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# Colubrids (Family Colubridae), observed by jeneesmith on October 21, 2012



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Added: Oct. 29, 2012 01:59 AM PDT

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## Projects

- Project: Global Reptile Bio... with an 'invite to project' button.

## Data Quality Assessment

Quality grade: research details

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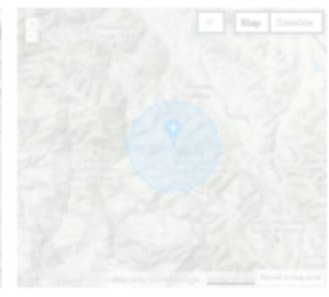
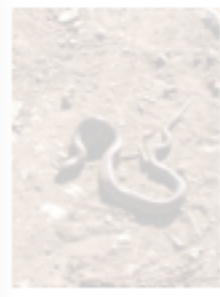
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Photo: Whig Hill Open Space, San Mateo, California Central Coast, CA, CA, America West North America, US  
Date: 21 October, Year: 2012  
Accuracy: 100m  
Geoprivacy: none

Added: Dec. 21, 2012 05:48 AM PST

Comments & Identifications  
I am not able to identify the snake in the image, but it is not a rattlesnake. The tail is clearly tapered to a point with no rattles at the end.  
Posted by gregiasley 7 days ago

Colubrids (Family Colubridae) mormon  
Posted by jeneesmith 7 days ago

Killer snake, gopher snake, or gopher snake  
Posted by jeneesmith 7 days ago

I agree with Greg, not a rattlesnake. Difficult to get size idea. Gopher would be my best suggested ID.  
Posted by toby 7 days ago

