

How to log a sighting

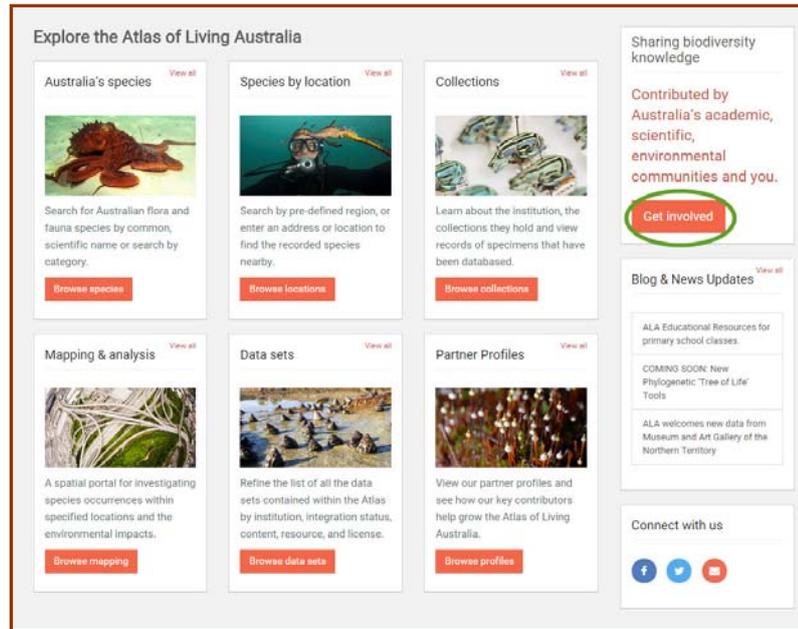


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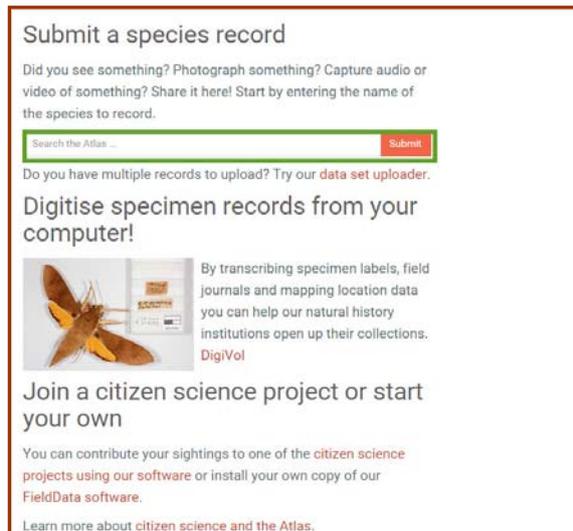


Begin at the Atlas of Living Australia homepage. Select "Get involved".



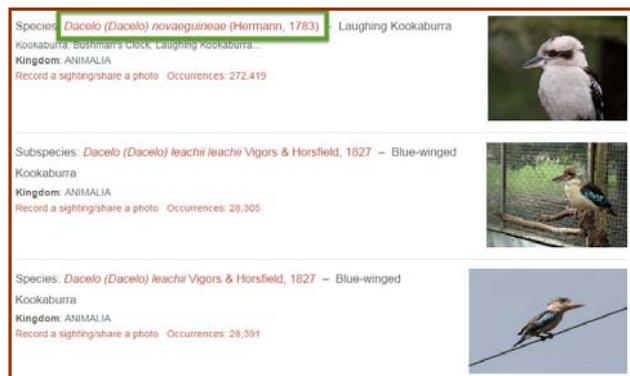
The screenshot shows the Atlas of Living Australia homepage with several navigation options. A red box highlights the "Get involved" button in the "Sharing biodiversity knowledge" section.

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



The screenshot shows the "Submit a species record" page. A red box highlights the search input field and the "Submit" button. Below the search field, there is a link to the "data set uploader" and a section for "Digitise specimen records from your computer!" with an image of a moth and a specimen label. At the bottom, there is a section for "Join a citizen science project or start your own" with a link to learn more about citizen science and the Atlas.

