



Parks Canada's Canada Day Species Scavenger Hunt



Parks Canada - Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area

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Activity: Canada Day Species Scavenger Hunt

Happy Canada Day Thunder Bay!

Did you know that just behind the Sleeping Giant there is a big protected area called the Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area (LSNMCA)? <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/amnc-nmca/on/super>



In 2021, the LSNMCA started an iNaturalist project <https://inaturalist.ca/projects/lake-superior-national-marine-conservation-area> to track populations of Lake Superior species. This free app lets anyone make observations which are then verified by local experts.

If you are travelling in the LSNMCA this Canada Day, help us conserve wild species! All you need is a camera and some time to spend next to the water.

We challenge you to find and post your own pictures of Canada-themed species and contribute to community science on Lake Superior!

Get Started:

1. Download the iNaturalist app from your phone's app store.



THE EASY WAY TO BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST!

Record your wildlife observations and help contribute to conservation in Canada. **Download your free iNaturalist.ca app today. It's so easy:**

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1
DOWNLOAD
iNaturalist on iPhone, Android or computer.
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2
CREATE
your account.
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3
Using your smartphone, **SNAP PHOTOS** of wildlife and plants.
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4
ADD IN DETAILS
(App instantly suggests species ID)
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5
SAVE and UPLOAD
your observation.
(Offline? The app stores the observation to upload online later)
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DONE! Check back to see if the iNaturalist community has identified your picture or commented.

Photo: Claude Robitoux



2. Join the 'Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area' project
<https://inaturalist.ca/projects/lake-superior-national-marine-conservation-area>



3. Complete the Canada Day Species Scavenger Hunt and upload your observations to iNaturalist, where they will automatically be added to the Lake Superior NMCA project and used by scientists to help protect species.

Canada Day Species Scavenger Hunt

While exploring the NMCA, try to find as many of these Canada-themed species as you can! The common species below all have the word Canada in their name or are red/white - our national colours. Post your photos or sound recordings (birds) on iNaturalist.

Canada goose	Red raspberry
Canada jay	Red columbine
Canada warbler	Bunchberry
Red-winged blackbird	Eastern white cedar
Red-eyed vireo	Lake whitefish
American white pelican	White sucker
White-throated sparrow	Cabbage white butterfly
Red osier dogwood	Seven-spotted ladybug
Showy mountain-ash	Mustard white butterfly

Things to Consider:

- Use the zoom on your camera to emphasize the plant, animal, insect you are observing.
- Only take photos of wild species you see outdoors.
- Take multiple photos of the species from different angles.
- Follow public health guidelines and Ontario's fishing regulations.
- Keep a safe distance from wildlife - never feed wildlife and stay on designated trails. For more information, check out the "Ten tips to respect wildlife and stay safe!"
<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/voyage-travel/conseils-tips/faune-wildlife>

4. Challenge Complete! But keep looking out for wild species on your travels in the NMCA and post observations on our iNaturalist project – we'd love to see what you find.



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