NATURE MAPPING JACKSON HOLE

Make your wildlife sightings count





THE JACKSON HOLE WILDLIFE FOUNDATION



advances wildlife conservation driven by science, collaboration and a community of volunteers





NMJH GOALS:

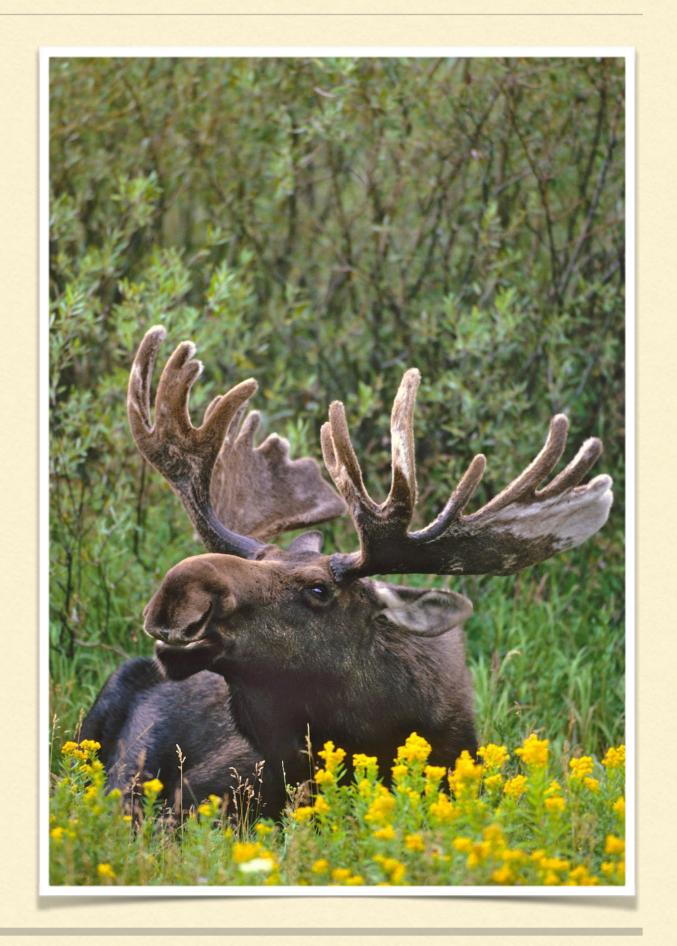
Keeping common species common (studying all species not just high-profile species or species of concern)

Increasing citizen's knowledge of and appreciation for wildlife in Teton and Lincoln Co, WY and Teton Co, ID

Engaging citizens in long-term wildlife data collection

Informing management decisions that favor wildlife sustainability

Contributing data to the Wyoming Game & Fish Department's Wildlife Observation System (WOS)



OBJECTIVES FOR TONIGHT

Understand the importance of accurate observations

Know how to access and navigate the NMJH system including: login, updating your account, entering observations, and editing observations

Understand the importance of following protocols

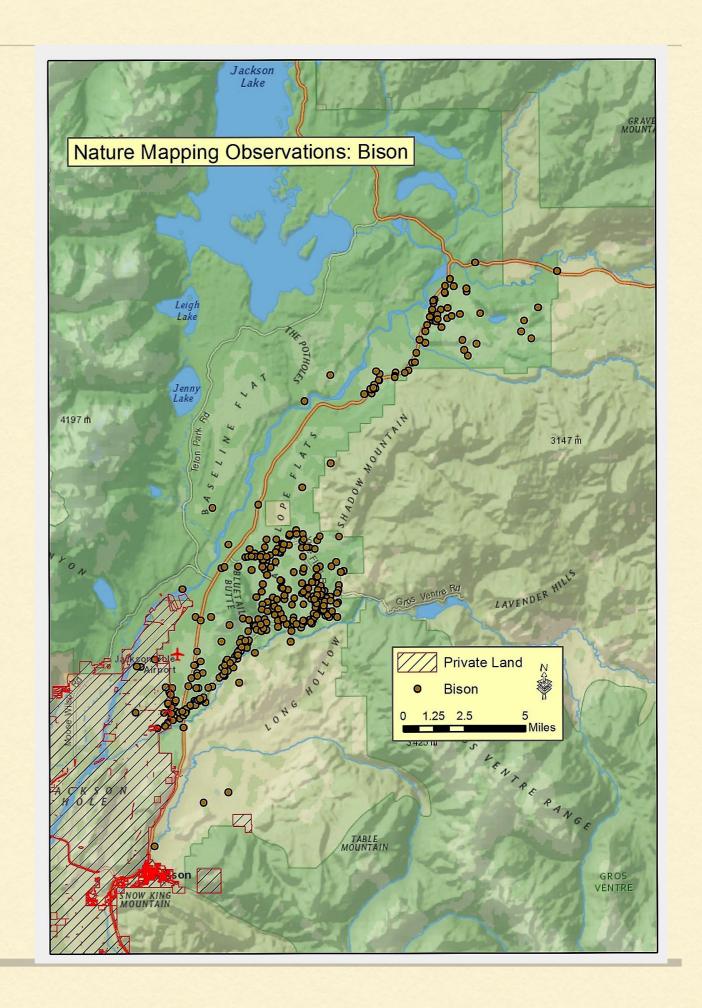
Learn about current projects and future trainings available to trained Nature Mappers





DATA USED FOR:

- Wyoming Game & Fish Dept.
- County/Town Comp Plan
- Proposed pathways
- County subdivisions planning
- Wildlife Crossing strategy
- Radar Sign placement
- Focal species research
- Trail construction
- Natural Resources Technical
 Advisory Board



Fundamentals of Observations:

- The species seen
- How many individuals
- Where (location)
- When: date and time
- Additional data: sex, age, activity, and observation notes



THE DATA PROCESS:

- Trained Nature Mappers enter their data in the field using the app or online later (preferably within a week of collecting it)
- The data is examined by trained biologists
- If there are questions, the biologist will contact the citizen scientist and ask for clarification or further information
- Any necessary edits are made to the data
- The data is verified



WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT!

PRIVATE LAND CONSIDERATIONS

- Please do not trespass on private lands, view from the road or friend's property.
- Ask the owner if you can Nature Map a species.
- Always be courteous you are a Nature Mapper ambassador.
- If in doubt, please stay out.

NMJH PROJECTS

- Casual Observations
- Project Backyard
- Mountain Bluebird monitoring
- Moose Day
- Beaver Project
- Snake River Float Trips



CASUAL OBSERVATIONS

- Out and about in western
 Wyoming and eastern
 Idaho
- Most of the observations
- Includes roadkill –
 Wildlife-Vehicle
 Collisions (WVCs)



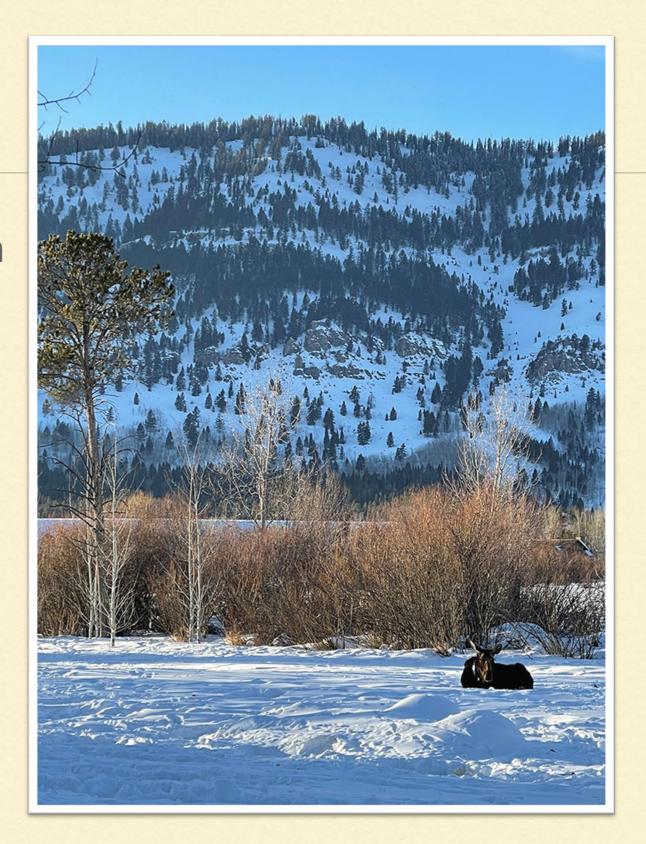
PROJECT BACKYARD

- From the house or other "set" location
- Has own protocols
- Total observations for the week (e.g. top number of pine siskins, magpies, elk-entered once.)
- Important for wildlife care on private land



MOOSE DAY

- February 25 7:00 a.m. noon
- Work in teams
- Assigned areas
- Nature Mapping data complements WGFD's (private land vs. public land)



BEAVER PROJECT

- Collaboration with private investigator
- Surveys of drainages in GTNP and BTNF
- Zoom presentation available



SNAKE RIVER FLOAT TRIPS

- Sunday mornings (June Sept.)
- Team of Birder and Recorder
- Thanks to Jackson Hole Vintage
 Adventures