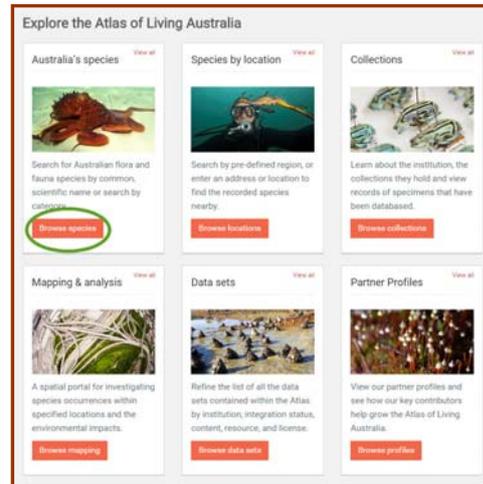
Select the species name



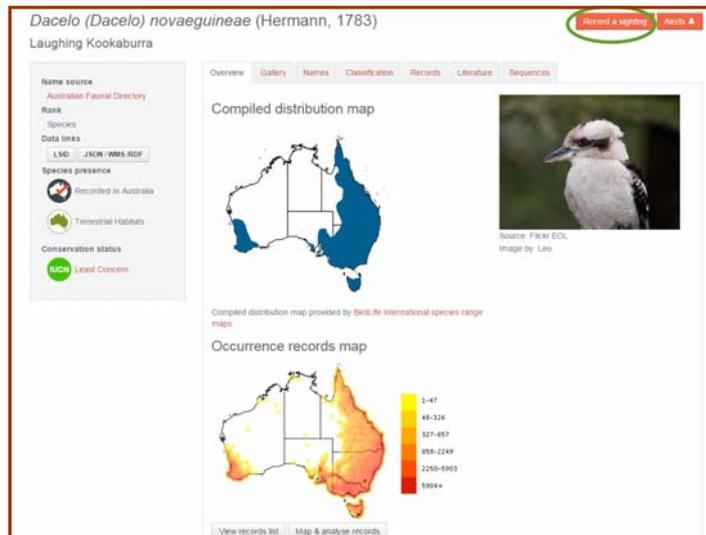
The screenshot shows the species selection page for "Laughing Kookaburra". A red box highlights the species name "Dacelo (Dacelo) novaeguineae (Hermann, 1783)". Below it, there are three subspecies listed with their respective images and occurrence counts.

Species	Common Name	Occurrences
<i>Dacelo (Dacelo) novaeguineae</i> (Hermann, 1783)	Laughing Kookaburra	272,419
<i>Dacelo (Dacelo) leachii leachii</i> Vigers & Horsfield, 1827	Blue-winged Kookaburra	28,305
<i>Dacelo (Dacelo) leachii</i> Vigers & Horsfield, 1827	Blue-winged Kookaburra	28,391

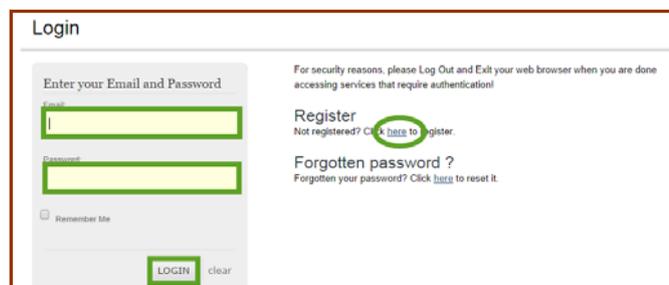
You can also get to the species page from the front page by searching or clicking on “Australia’s species”.



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.

Report a sighting

Hint: If you are submitting images, select them first and we will try to pre-load the date and location fields from the image metadata. See the [FAQ](#) for help.

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WHAT

Dacelo (Dacelo) novaeguineae Laughing Kookaburra

Number seen: Confidence in identification:

Not the right species? To change identification, type a scientific or common name into the box below and choose from the auto-complete list.

Undo



WHEN

Date: (dd-mm-yyyy)
Click in the date field to pick from a calendar or just type in the date in dd-mm-yyyy format.

Time:
Type in the time (hh:mm 24hr clock) or leave blank if you wish.

WHERE

Type in a description of the location.

Enter coordinates (decimal degrees) if you already have them.

Latitude: Longitude:

Accuracy (metres):

What is the source of these coordinates?

Choose from a bookmarked location.

-- bookmarked locations --



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MEDIA

Use the button to select one or more images or drag and drop your images into this page.

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Always use the information embedded in selected photos.

NOTES

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Submit record

My sightings

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This is a simple list of the sightings you have submitted. You can filter, sort and map sightings using the Atlas's [occurrence explorer](#).

Identification	Observation date	Location	Sort by: date created
Psephotus (Psephotus) haematonotus <small>Red-rumped Parrot 3 individuals recorded</small>	Observation: 2014-09-08 12:00 Added: 4 days ago	195 Anthony Rolfe Avenue, Gungahlin ACT 2912, Australia Lat: -35.18462957363729 Lng: 149.14337059101558	Remove Edit
Haliaeetus (Pontoaetus) leucogaster <small>White-bellied Sea-eagle</small>	Observation: 2014-08-23 Added: 2 weeks ago	Bay Road, The Heart VIC 3851, Australia Lat: -38.125374473531586 Lng: 147.21233367919922 Coord source: Google maps	Remove Edit
Pelecanus conspicillatus <small>Australian Pelican</small>	Observation: 2014-08-23 Added: 2 weeks ago	Bay Road, The Heart VIC 3851, Australia Lat: -38.12618470559782 Lng: 147.2113037109375 Coord source: Google maps	Remove Edit
Hardenbergia violacea <small>Coral-pea</small>	Observation: 2014-08-23 Added: 2 weeks ago	LOT 3C Dermody Road, Boisdale VIC 3860, Australia Lat: -37.81412370160446 Lng: 146.88720703125 Coord source: Google maps	Remove Edit
Trichoglossus haematodus <small>Rainbow Lorikeet 2 individuals recorded</small>	Added: 2 weeks ago	LOT 488 Cliff Street, Merimbula NSW 2548, Australia Lat: -36.8854003473483 Lng: 149.83230283260345 Coord source: Google maps	Remove Edit

Having completed your Report, your sighting should appear in your “My sightings” list.