



Identifying a Species

Where to begin?

- Before you head out, familiarize yourself with your local ClimateWatch indicator species
- Click on your local trail to find species you're likely to see
- Click on the species page to find identification guides
- Access these guides through the app by clicking on the ⓘ icon in the species list



Basics of Identification

- Plants – Look at the body, leaves, flowers, fruits or seeds. What colour, shape or pattern do you see?
- Birds – Look at the colouring, size and shape of the bird's body, eyes and beak
- Mammals – Look at the colouring, size and shape of the animals body, face and ears
- Insect – Look at the bug's mouth, its body's colouring and wings (if it has any)

Resource to Help

- The ClimateWatch website/app are full of helpful identification guides for each species
- App such as iNaturalist, PlantNet and eBird can complement your ClimateWatch experience
- Facebook groups can be a well of community based knowledge for taxa identification