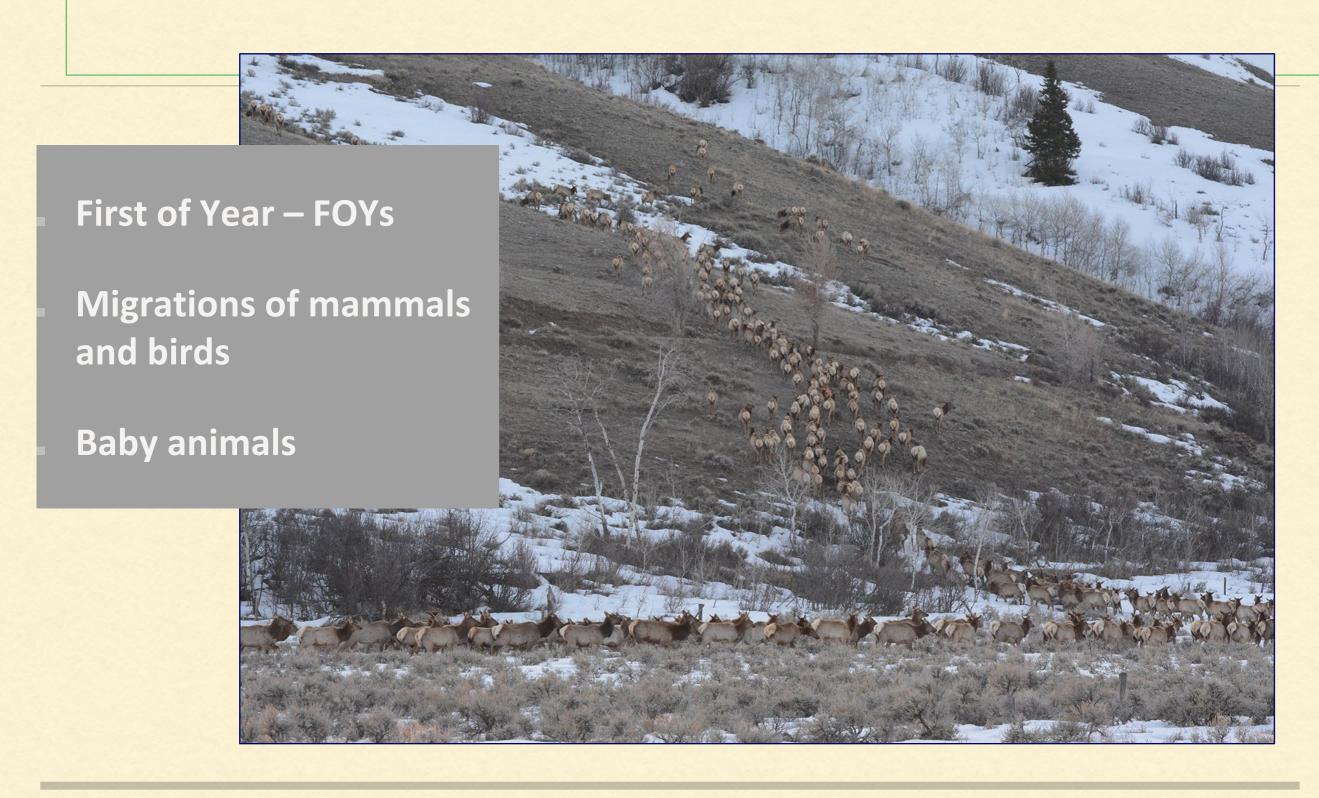


MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD NESTBOX MONITORING PROJECT





SPRING - GREAT TIME TO START



FALL - GREAT TIME TO START

- Seasonal movement of mammals and birds
- Young of Year
- Time to report last of season/first of season



Photo by Kevin Perozeni



Photo by Bryce Robinson

WINTER - GREAT TIME TO START







OBSERVATION #1

One American Robin mapped on Jan 9, 2023 at 12:31 PM near the National Elk Refuge

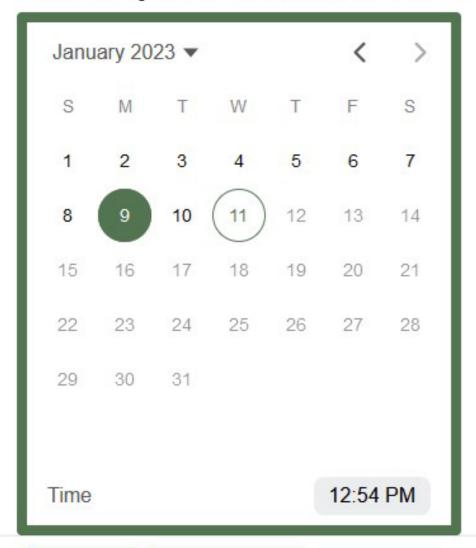


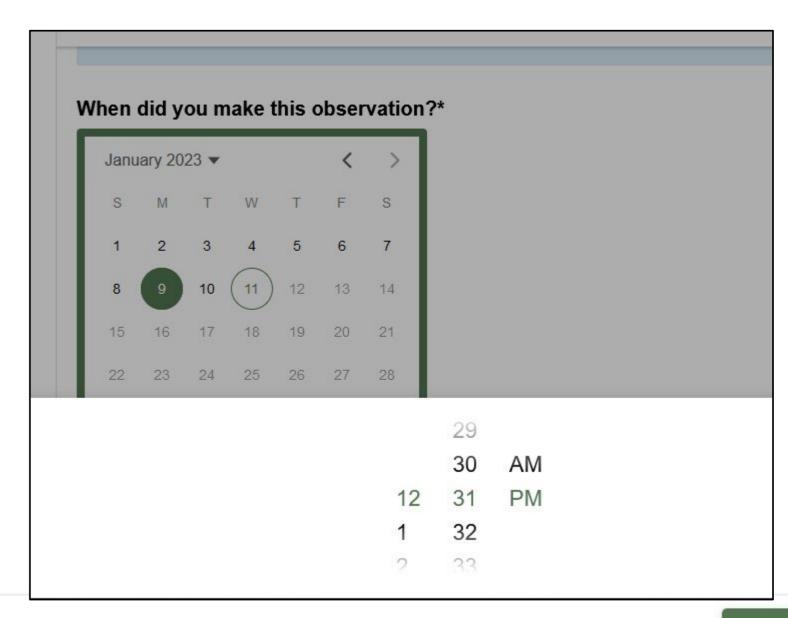
Tip: Use the dropdown menu or begin typing to find your species

Casual Observations



When did you make this observation?*



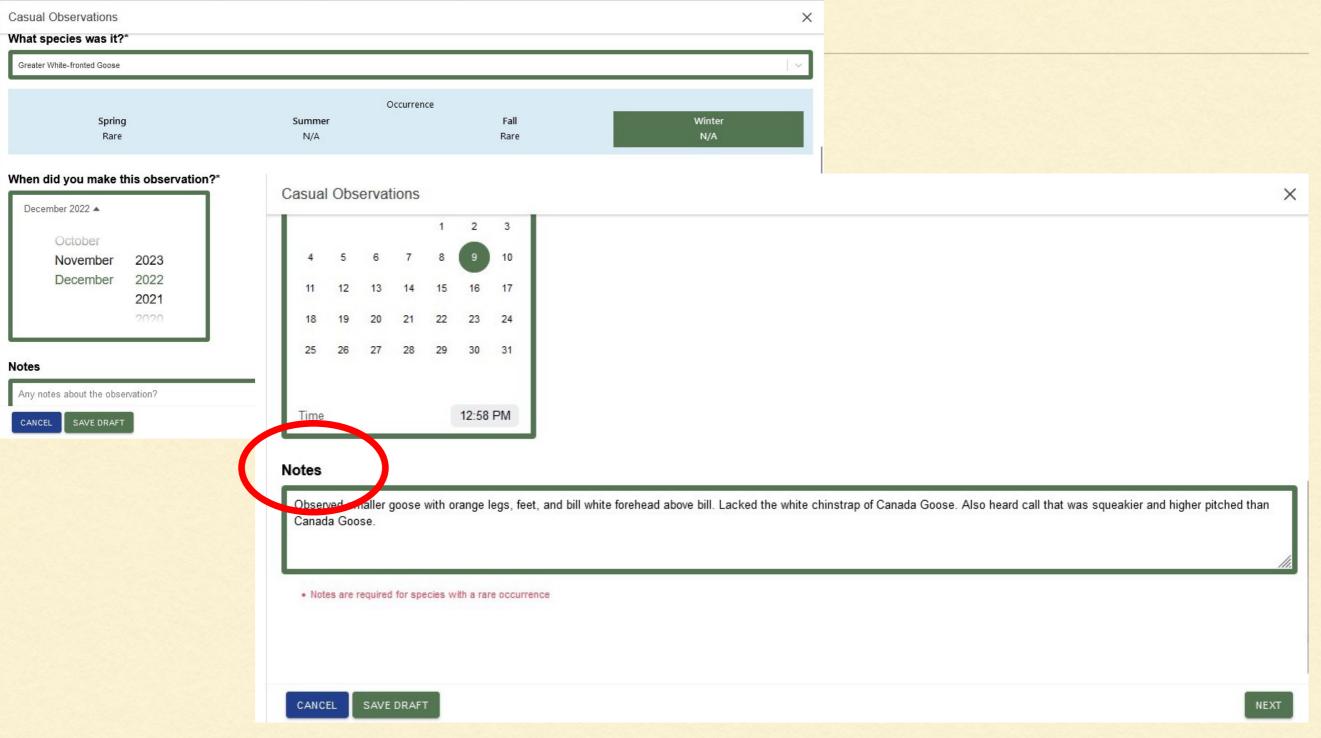


CANCEL

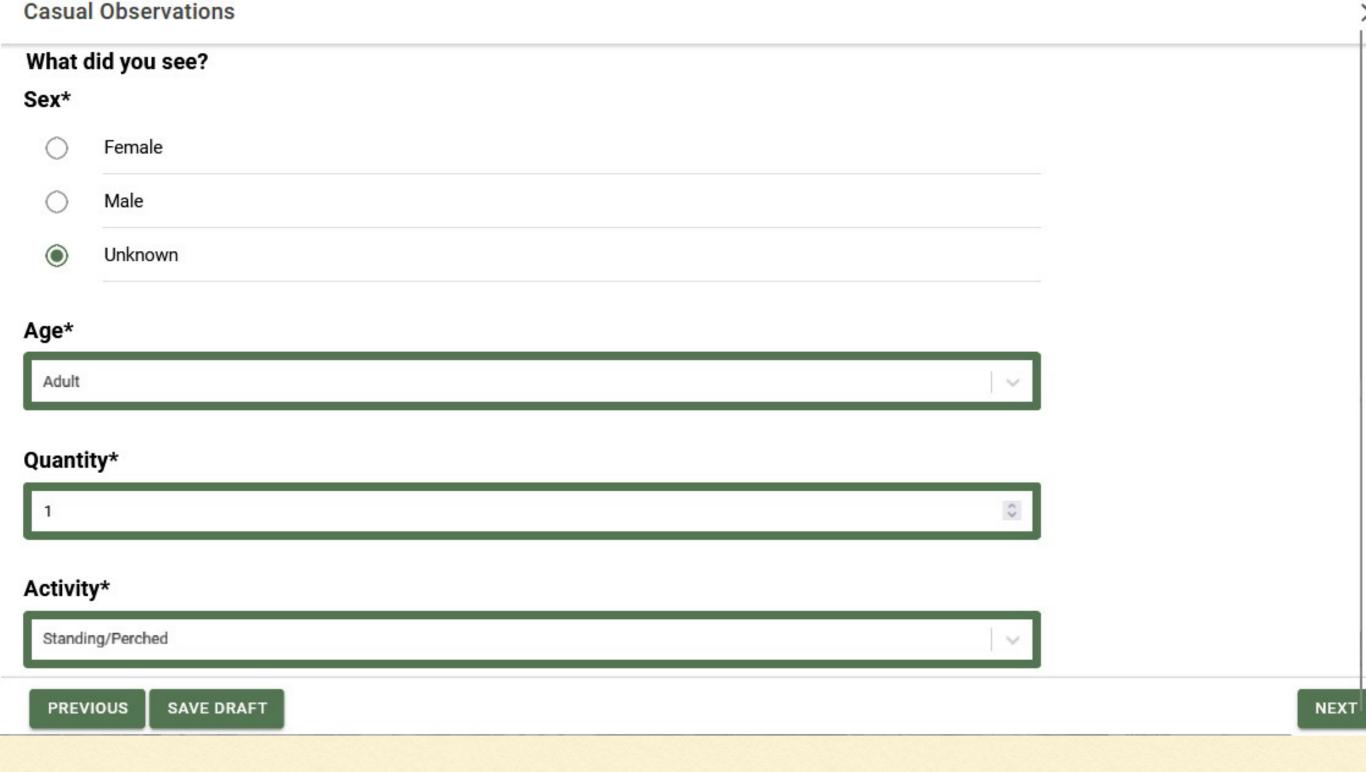
SAVE DRAFT

NEXT

Tip: Select the date by clicking the calendar and don't forget to change the time if you are entering data retroactively



Tip: Occurrence helps you to know what is expected in the area at the time of year you are Nature Mapping. If a species is Rare, Accidental, or N/A, you will have to enter notes about what you saw in order to proceed.



