



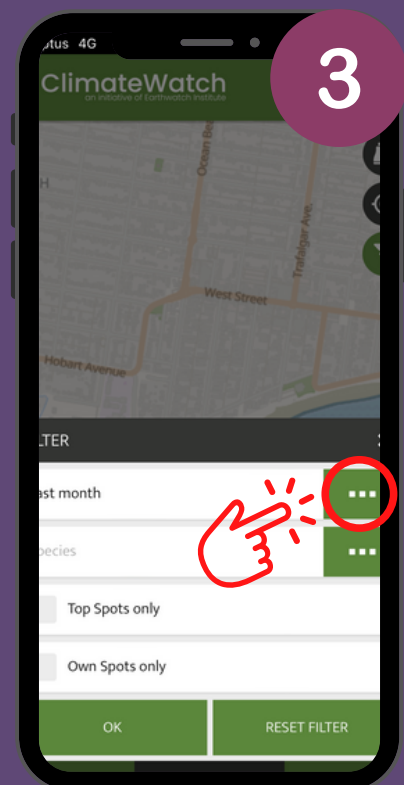
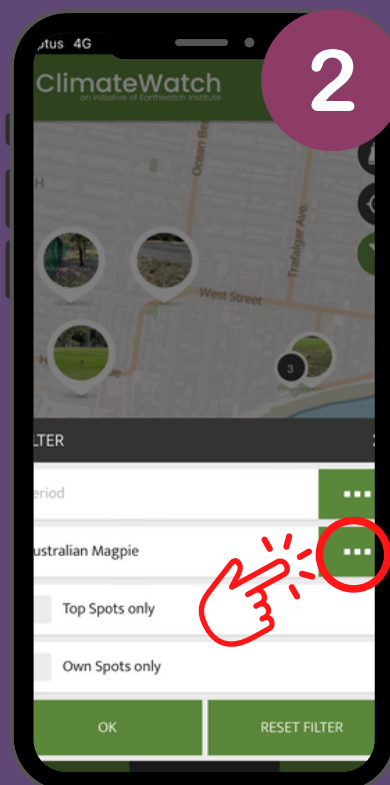
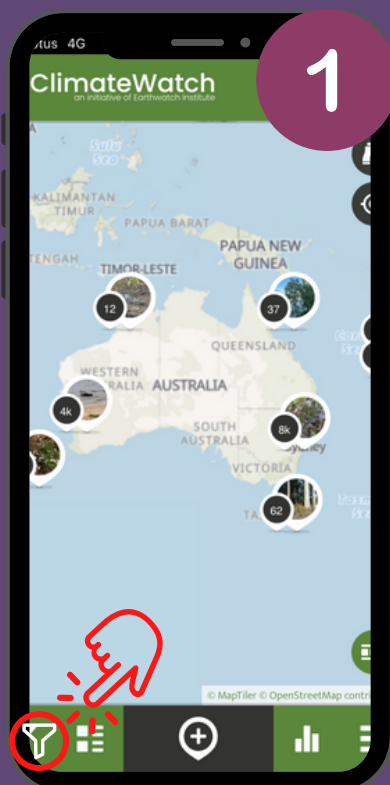
# Community Validation

## What is it and Why is it IMPORTANT?

- Thanks to its engaged and motivated userbase, ClimateWatch receives tens of thousands of SPOTS every year
- Every SPOT needs to be assessed for accuracy (i.e. validated) before it is sent to the Atlas of Living Australia for scientists to use
- It is impossible for any one person or small team to validate every SPOT themselves, therefore ClimateWatch is enlisting the power of community to scale the validation process!
- ClimateWatchers now have the ability to be an even greater part of the scientific process by voting on the accuracy of a SPOT!

## Steps to GET STARTED

1. Open the ClimateWatch mobile or web app and click the filter icon
2. Option to filter by species if opting to focus on a particular species
3. Alternatively option to filter by time period!