Hey Jenee, welcome back! Like Greg said, there's no rattles, but sometimes very young rattlers have small, stubby rattles that can be hard to make out. Some other traits to look for are a large, triangular head, a midline line that is much better than the neck or the tail, and ridges right above the eyes. Gopher snakes can actually mimic most of these traits (they even rattle their tail against dried leaves and grass!), so sometimes you just need to have some experience seeing both kinds of snake.  
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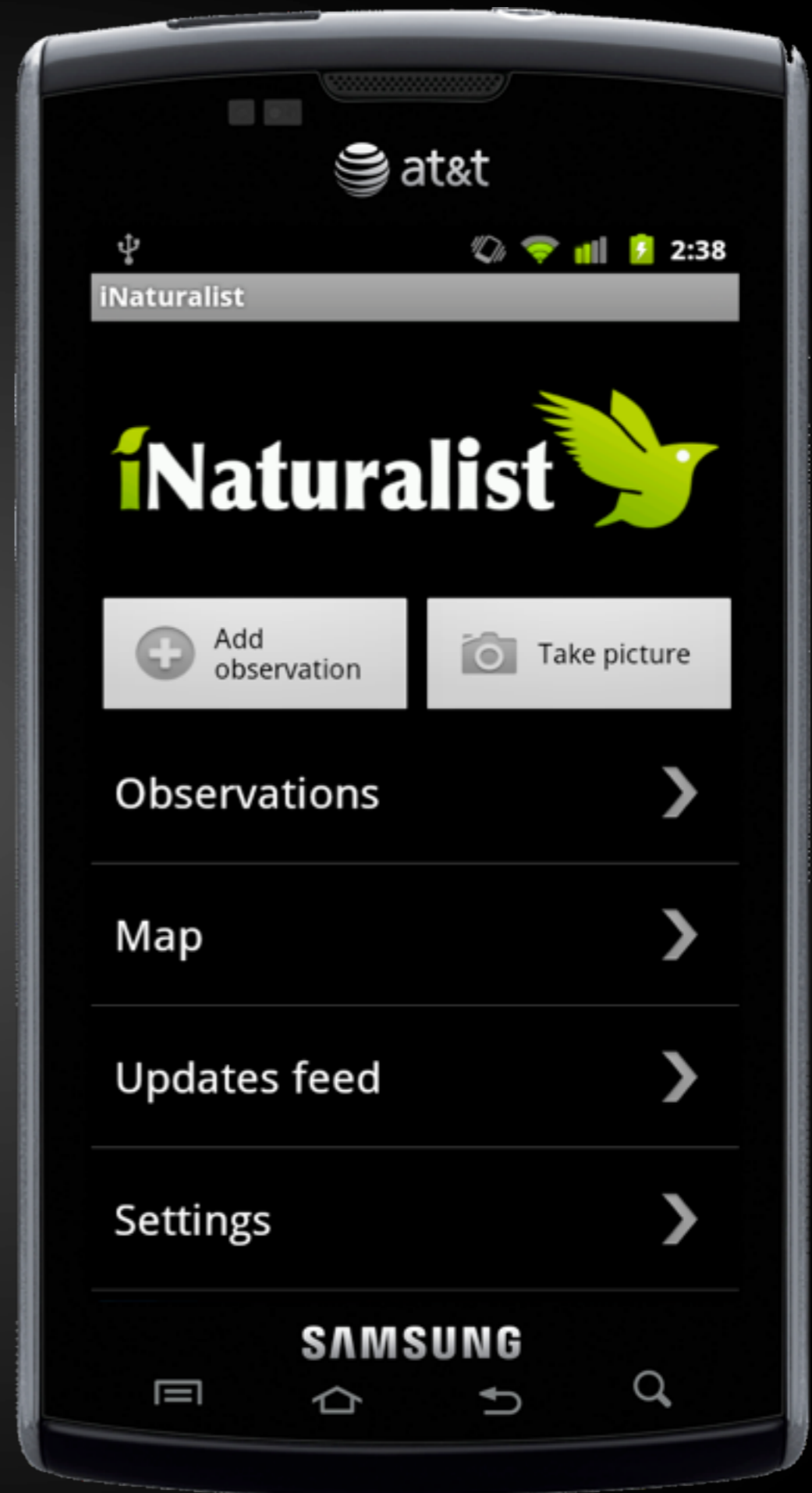
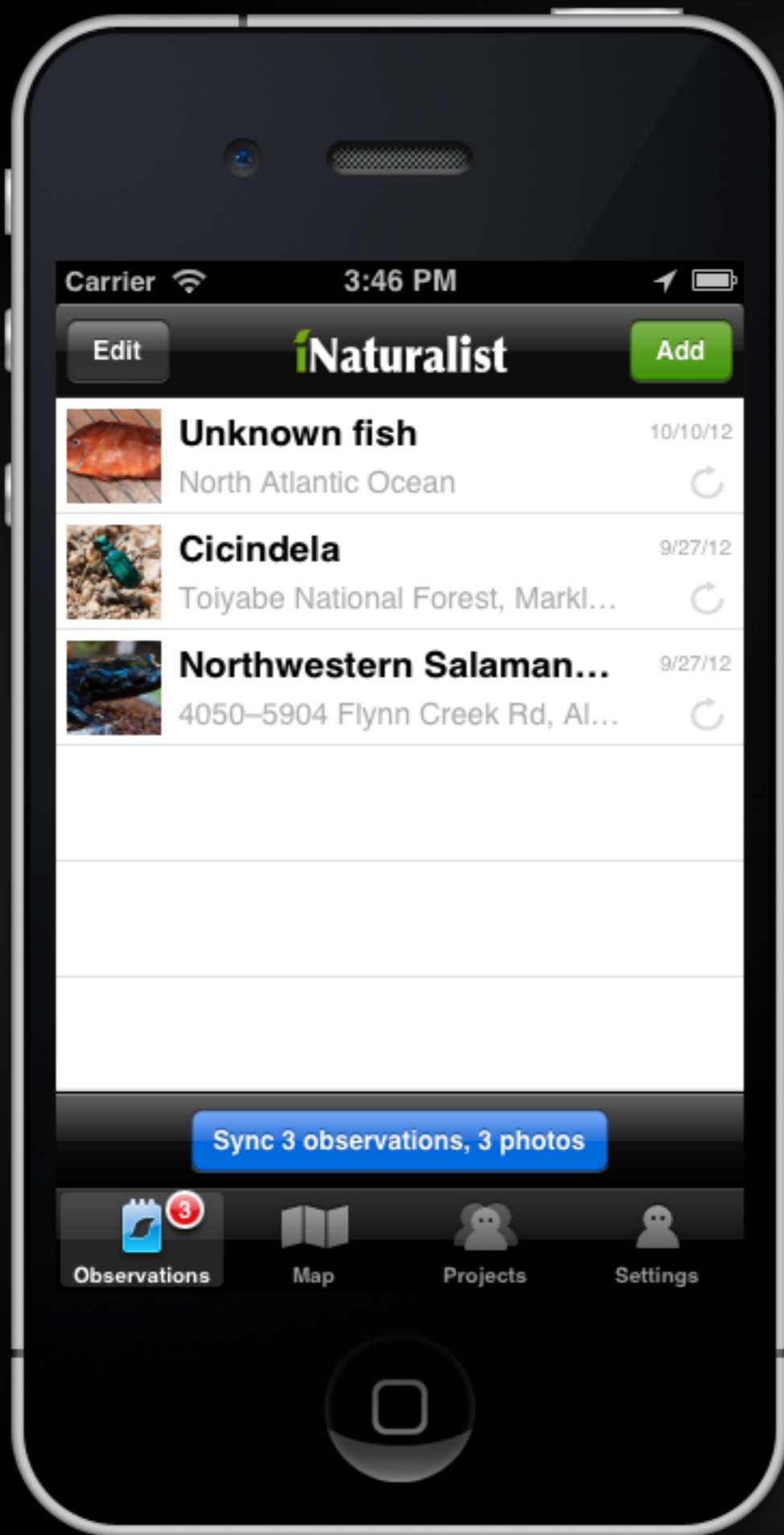
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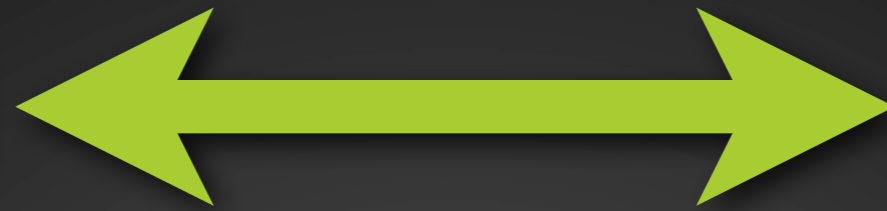