Tip: **Do not guess!** If you are unsure about an animal's age, sex or activity, leave these details as unknown.

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Activity*		
Standing/Perched	~	
Mortality*		
N/A	~	
Add another		
PREVIOUS SAVE DRAFT		NEXT

Tip: Mortality, while sad, is one of the more important pieces of data we collect. Roadkill data can be used to inform mitigation, so please don't leave out the dead!

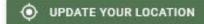
Casual Observations

Where did you observe this species?

Location

To update the observation location below:

- · click directly on the map
- · click the update your location button to get your current GPS coordinates
- · or enter the values manually in the input boxes below the map for coordinates or UTMs





If entering the location manually, you can enter either the latitude and longitude or the UTMs.



PREVIOUS

SAVE DRAFT

Tip: Ensure the location is accurately portraying the location of the animal (not your location) before proceeding!

NEXT

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Turdus migratorius

American Robin

Photos



Click here to take a photo or upload a photo from your device.

A photo can help scientists verify this sighting

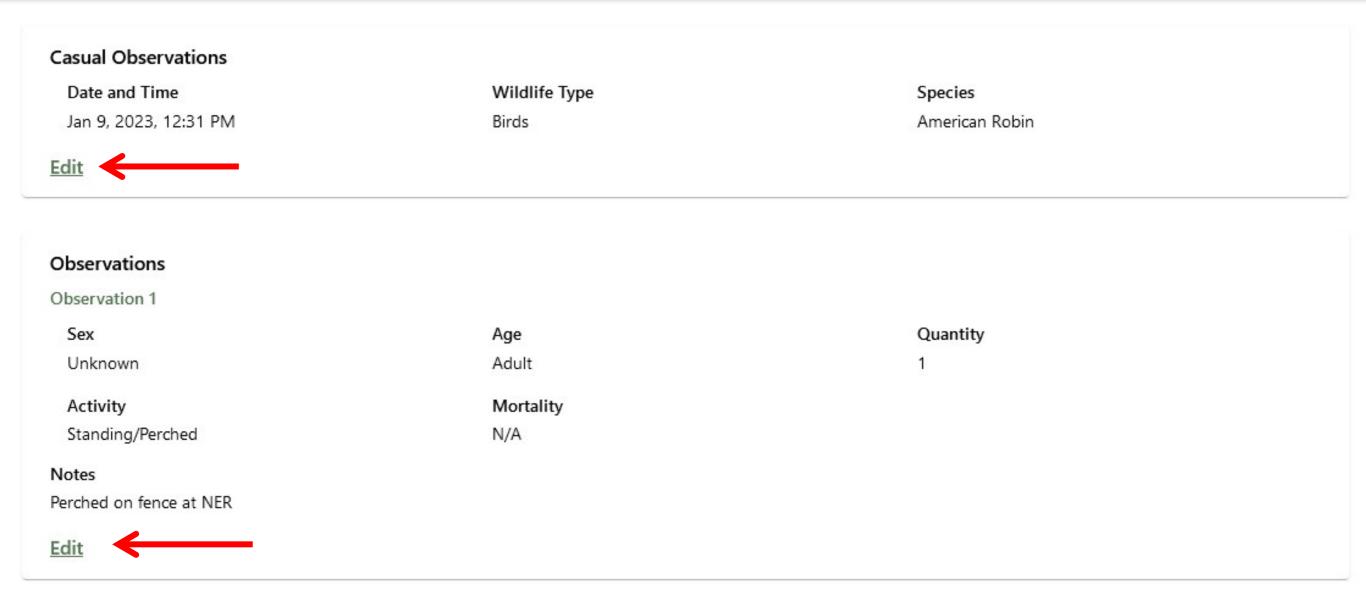
PREVIOUS

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REVIEW

Tip: Photos help our data vetters quickly verify your sightings. Your sighting with a photo could be featured in our monthly eNews!

Review Submission



CANCEL SUBMIT

Tip: Ensure that all data are correct before submitting. If you notice a mistake on your form, use the Edit button to fix the error.

Review Submission



Photos



CANCEL

SUBMIT

Congratulations! You have completed Observation #1!



OBSERVATION #2 - LIVE DEMO

SPECIES ID, DETAILS, AND DEFINITIONS



SPECIES ID: SQUIRRELS

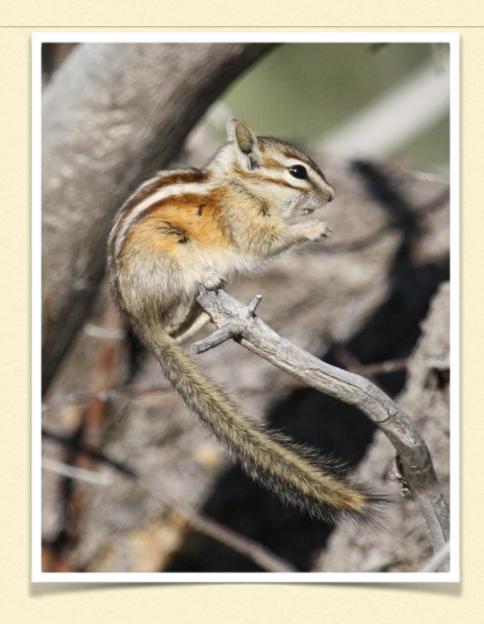




Uinta Ground Squirrel – "Chisler"

Golden Mantled Ground Squirrel

SPECIES ID: CHIPMUNKS



Least Chipmunk



Yellow Pine Chipmunk

SPECIES ID: RED SQUIRREL



SPECIES ID: AMERICAN BADGER



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SPECIES ID: WOLVERINE



SPECIES ID: YELLOW-BELLIED MARMOT



SPECIES ID: GRIZZLY AND BLACK BEARS

Know your bears!

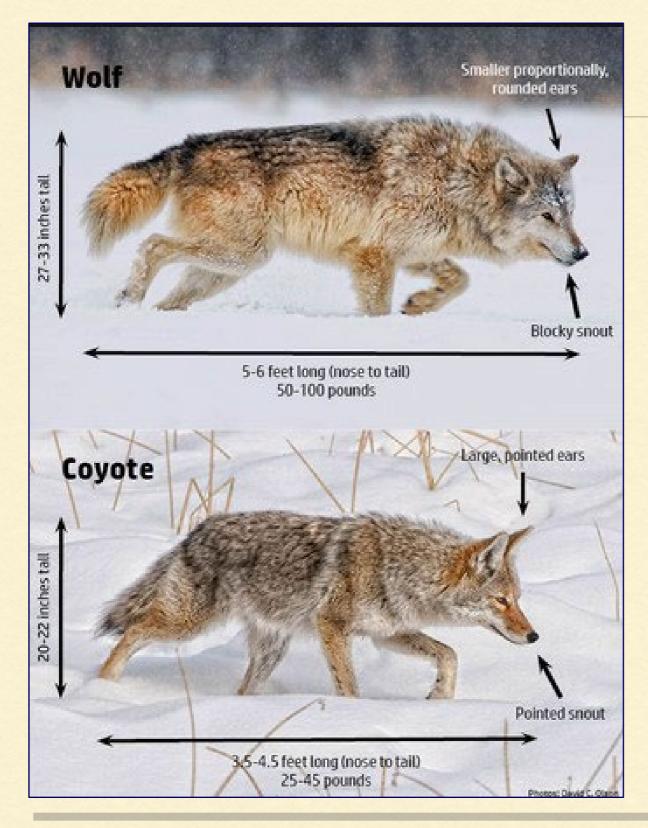


Color and Size can be misleading.

Look for a combination of characteristics.



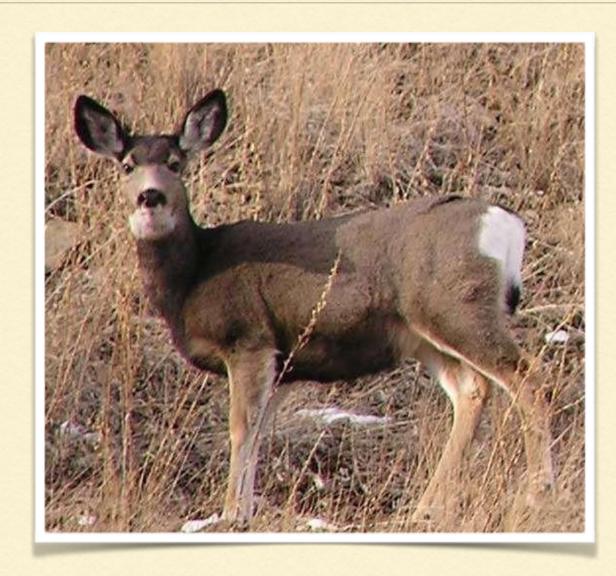
SPECIES ID: WOLVES AND COYOTES



Know your Canids!