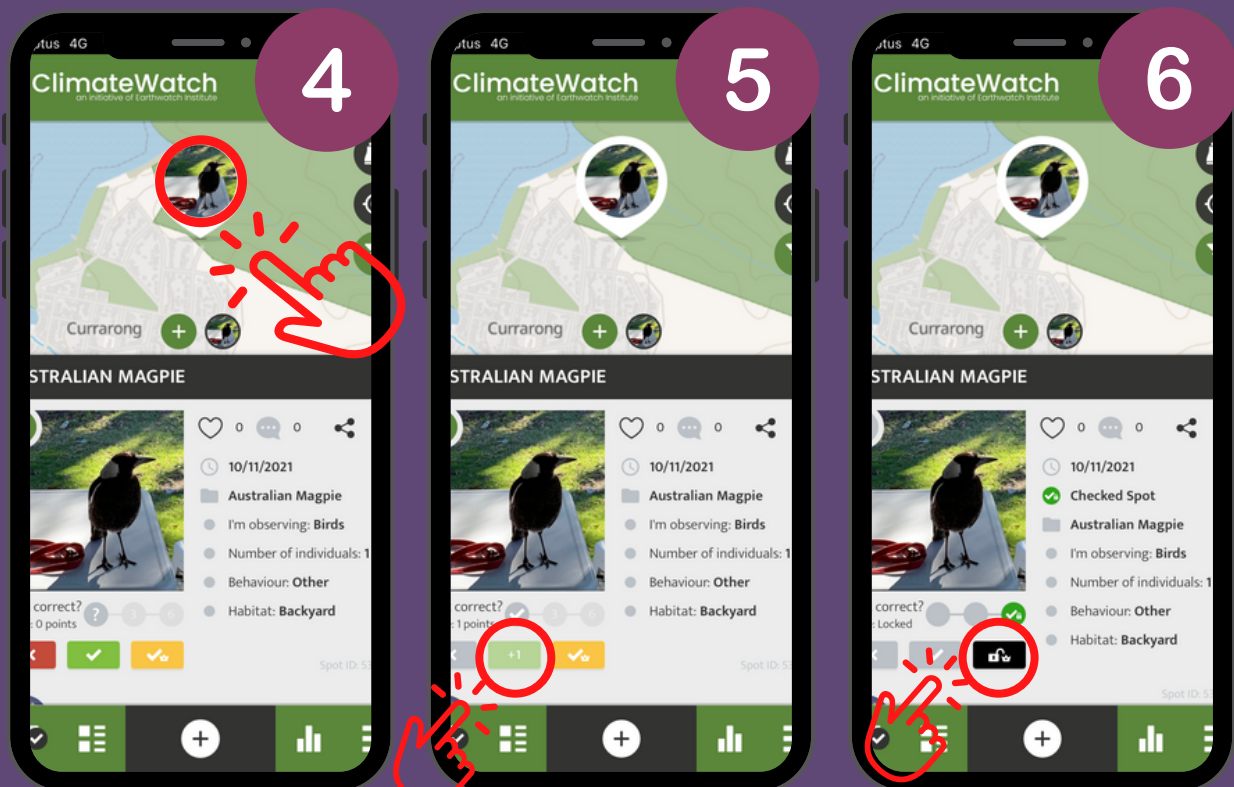
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## Steps to VALIDATE

4. Back at the interactive map, zoom in and select a SPOT.
5. Review the SPOT's species ID, picture and details. If all appear correct click the green tick! Once a spot receives 1x tick it is "Casual Grade". Once a spot receives 5x ticks it is upgraded to "Research Grade".
6. Moderators have the ability to give a golden tick and immediately designate a spot as "Research Grade". Moderators include CW program management, certified researchers or species experts.

## What to LOOKOUT FOR

- Photo quality and originality
- Photo vs species ID
- Location of spot
- Behaviour and phenophase errors  
(See next page for detailed breakdown)





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## Validation Criteria

### Photo Taken vs Species ID

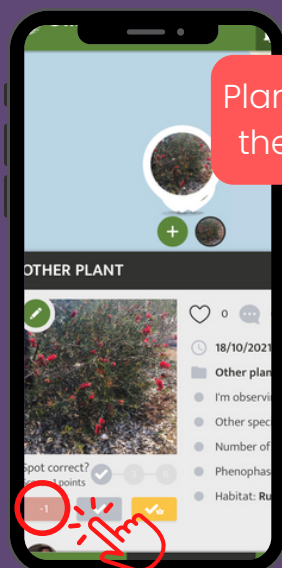
- Can you identify the species of focus?
- Does the photo match the species identified?
  - Find species guides and additional info here!
- Is the photo an original?
  - Use TinEye to verify whether it was taken from the internet
- If you answered NO to any of the above, deem the spot INVALID!

### Location Location Location

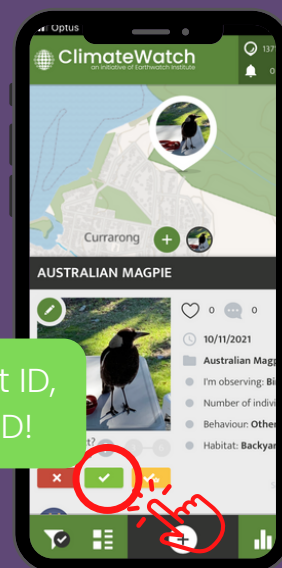
- Does the spot location make sense?
- ...Is spot in the very center of Australia?
- ...Or is it in the middle of the Pacific Ocean?
- Use the species field guides and pages to verify expected habitat range
- If the spot doesn't seem to be in a logical position deem the spot INVALID

### Behaviour and Phenophases

- In general you can assume the behaviour and/or phenophase listed is correct UNLESS there is a clear discrepancy e.g. if the spot lists no leaves and yet the photo shows full leaves...



Plant in the middle of the ocean... INVALID!



Original photo, correct ID, logical location...VALID!