

iNaturalistUK

User Group Survey

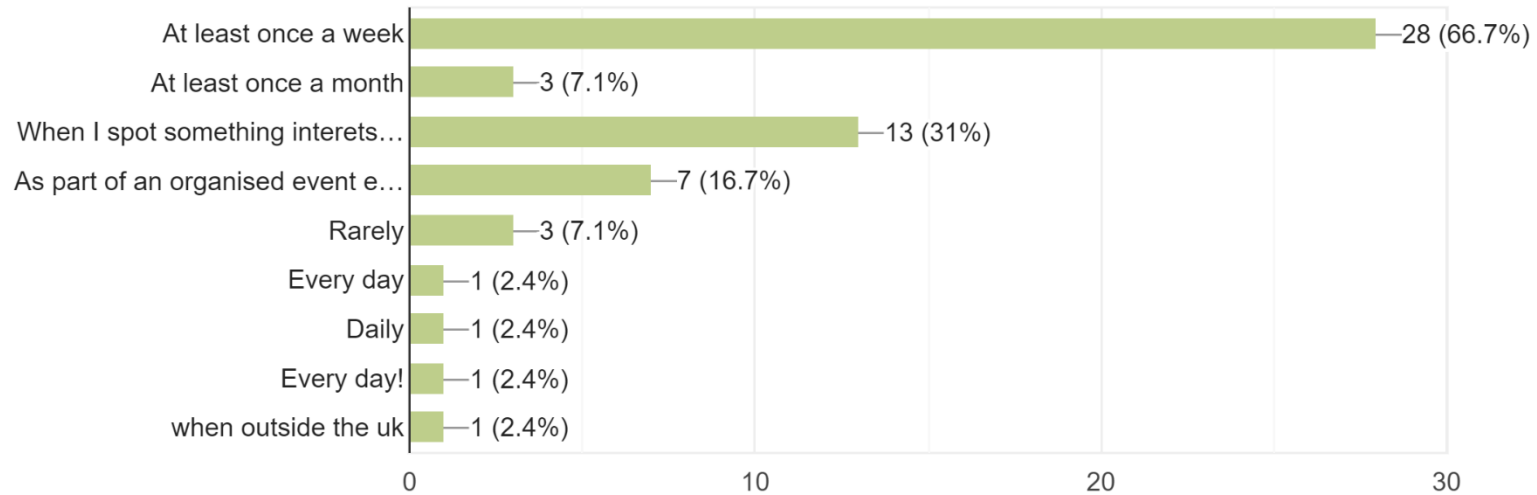


**A DRAFT SUMMARY OF RESPONSES
FROM USER GROUP SURVEY
SEPTEMBER 2021**



How often do you currently use iNaturalist / iNaturalistUK?

42 responses

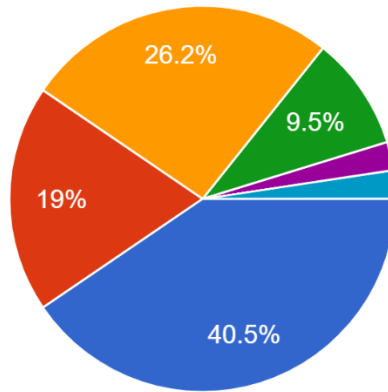


Other recording tools



Is iNaturalist / iNaturalistUK your main recording tool?

42 responses



- Yes - I don't use anything else
- Yes – but I also add sightings on other Apps / websites
- No – I tend to use other recording tools
- Depends on the species / event / observation
- In truth I am not doing a lot of recording but I am running a project
- Yes. I have used iRecord on and off but am unsure now whether it makes sense...

Other Recording Tools



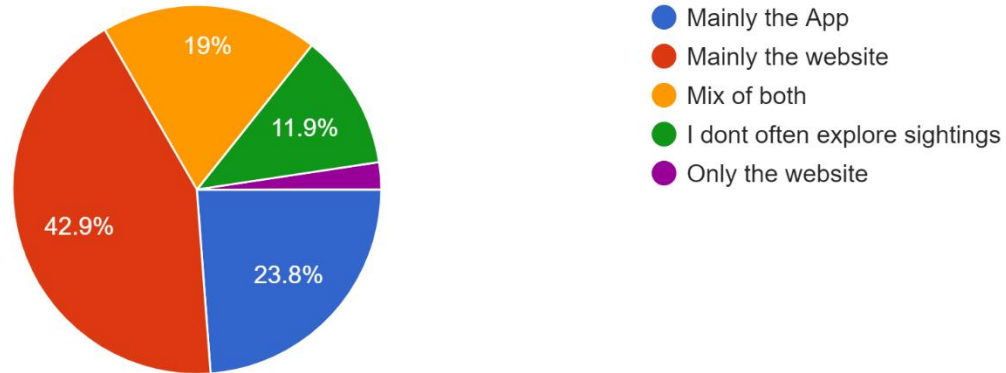
- iRecord
- Own spreadsheet / data bases
- Specialist e.g. BirdTrack; Record Pool; FRDBI
- LERC's / Recorder6
- 'Event' tools e.g. Big Butterfly Count, Flying Ants
- Diptera Forum, Facebook

Exploring sightings



Do you use the App or the website when exploring sightings made by yourself or others?

