



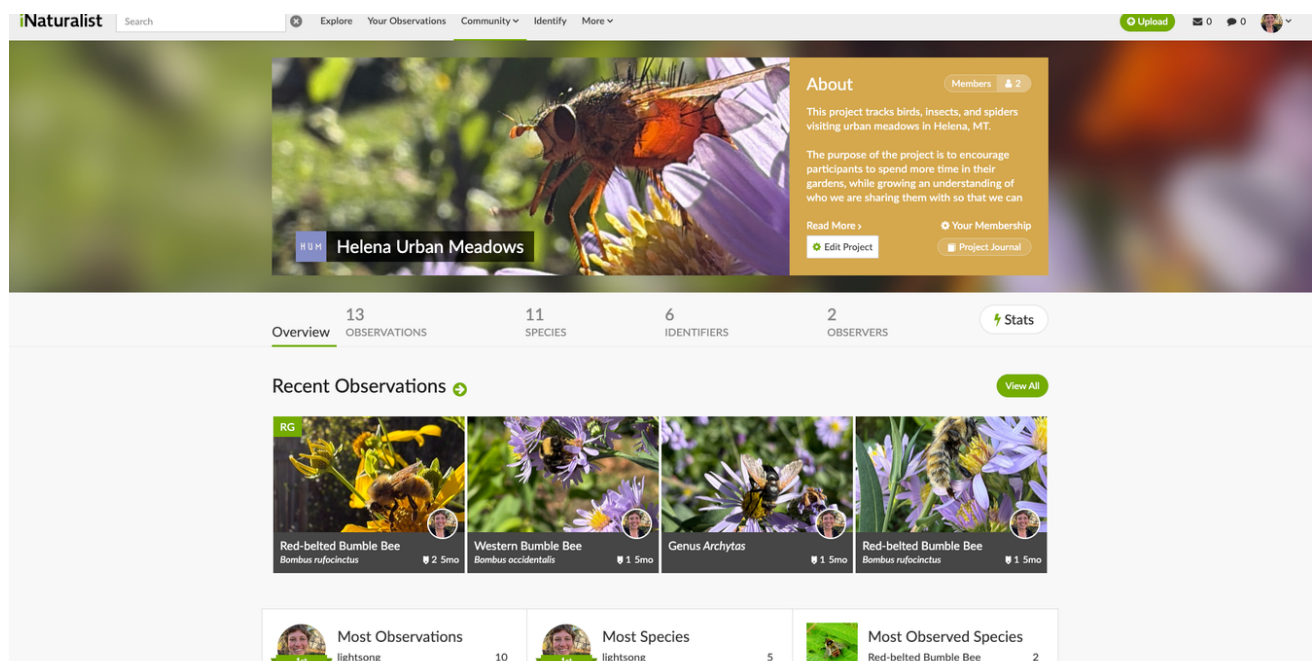
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Helena Urban Meadows (HUM) iNaturalist Project

This project tracks birds, insects, and spiders around Helena, MT. Observations are not limited to gardens and may be collected anywhere within Lewis & Clark County.

The project was created to:

- Educate participants on who is visiting and who might visit urban meadows in the greater Helena area to help guide decision making for HUM gardeners.
- Encourage participants to slow down and connect with their gardens and nature through making observations.
- Allow anyone in the Helena area to participate in the HUM community.
- Connect Helena Urban Meadows to a larger community that contributes to scientific data on biodiversity through the use of iNaturalist.



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Helena Urban Meadows

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This project tracks birds, insects, and spiders visiting urban meadows in Helena, MT.

The purpose of the project is to encourage participants to spend more time in their gardens, while growing an understanding of who we are sharing them with so that we can

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Overview 13 OBSERVATIONS 11 SPECIES 6 IDENTIFIERS 2 OBSERVERS Stats