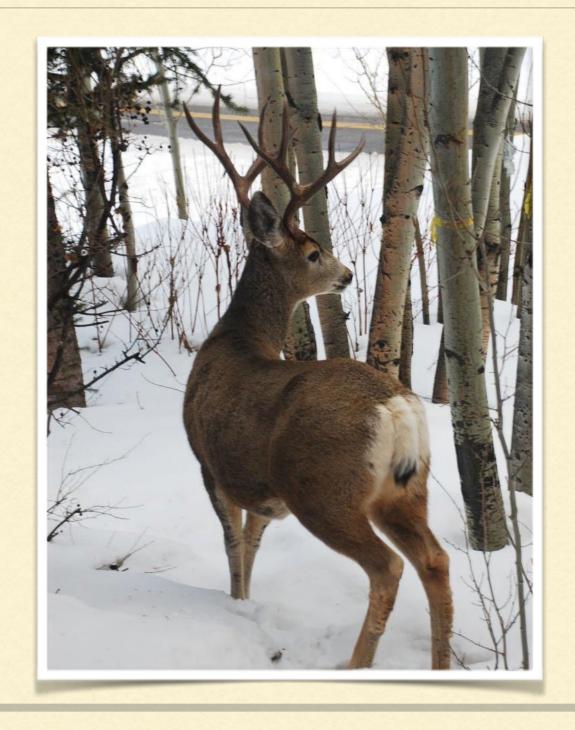


SPECIES ID: MULE DEER



1. Big ears 2. White tail with black tip

3. "Y" branching pattern to antlers





SPECIES ID: WHITE-TAILED DEER

- Smaller ears although hard
- Long tail with white underside
- Antlers branch from one main beam
- Mostly found in riparian areas on the West Bank, Gros Ventre River, near South Park and Alta



WHITE-TAIL VS. MULE DEER DOES



WHITE-TAIL VS. MULE DEER BUCKS



SPECIES ID: WHITE-TAIL VS. MULE





Main beam with single, vertical points Antler with multiple forks



SPECIES ID: ELK





- 1. Long main beam with tines
 - 2. Shaggy dark mane
 - 3. Buffy rump

SPECIES ID: ELK

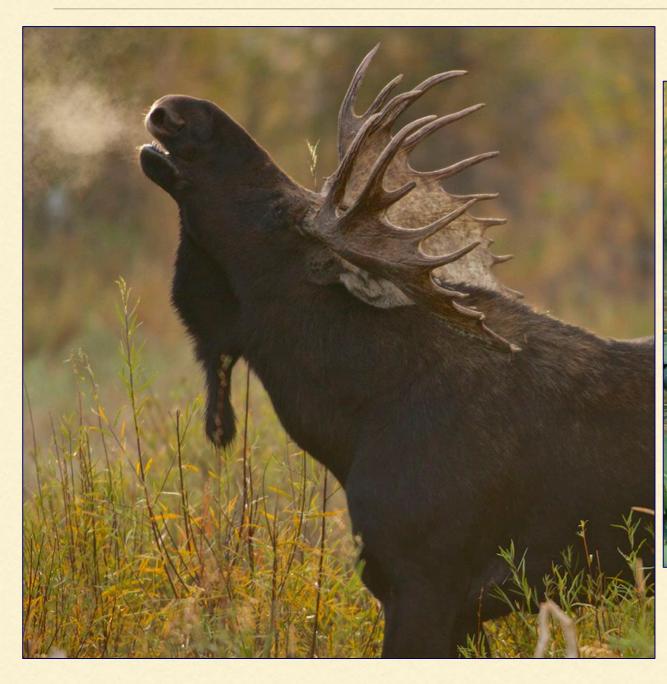






SPECIES ID: MOOSE

More on aging and sexing moose later!





SPECIES ID: AMERICAN GOLDFINCH



SPECIES ID:

Western Meadowlark





SPECIES ID: RAPTORS OF JH









SPECIES ID: GREAT GRAY OWL





SPECIES ID: GREAT HORNED OWL





- 1. Single facial disc, reddish face
- 2. Ear tufts (may be lowered)
- 3. Brownish color, but variable

Red-tailed Hawk

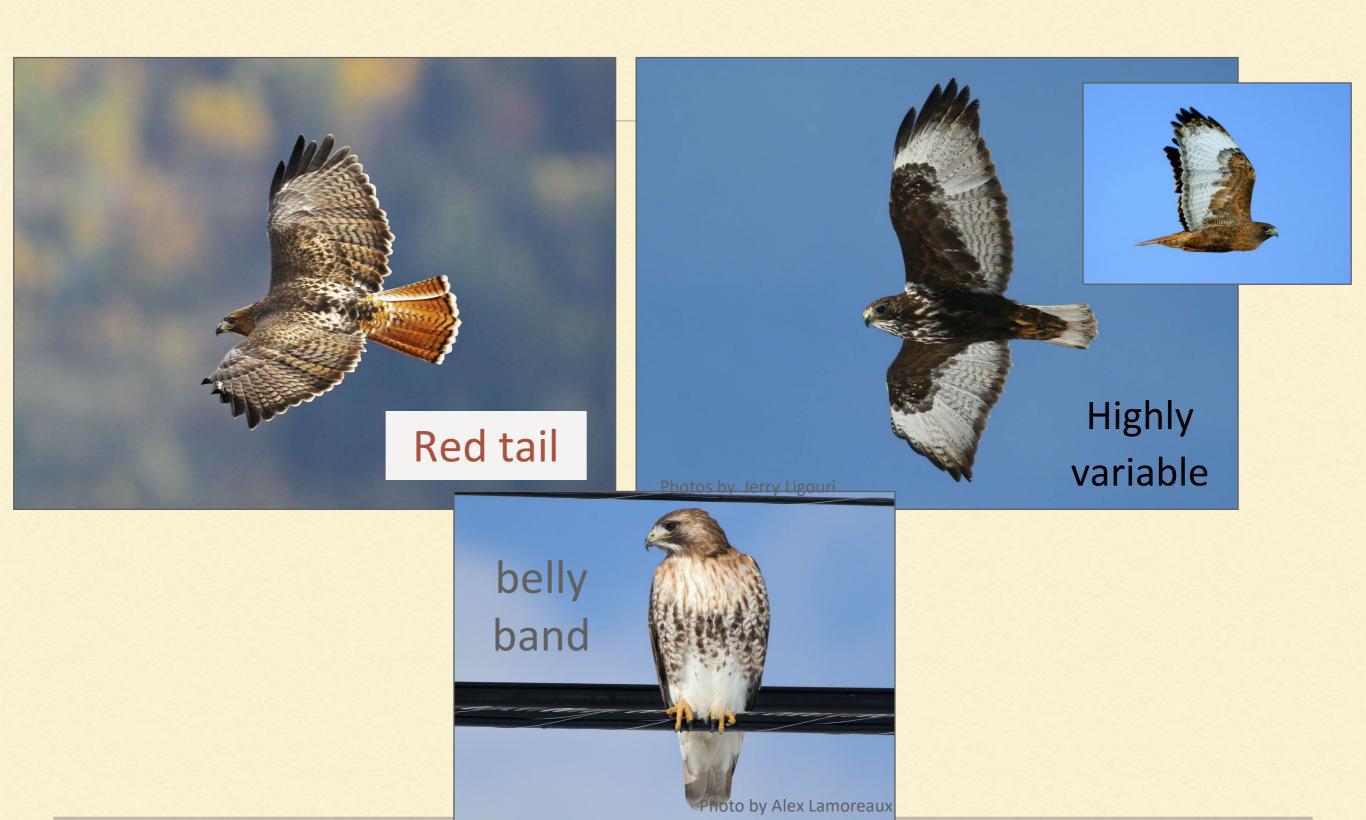


Red-tailed Hawk





SPECIES ID: RED-TAILED HAWK



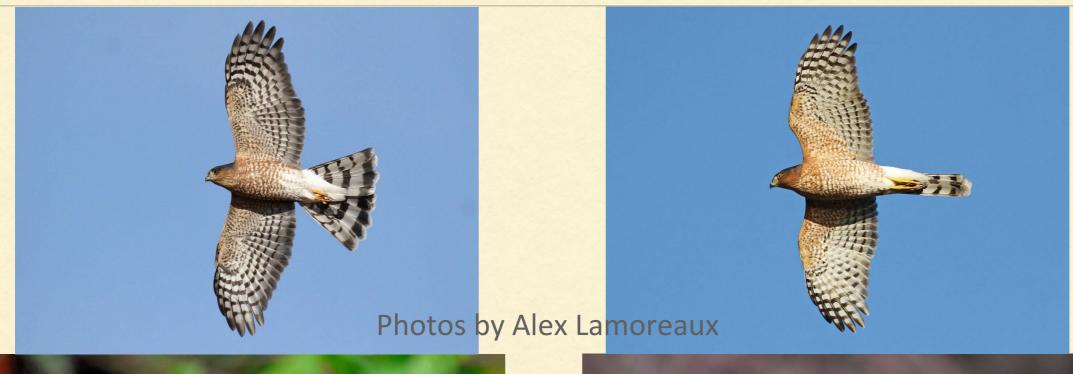
SPECIES ID: ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK



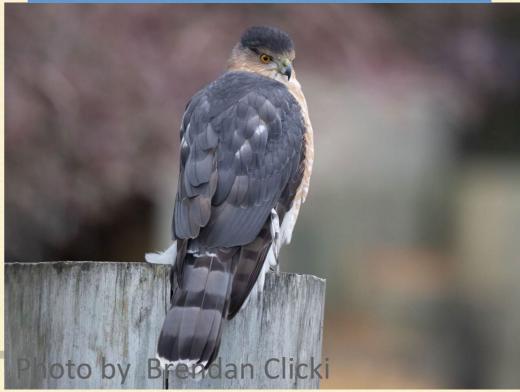




SPECIES ID: ACCIPITERS









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SPECIES ID: BALD EAGLE







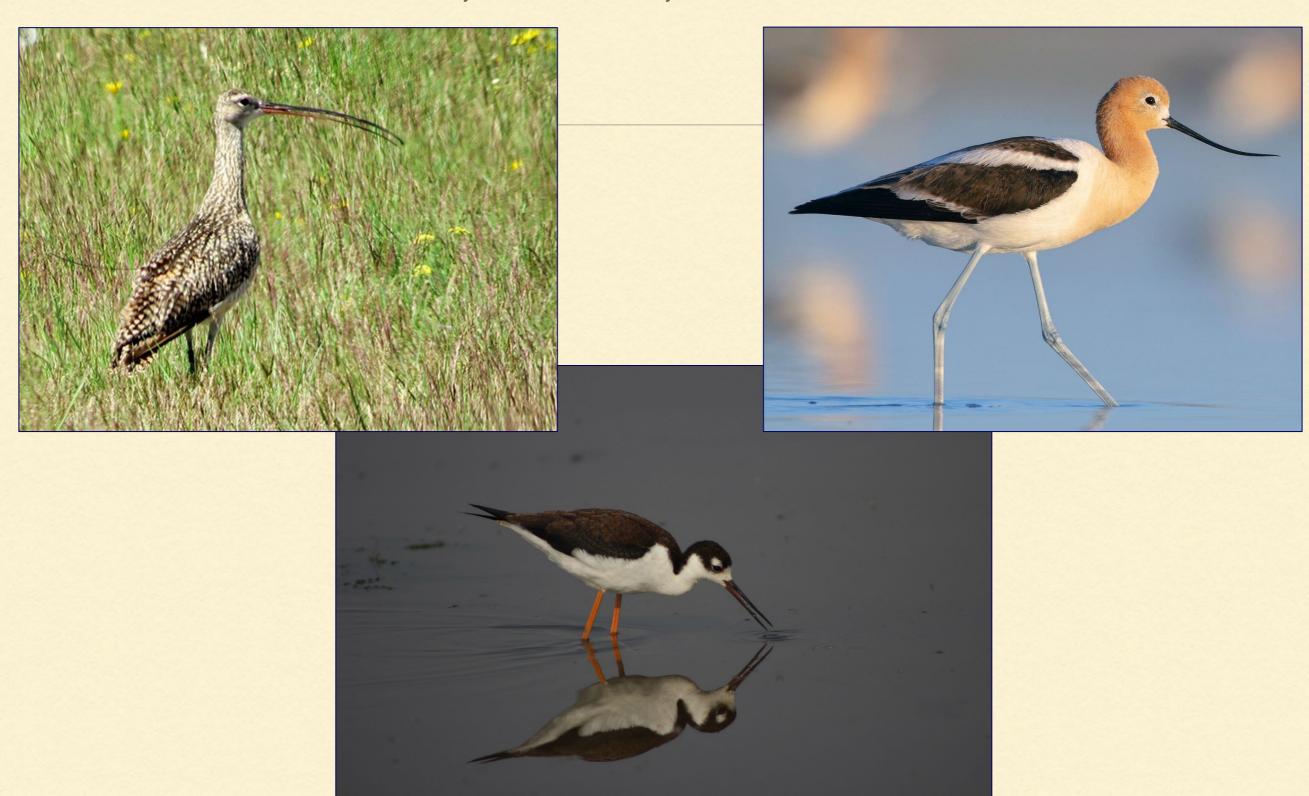
SPECIES ID: GOLDEN EAGLE



WHICH EAGLE IS WHICH?



