

Your reported observations can support a better understanding of wild bird mortality!

ANNOTATING BIRDS AS 'DEAD' IN INATURALIST HELPS!

An animal pandemic caused by the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus is underway. Tens of thousands if not millions of wild birds have died worldwide, but the true number is unknown. If you annotate your iNaturalist observations of dead birds as DEAD in the web browser, these records will automatically be captured in iNaturalist projects that have been set up to support our understanding of wild bird mortality (E.g., here). This complements formal reporting channels that exist in Canada2, the USA3 and elsewhere.

HOW TO ENSURE YOUR OBSERVATION GETS INCLUDED:

STEP ONE



If you find a dead bird, proceed with recording the observation in the iNaturalist app as normal.

The observation must include a photo.







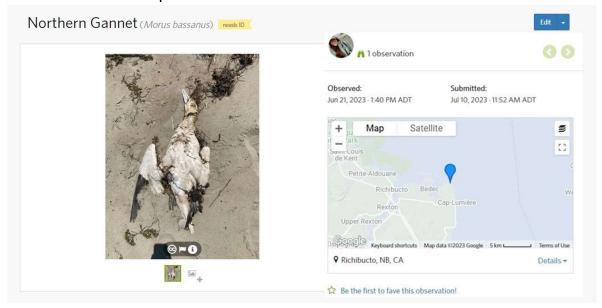
Using the WEB BROWSER version of iNaturalist, annotate the observation as 'DEAD'.

See next page for step-by-step instructions.

- 1. https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/beached-birds
- 2. https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-game-bird-hunting/avian-influenza-wild-birds.html#toc2
- 3. https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/fs-hpai-dead-wild-bird.508.pdf

Instructions for annotating your observation as 'DEAD' in iNaturalist.

1. Record observation using the iNaturalist, as you normally would. Be sure to include a photo of the bird.



2. To **annotate the observation**, you must login to the **WEB BROWSER** version of iNaturalist. This can be done using the internet browser on your phone or from a computer.