Recent Observations View All

Red-belted Bumble Bee
Bombus rufocinctus 2.5mo

Western Bumble Bee
Bombus occidentalis 1.5mo

Genus Archytas 1.5mo

Red-belted Bumble Bee
Bombus rufocinctus 1.5mo

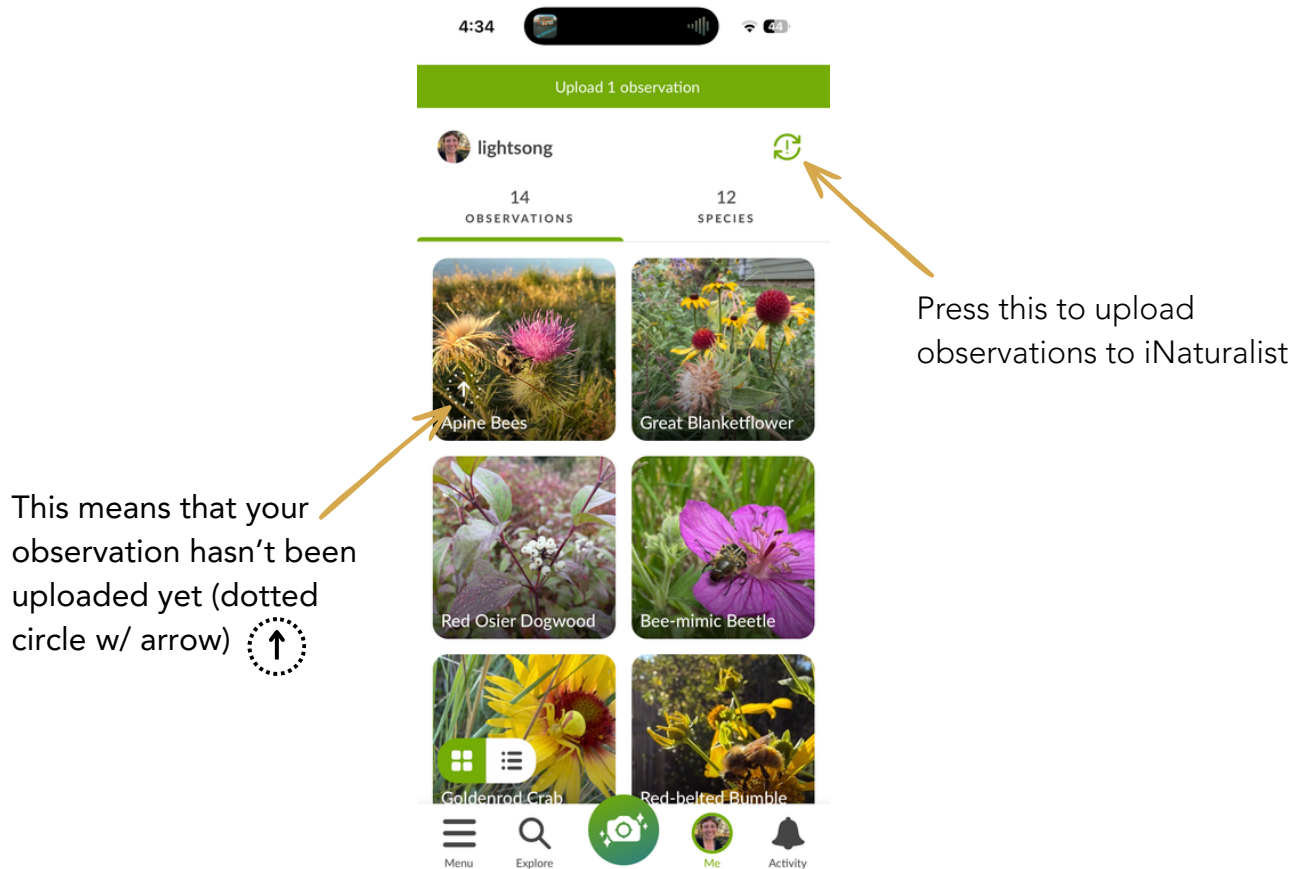
Most Observations 1st lightsong 10

Most Species 1st lightsong 5

Most Observed Species Red-belted Bumble Bee 2

How to Join

1. Download the iNaturalist app and create an account
 - a. [Apple App Store](#) (iPhone)
 - b. [Google Play App Store](#) (Android)
 - c. You can also [create an account](#) and upload your observations online; however the app is recommended for ease of use and IDing species on the spot.
3. Join the Helena Urban Meadow project here:
<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/helena-urban-meadows>
4. Start observing! You can upload old photos, or make an observation directly through the app.
5. Be sure to upload your observations once you add them!



6. Any observation that you make that fits the Helena Urban Meadows (HUM) project criteria will automatically be added to the project's page.
7. Follow along on the project page to see/comment on other observations and share details on what you're learning in the project journal. Communities are built on participation!

The screenshot shows the Helena Urban Meadows project page. At the top right, there are buttons for 'View All' and 'View Yours'. Below this, the page is divided into sections: 'Project Requirements', 'Stats', and 'Journal'. The 'Project Requirements' section lists criteria for observations, including Taxa (Spiders, Birds, Insects), Location (Lewis and Clark County, US, MT), Users (Project Members Only), Quality Grade (Research Grade, Needs ID, Casual), Media Type (Any), Date (Any), and Establishment (Any). The 'Stats' section features a donut chart showing 18 Observations, with a legend for Research Grade (green), Needs ID (yellow), and Casual (grey). The 'Journal' section shows a post from March 5, 2026, at 11:00 AM, with a 'View All' button. An arrow points from the text 'Click here to open the journal from the homepage' to this 'View All' button. Below the 'Journal' section is a 'Map of Observations'. On the left side, there is a 'New Post' button. An arrow points from the text 'Click here to add a journal entry' to this button. Below the 'New Post' button, the 'Helena Urban Meadows's Journal' section is visible, showing a post from March 5, 2026, with a 'Welcome!' message and a 'New Post' button. To the right of the journal section is an 'Archives' section with a search bar and a list of posts.

Click here to open the journal from the homepage

Click here to add a journal entry

Note: The app is great for doing your initial ID and adding observations; however, you'll have to **use the desktop version for community participation** features like adding comments and creating journal posts.

When you're on your computer and craving some social media, pop over to the [Helena Urban Meadows \(HUM\) project home page](#) instead of grabbing your phone.

Stay tuned for in-person meadow meetup opportunities like hikes and garden tours.

Happy HUMing!