SPECIES ID: CURLEW, AVOCET, AND STILT



SPECIES ID: TRINGA SANDPIPERS



Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs



Solitary Sandpiper

SPECIES ID: BAIRD'S SANDPIPER



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SPECIES ID: LEAST SANDPIPER



SPECIES ID: WESTERN SANDPIPER



SPECIES ID: SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER



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SPECIES ID: NORTHERN SHRIKE



SPECIES ID: STELLER'S JAY



SPECIES ID:





Black-capped

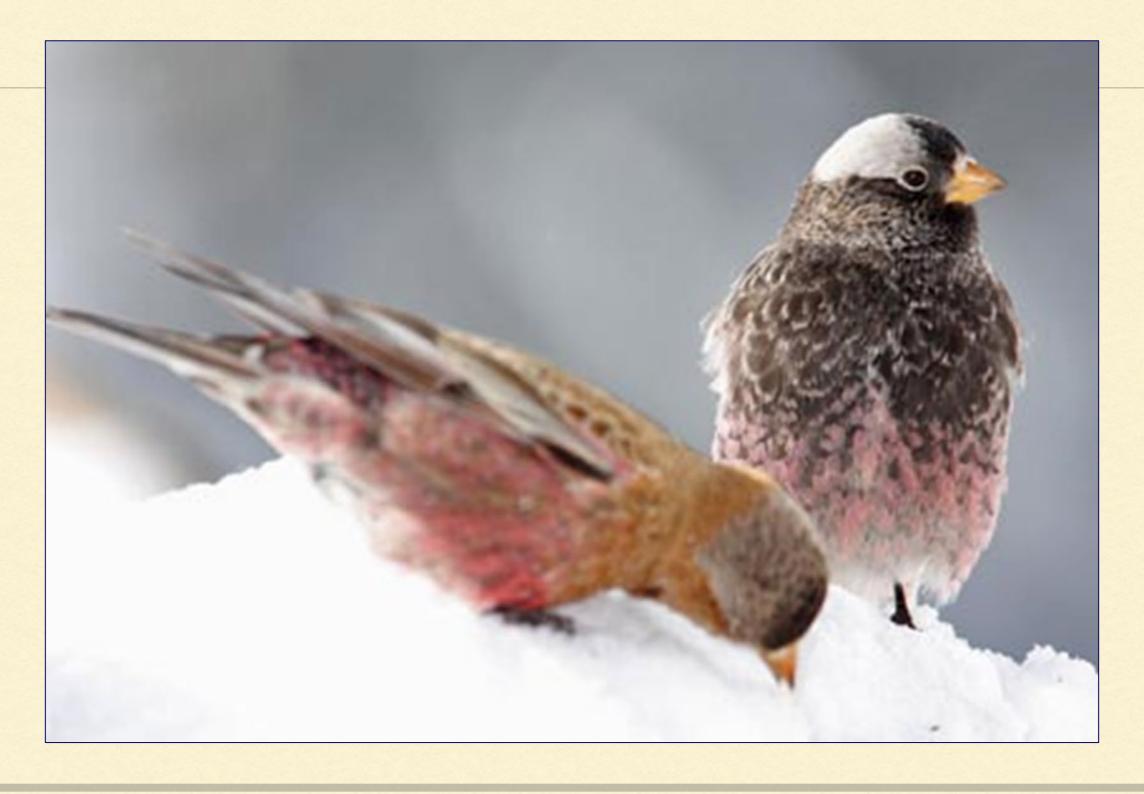
Mountain

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SPECIES ID: WAXWINGS



SPECIES ID: BLACK ROSY-FINCH



SPECIES ID: DARK-EYED JUNCOS



Pink-sided



Oregon

SPECIES ID: RED CROSSBILL



SPECIES ID: EVENING GROSBEAK



SPECIES ID: COMMON REDPOLL



Photo by Mollie Langdon



Photo by Ryan Schain

SPECIES ID: YELLOW WARBLER



SPECIES ID: WILSON'S WARBLER





SPECIES ID: WESTERN TANAGER



SPECIES ID: TOWNSEND'S WARBLER



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SPECIES ID: AMERICAN REDSTART



SPECIES ID: WESTERN TOAD



SPECIES ID: BOREAL CHORUS FROG



SPECIES ID: SNAKES - ONLY 3



Gartersnake: Wandering – more common



Rubber Boa

Gartersnake: Valley – Rare

SPECIES ID: WESTERN TIGER SALAMANDER





SEX: UNKNOWN

The sex of many species cannot be determined or observed:

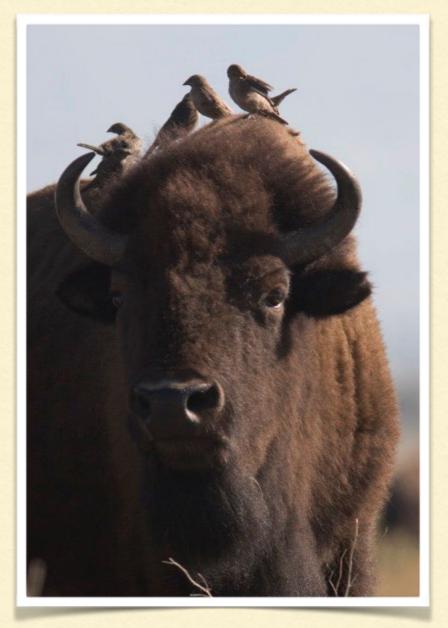
- Squirrels
- Swans
- Snakes
- Many songbirds and raptors



SEX: BISON MALE VS. FEMALE



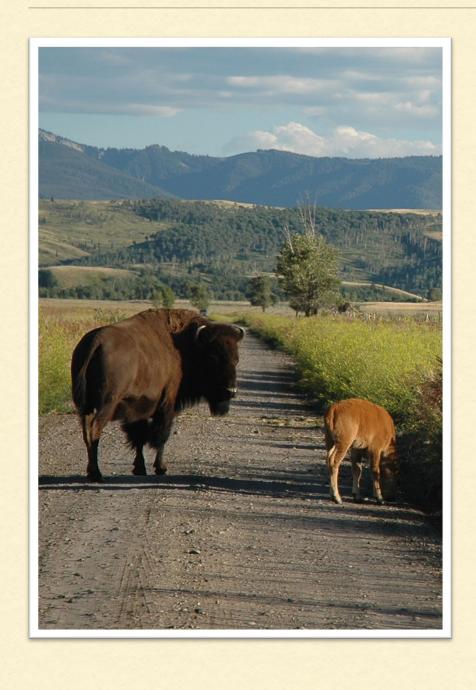
Male: Less curved horns



Female: More curved horns

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SEX: BISON





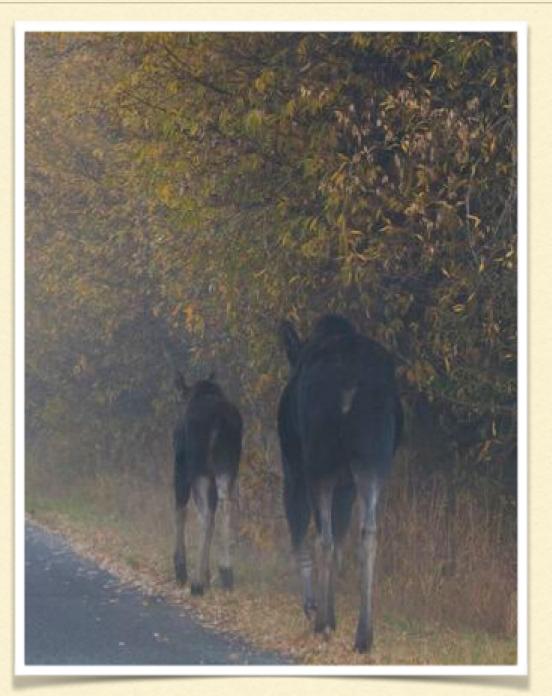
SEX: MOOSE MALE





SEX: MOOSE FEMALE





SEX: PRONGHORN



Male



Female

SEX: BARROW'S GOLDENEYE



Male Female

SEX: MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD





Male Female

SEX: AMERICAN KESTREL



Male

AGE: UNKNOWN/MIXED



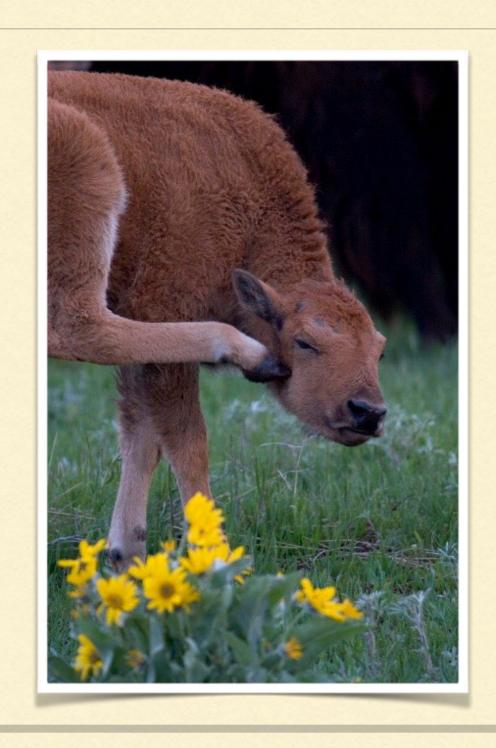
If large group (+/or little time): Unknown/Mixed

AGE: JUVENILES

- Juveniles: Young of the year
- Usually born after May 15th
- If don't know = Unknown



AGE: BISON JUVENILE (L) YEARLING (R)







AGE: JUVENILES

Subadults:

- Second spring to fourth spring
- Can be hard
- If not sure = Unknown
- Can add comments, too,
 e.g. immature bald



AGE: ANTLER SIZE DOES NOT TELL ALL





AGE: MOOSE JUVENILE OR ADULT?