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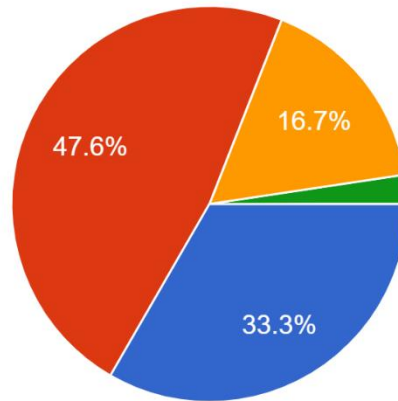


iNaturalistUK - identifying



Do you help with identifying sightings on iNaturalist / iNaturalistUK?

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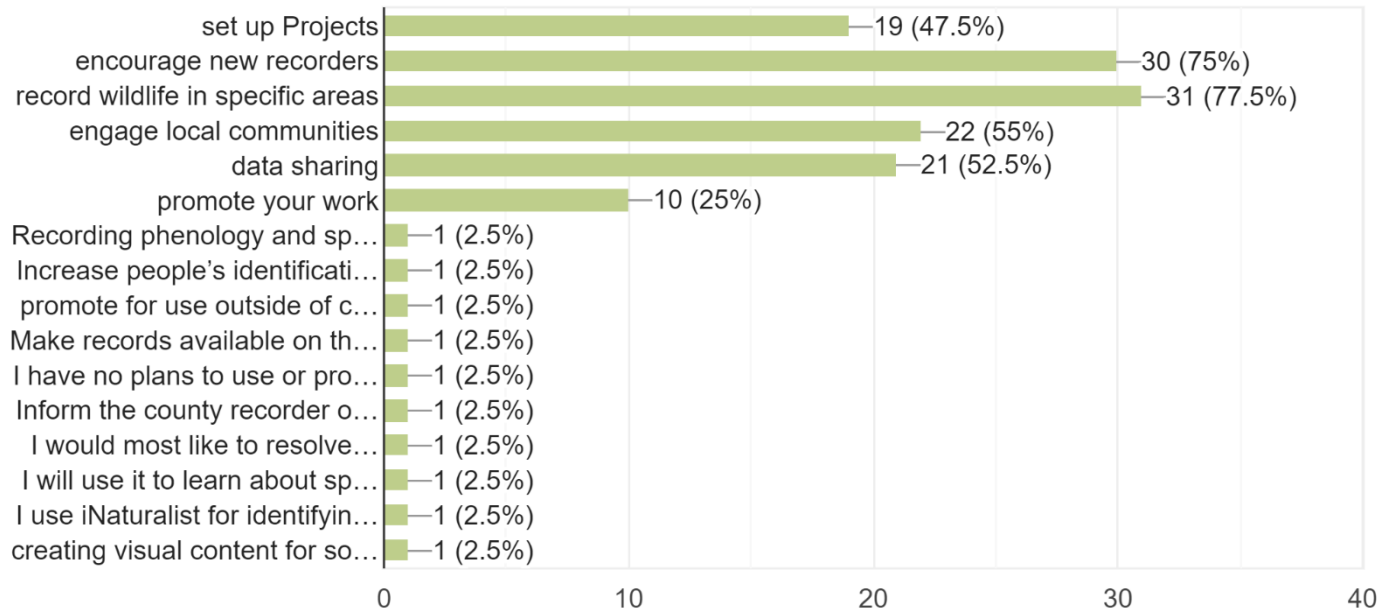


- Yes - on a regular basis
- Yes - sometimes
- No
- very rarely, and usually only in connection with iNat observations that have been brought into iRecord

iNaturalistUK uses



The following is a list of suggestions, tick any that apply and add your own ideas
40 responses





- Aid to ID species
- Develop ID skills
- Engage schools / children
- iNaturalistUK is a 'bridge' to other data bases
- Use as a media storage

How can we help?



- Data sharing
- Data flow
- Reduce burden on validators
- Training guides; specific UK guidance

Ideas for improvements



- Increased functions on the App e.g. annotations
- Improvements to ‘seen nearby’ suggestions
- Warnings where species hard to ID from a photo
- Default licence be more open
- Location data improvements
- More engagement from UK verifiers / species experts

The not so good



- There are other alternatives
- Small number / no verifiers for some species
- Comments by the community can be off putting
- Limited AI for some species
- Lack of data flow from iNaturalist
- Lack of engagement generally
- May be daunting for new recorders
- Limitation in relation to marine species

Survey Summary



- Has benefits as tool to encourage recording and engage new recorders
- Need to promote full potential of existing capabilities
- Need to establish the data flow route
- Need to reduce burden on verifiers
- Provide UK specific training, guidance and education
- Users want to be engaged in improving iNaturalistUK



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