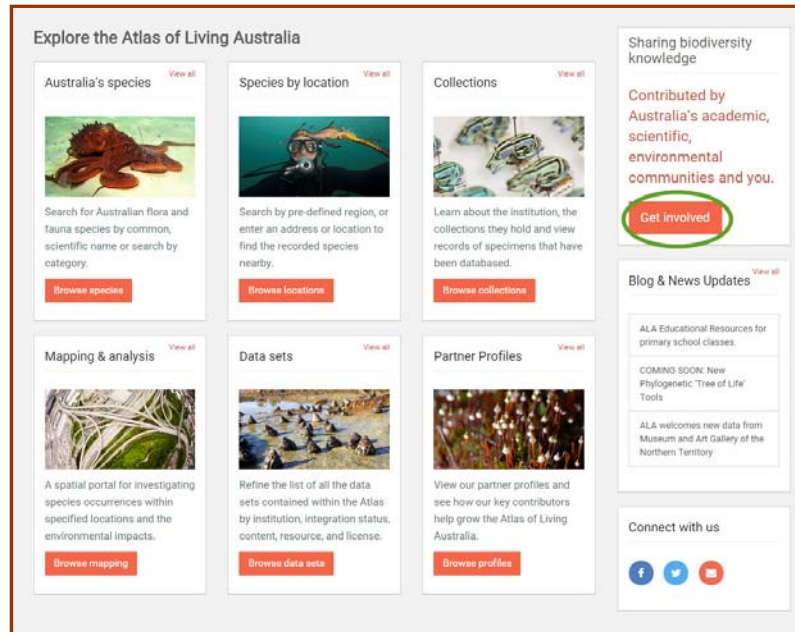# How to log a sighting

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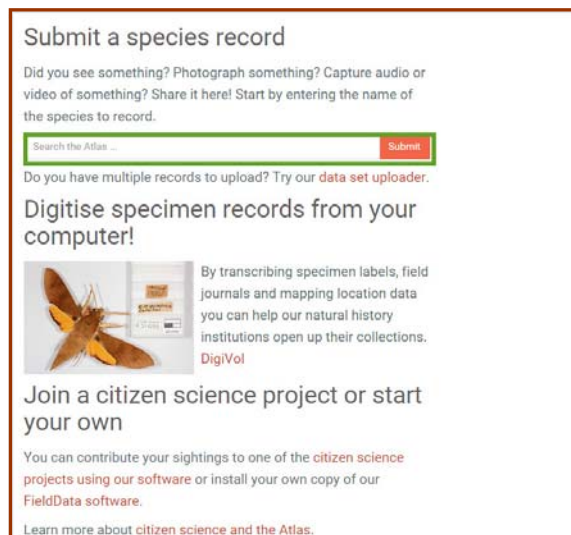**ALA User Guide 4**

Begin at the Atlas of Living Australia homepage. Select "Get involved".
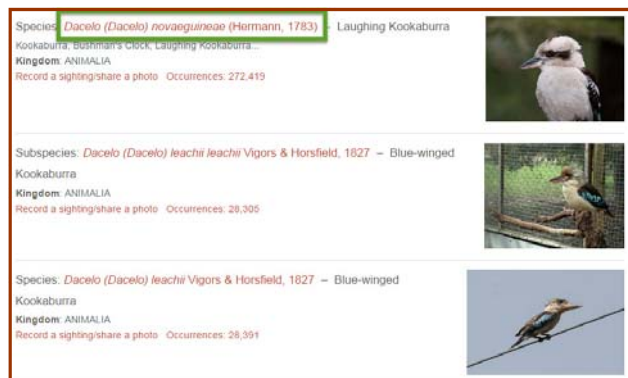

Type the species or common name into the box, then click search.

