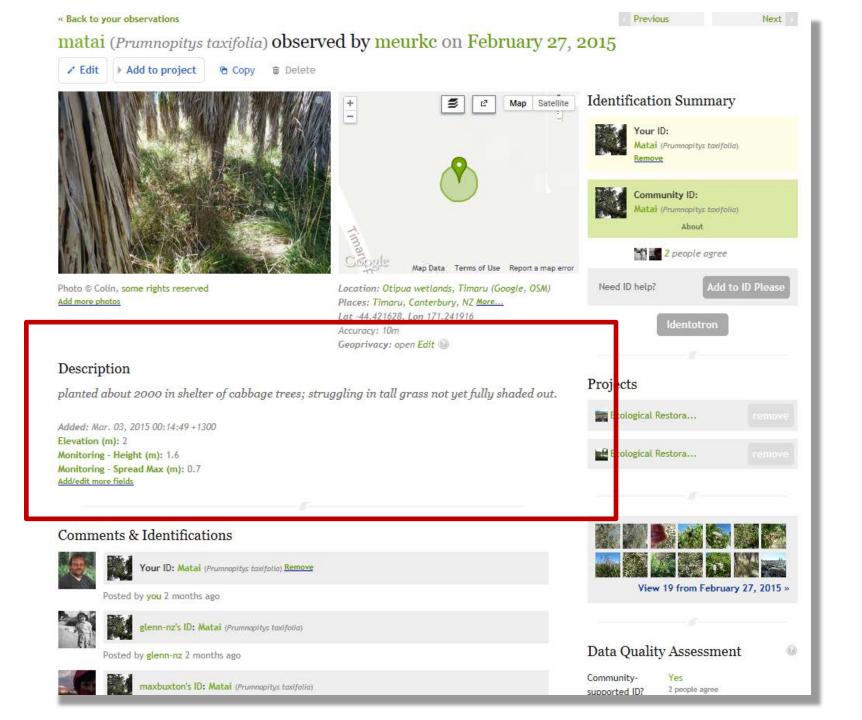
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2014 Plant	: Place	Specie s	Field ID	Individ ual ID	Sampl e Area (m2)	Condit ion	Height (m)	Max Spread (m)	Min Spread (m)	Basal Diam (cm)	DBH (cm)		Max Spread Growt h/An (m)	•	
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