- Moose should be classified as adults or juveniles
- Cannot distinguish yearlings based on size
- Moose pictured right is adult male, even though small



ACTIVITY:

- Resting/roosting
- Feeding
- Standing
- Walking
- Running
- Flying
- Swimming

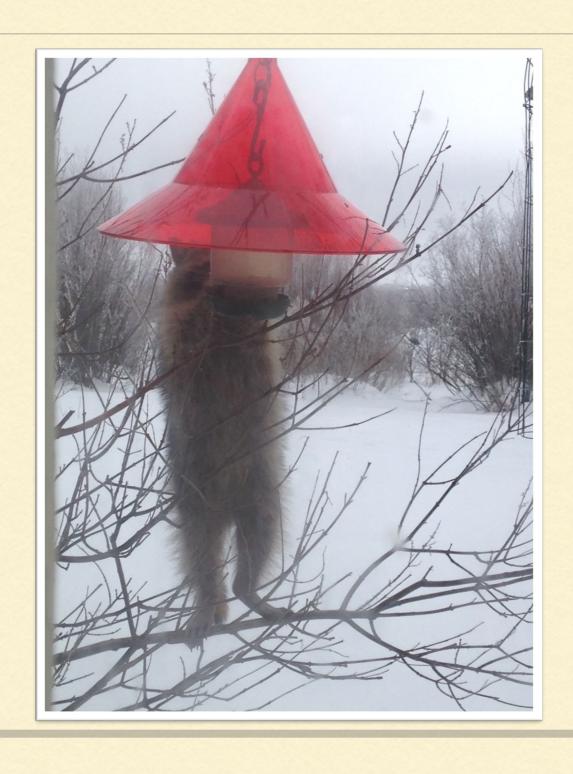


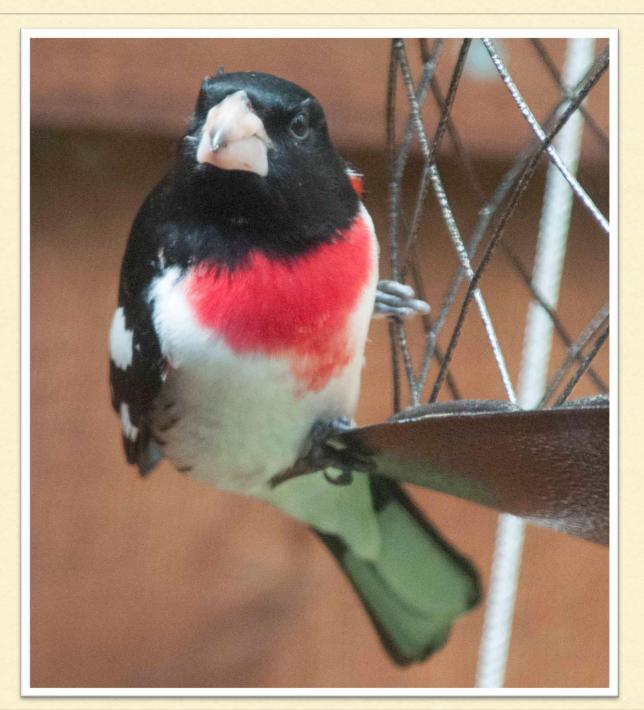
ACTIVITY: SIGN (TRACK/SCAT)





ACTIVITY: ACTIVE BIRD FEEDER







ACTIVITY: REPRODUCTION (BREEDING)

In the act or courtship behavior







ACTIVITY: TERRITORIAL

- Singing
- Chasing





ACTIVITY: NESTING









ACTIVITY: UNDETERMINED

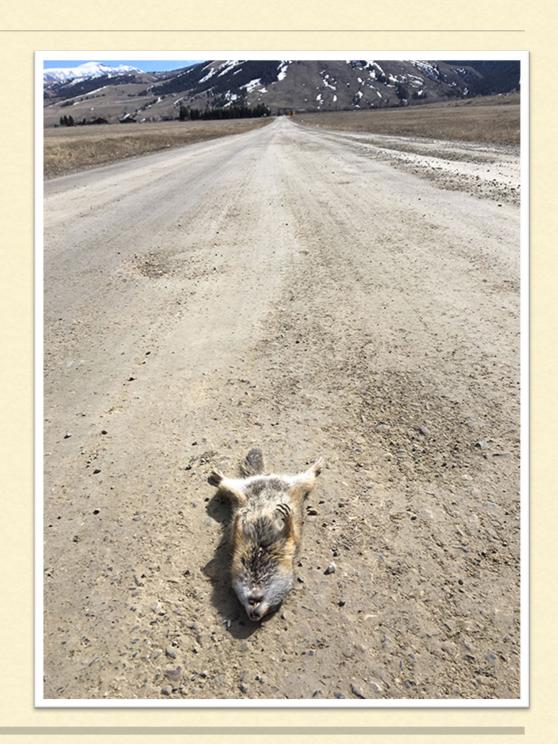
- Variable
- Heard only



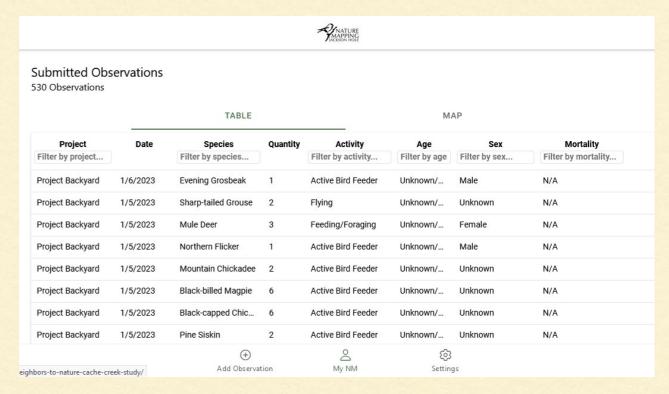


MORTALITY:

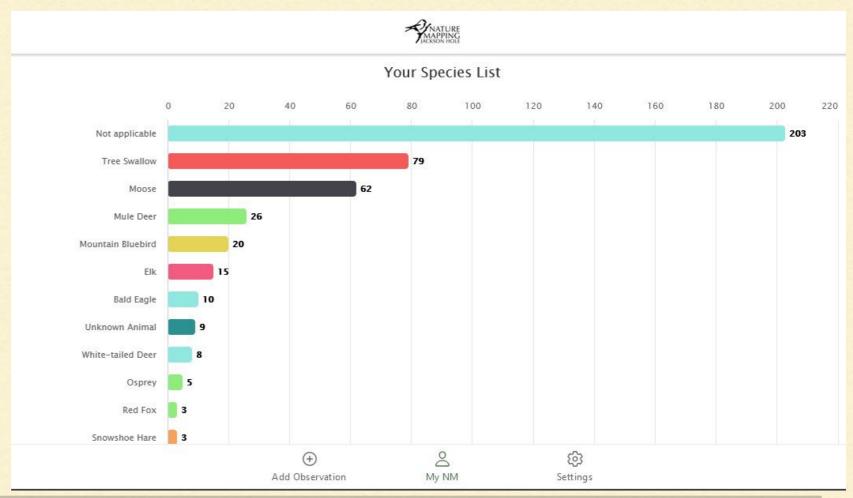
- Cause Undetermined
- Fence
- Serious injury
- Powerline/ Electrocution
- Accident Vehicle
- Predation
- Window Collision



GETTING YOU GOING



- Create an Account
- Login
- Settings
- Practice



FINDING THE NATURE MAPPING WEBSITE

NATURE MAPPING LOGIN



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Thanks for a great year!

From wildlife-friendlier fence projects deep in the Gros

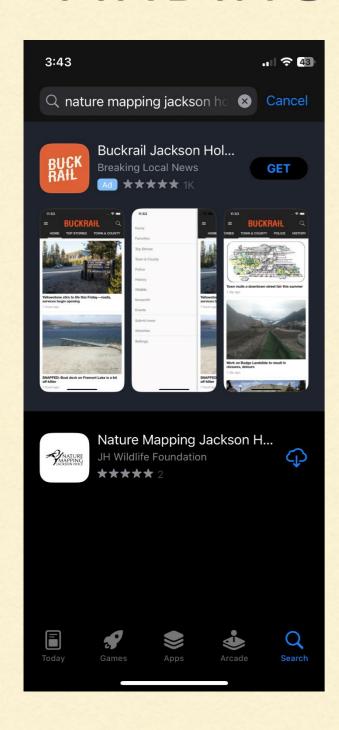
Ventre wilderness to maintaining bluebird nestboxes on the

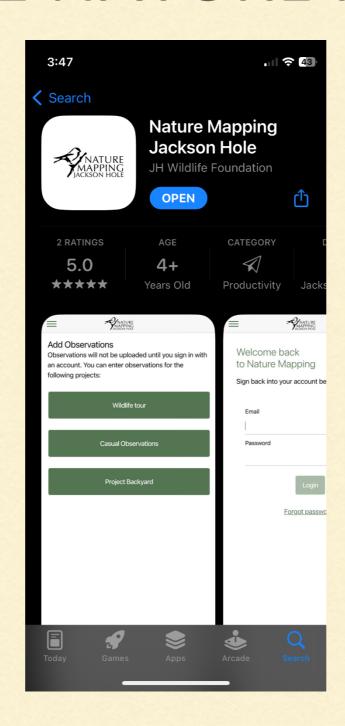
National Elk Refuge, learn what kept us busy in 2022 in this

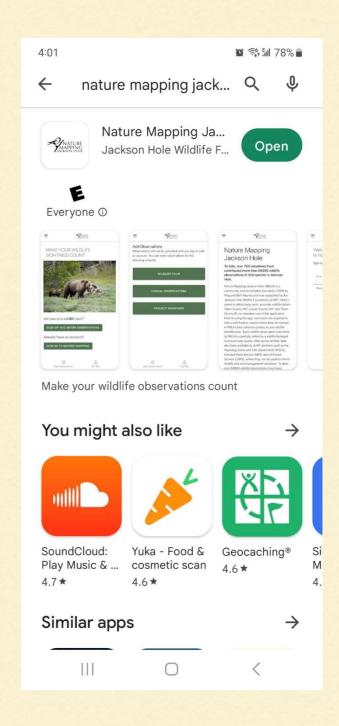
end-of-year success report!