Select the species name

You can also get to the species page from the front page by searching or clicking on "Australia's species".
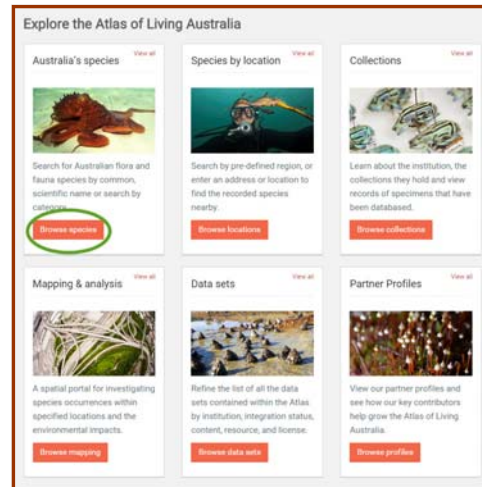
When the species page comes up, select "Record a sighting".
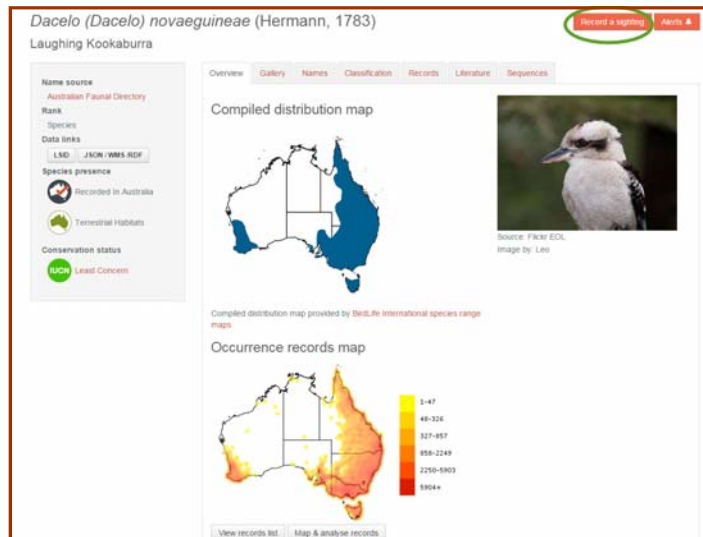
To record a sighting, you need to be registered and logged in to the ALA website. Enter your email and password here, or click on register if you haven't previously.
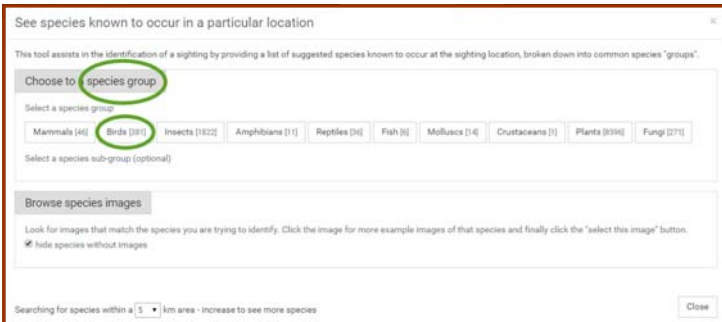
You need to enter all the details of your sighting. This includes specific details of where and when you saw the species and photographs if you have them.
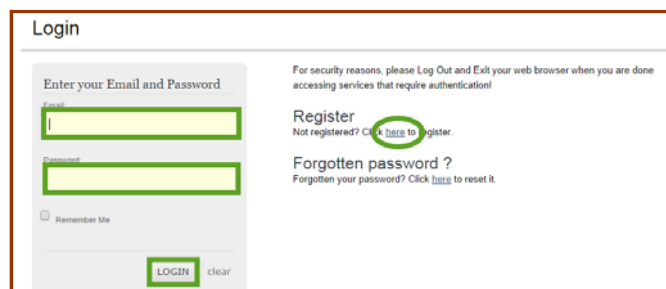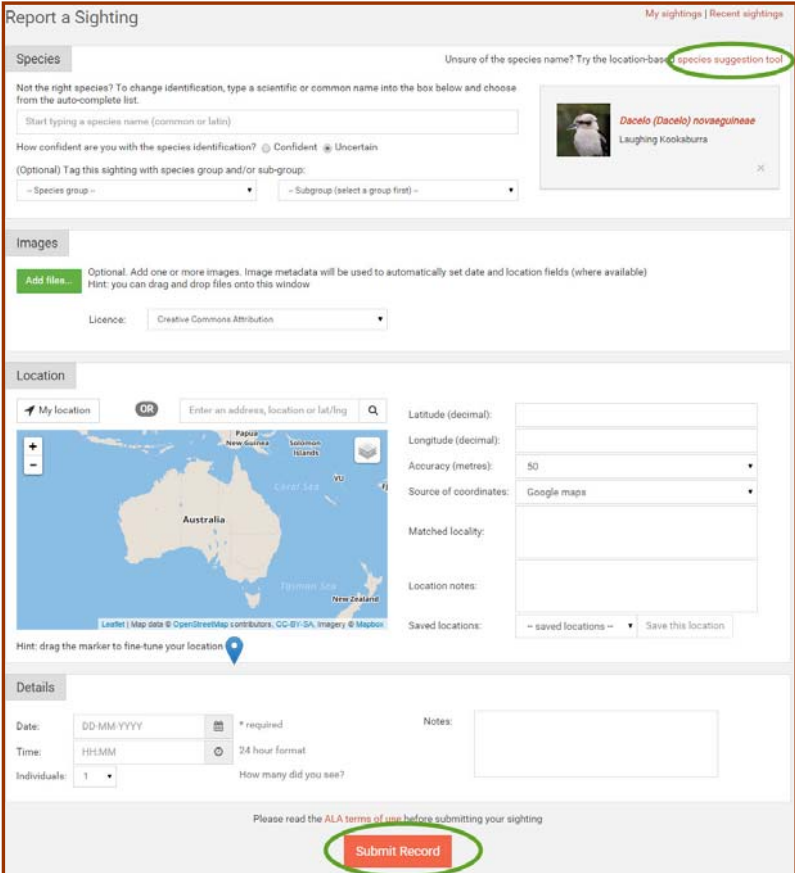
You can zoom very close in on the map to show exactly where the sighting was.

