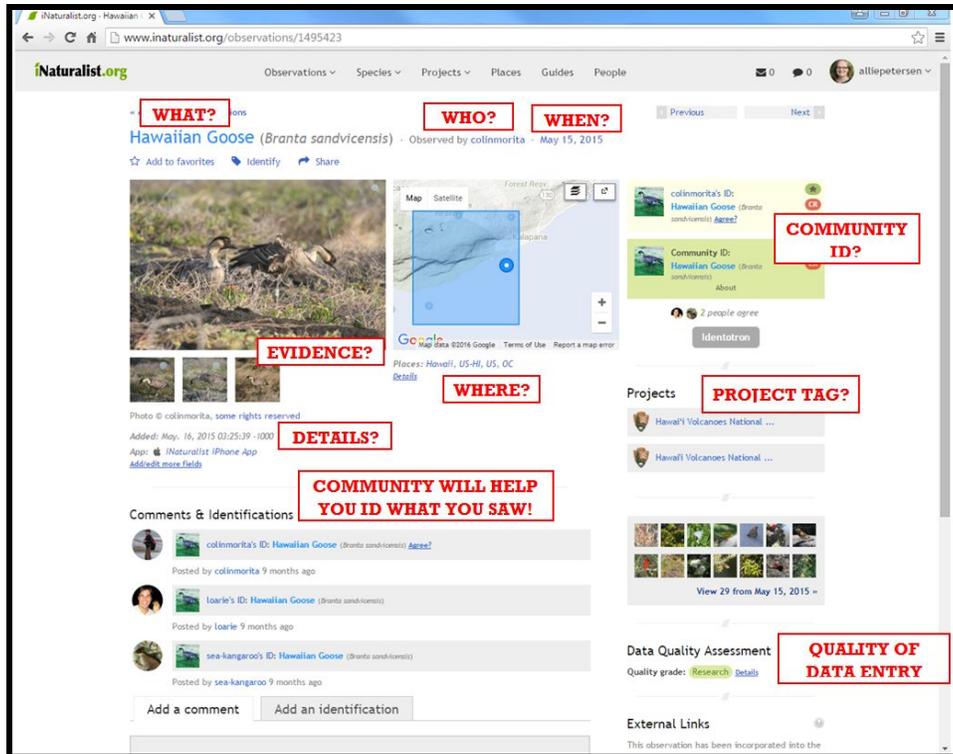


## Parts of an iNaturalist Observation (website view)

iNaturalist observations include many details that are crucial to creating a quality species observation. See further explanations below.



- **WHAT:** Species identification - Common name and scientific name.
- **WHO:** iNaturalist user who recorded the observation.
- **WHEN:** Date (and time) species observation was recorded. Automatically added when you use a mobile device.
- **WHERE:** Georeferenced location of where species was observed. Automatically added when you use a mobile device with GPS capabilities and allow iNaturalist to use your location.
- **EVIDENCE:** Photograph(s) of species observed (or sound recordings).
- **DETAILS:** You may add additional details to your observation such as distinctive characteristics of the organism or details about the surrounding location.
- **COMMUNITY ID:** When other iNaturalist users verify your identification, their agreements will appear here.
- **PROJECT TAG:** If your observation falls in the temporal and spatial parameters of an established iNaturalist project it will automatically be added to that project.
- **COMMUNITY WILL HELP YOU ID WHAT YOU SAW:** Other iNaturalist users can enter comments and identification help here.
- **QUALITY OF DATA ENTRY:** Observations fall in different quality grades based on the details provided and number of users who agree with the identification. We're aiming for "[Research Grade](#)" observations so they can be used by the National Park Service for management and education.

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