Start at our Home Page: jhwildlife.org

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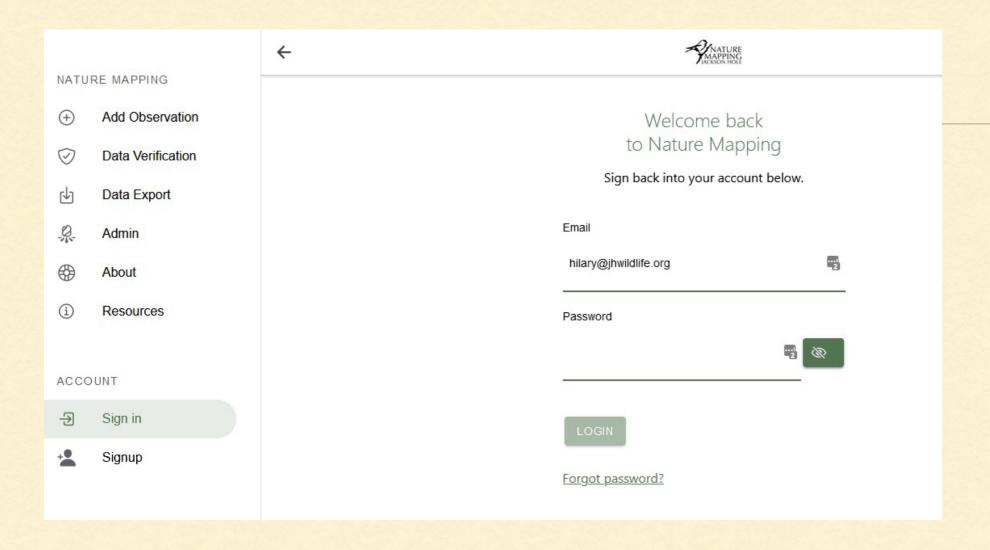






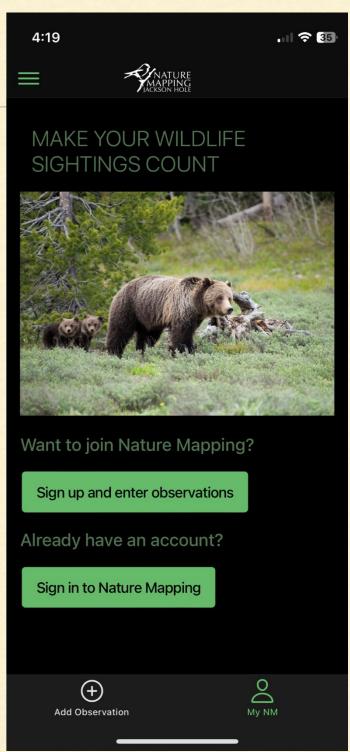
Search for "Nature Mapping Jackson Hole" in your App Store

LOGGING IN TO NATURE MAPPING

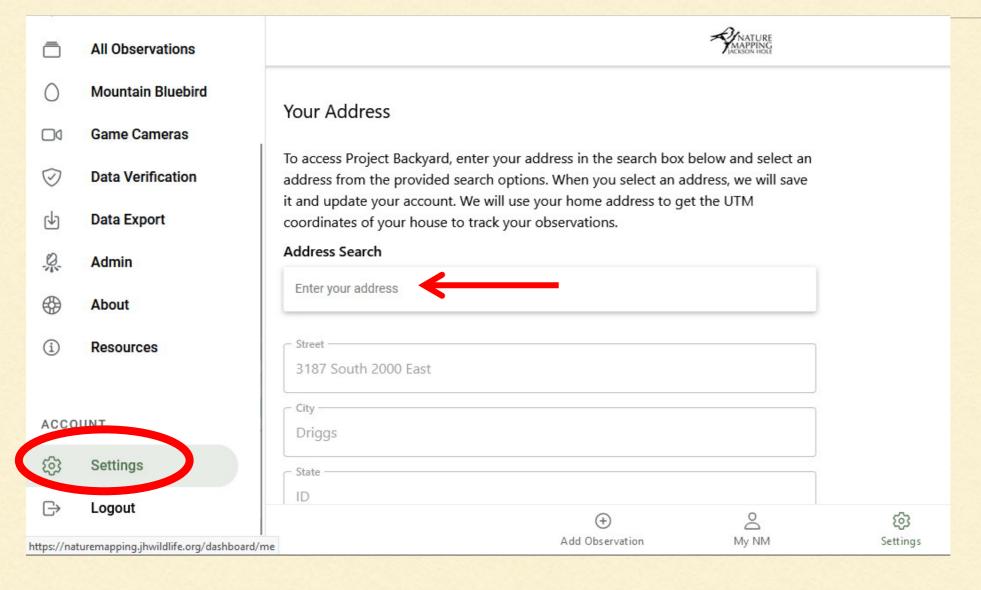


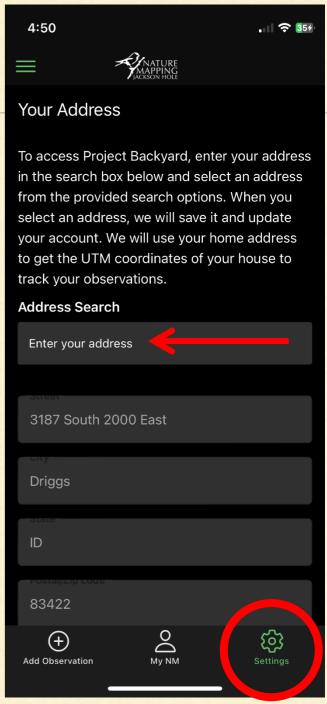
Username (email address) and password are case sensitive