There is also space for any additional notes if required.

Once you have finished entering all of the details, click on Submit record, either at the bottom or the top of the page.

 If you are unsure of the species, head to the Species Selection Tool by clicking the top right hand corner of the page once you have entered a location for your sighting.

This will then give you a list of species that have been recorded in that area which you can narrow by species group.

See species known to occur in a particular location

This tool assists in the identification of a sighting by providing a list of suggested species known to occur at the sighting location, broken down into common species "groups".

Choose to a species group

Select a species group

| Mammals [46] | Birds [381] | Insects [1822] | Amphibians [11] | Reptiles [36] | Fish [6] | Molluscs [14] | Crustaceans [1] | Plants [8596] | Fungi [271] |

Select a species sub-group (optional)

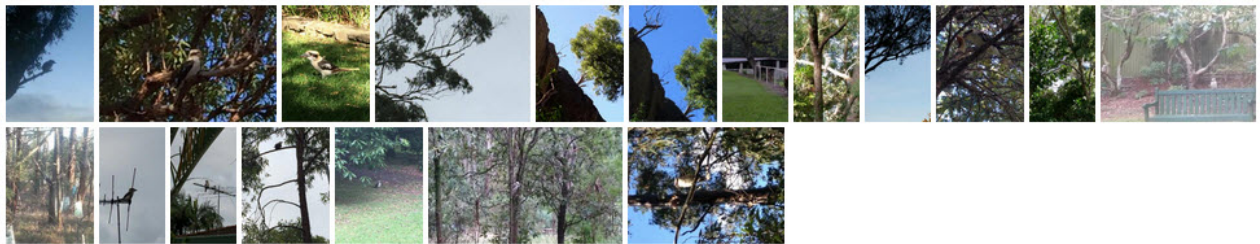| Parrots [32] | Perching Birds [173] | Hummingbirds, Swifts [3] | Bitterns, Ibises [17] | Falcons [20] | Petrels, Fulmars [1] | Ostriches [1] | Fowls [5] |
| Cuckoos [10] | Nightjars, Frogmouths, Potoos [3] | Kingfishers [10] | Owls [7] | Doves [12] | Grebes [3] | Buttonquails [3] | Waders, Gulls, Auks [36] |
| Large waterbirds [10] | Cranes [15] | Ducks, Geese, Swans [20] |

Browse species images

Look for images that match the species you are trying to identify. Click the image for more example images of that species and finally click the "select this image" button.
☑ hide species without images

You'll then see images of the relevant species recorded in that area.

Choose the one that is most likely to be correct

Laughing Kookaburra — *Dacelo (Dacelo) novaeguineae*   species page

Select this species   Close

More specimen images of that species will open up to help toy make sure of the classification. At this point, clicking on "Select this species" you will go back to the initial Report a Sighting page.