If logging in for the first time, a Verification Code will be sent to your email



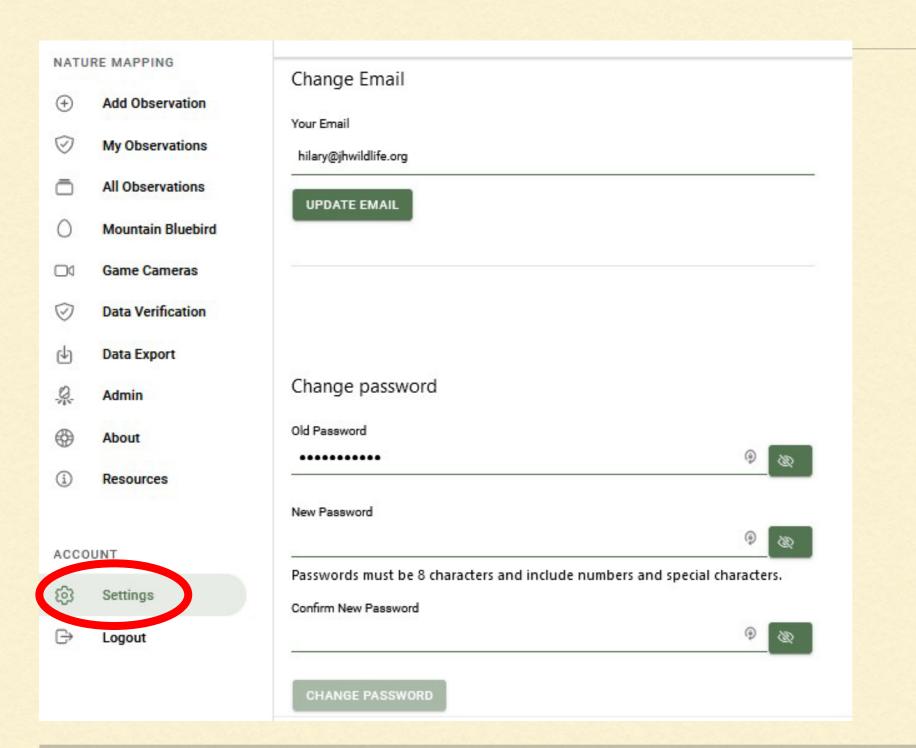
SETTING UP YOUR PROFILE

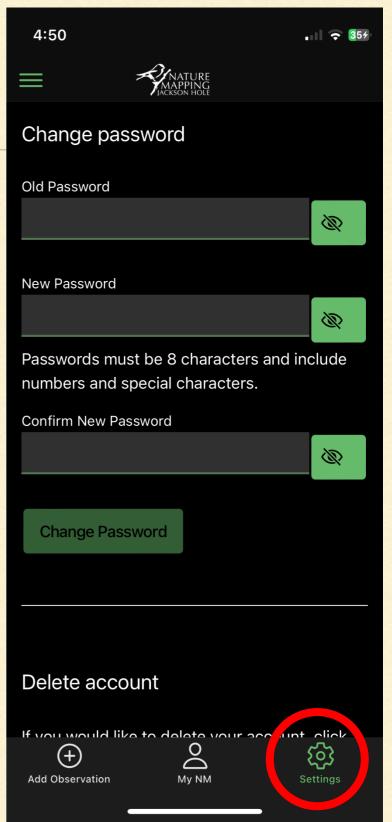




Add your address to your profile for access to Project Backyard

RESETTING YOUR PASSWORD

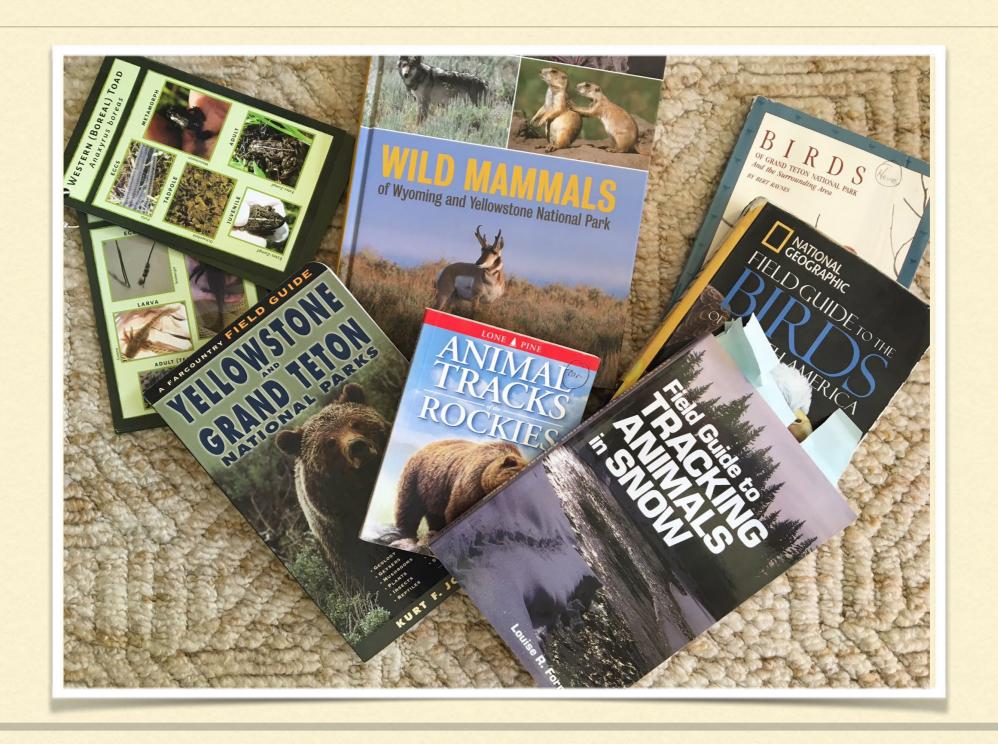




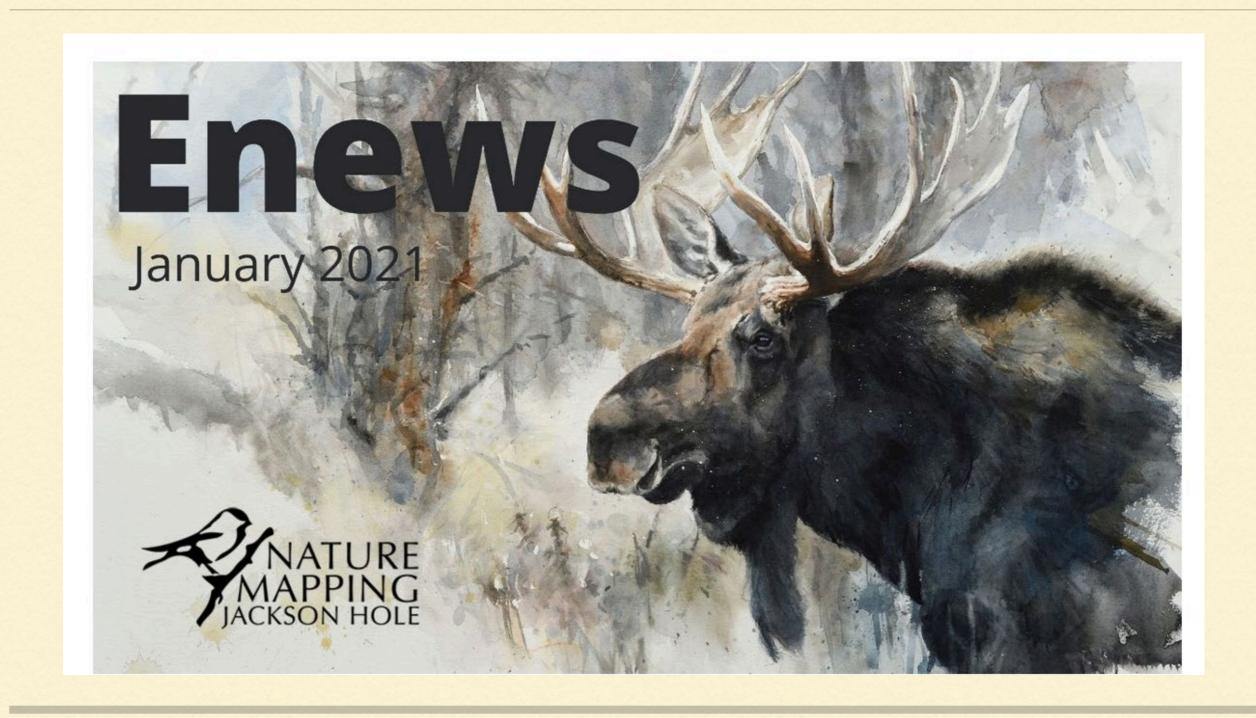
Your turn! Enter an observation you brought to class



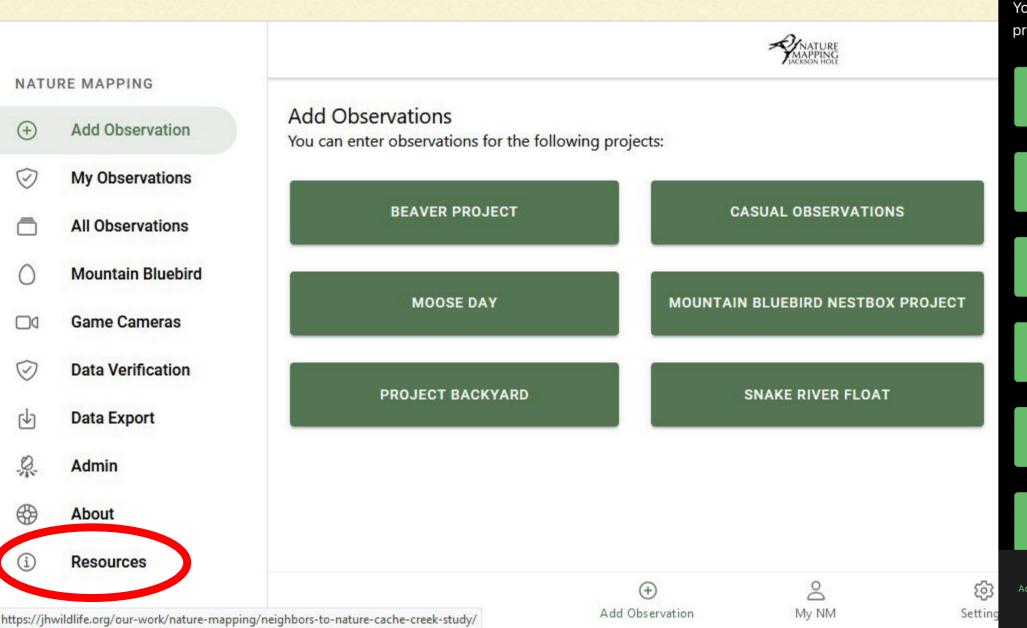
RESOURCES: GUIDE BOOKS

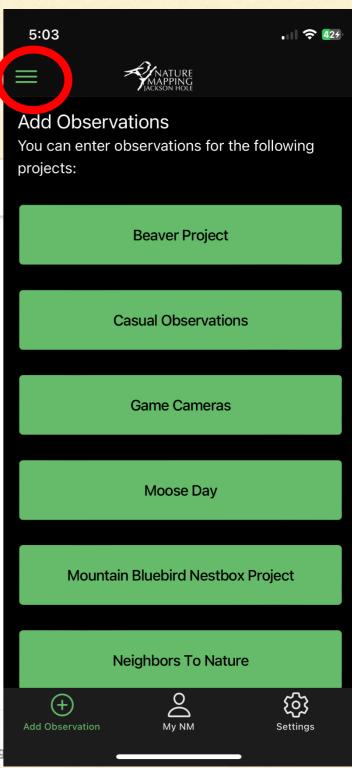


RESOURCES: NMJH E-NEWS



RESOURCES: JHWILDLIFE.ORG





Access resources for Nature Mappers from the app and website

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Quick Tips for Nature Mappers

Veteran Nature Mappers will notice changes to the data entry platform starting October 14th, 2019. These changes are designed as upgrades to improve user experience by allowing citizenscientists to submit wildlife observations "offline" on mobile devices. The upgrades also enable users to submit photos with their observations, add specialized projects with custom data fields, and enhance the platform's overall security. Read the press release.

To enter your wildlife observations, you'll need to navigate to naturemapping.jhwildlife.org or use one of the links provided on this website. The links and resource materials on this page

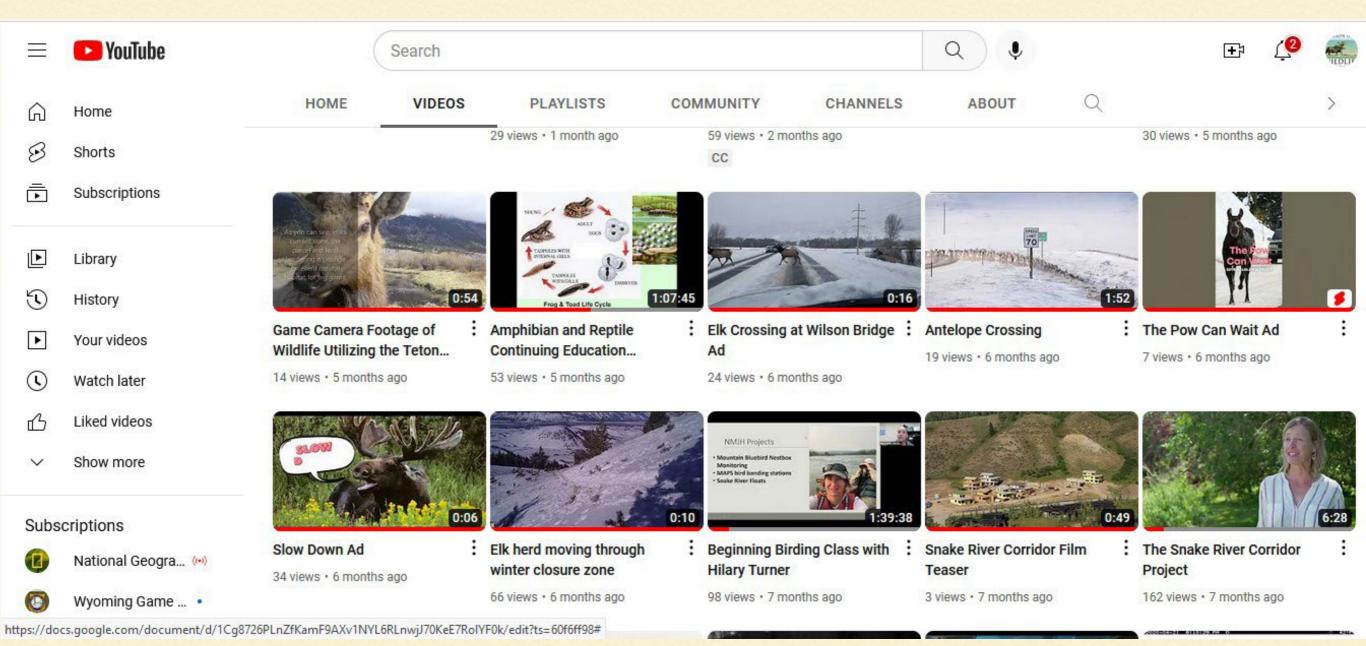
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https://jhwildlife.org

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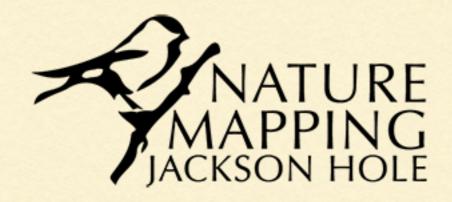
RESOURCES: JHWF YOUTUBE



RESOURCES: NMJH COMMUNITY



THANK YOU FOR BECOMING CERTIFIED NATURE MAPPERS!





"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks."

- John Muir