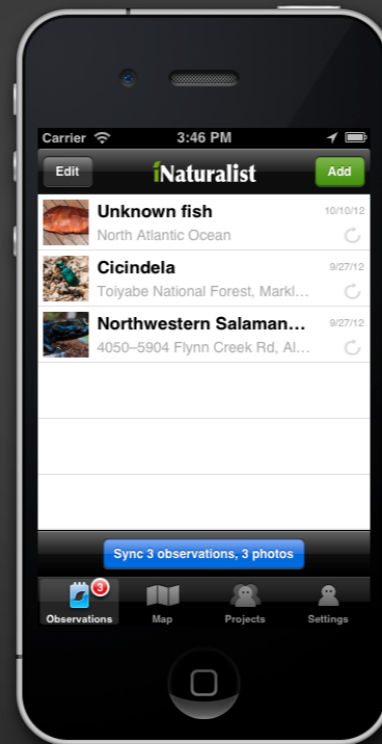




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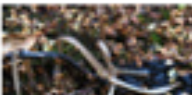
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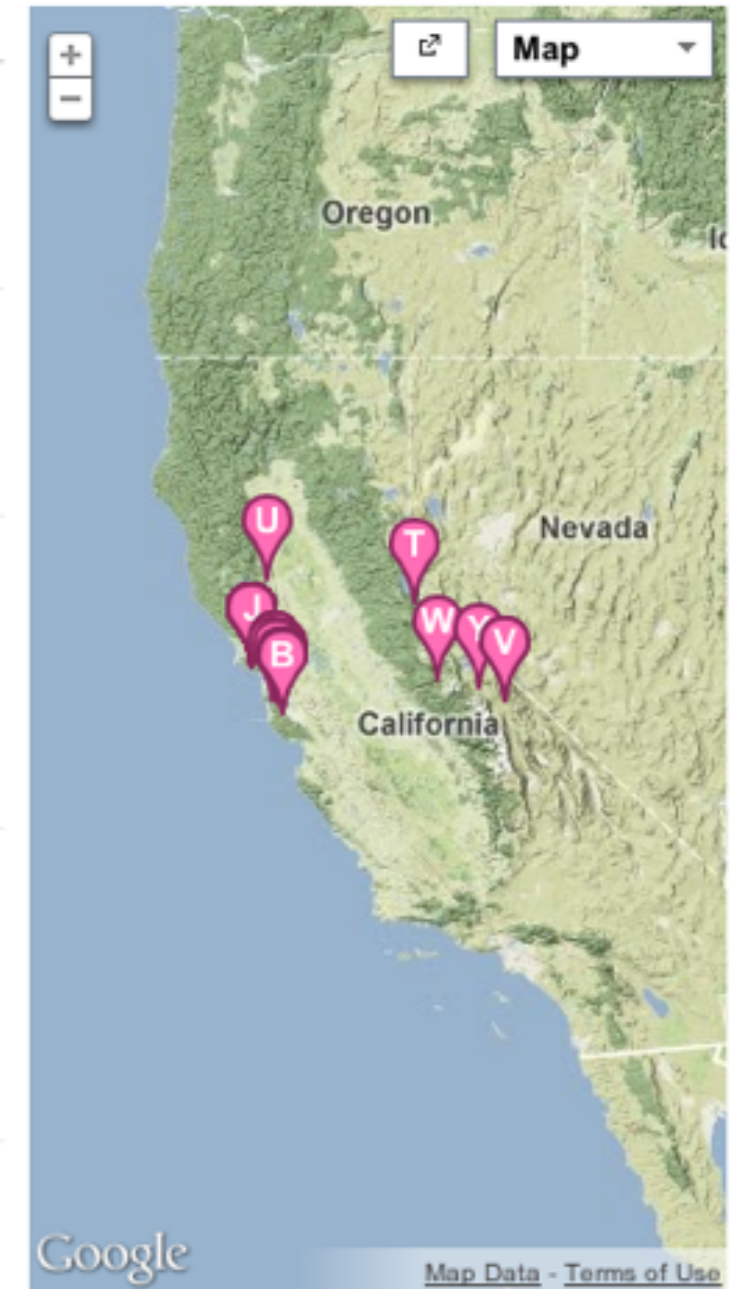
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- 2 fungi
- 2 animals
- 5 mollusks
- 1 mammals

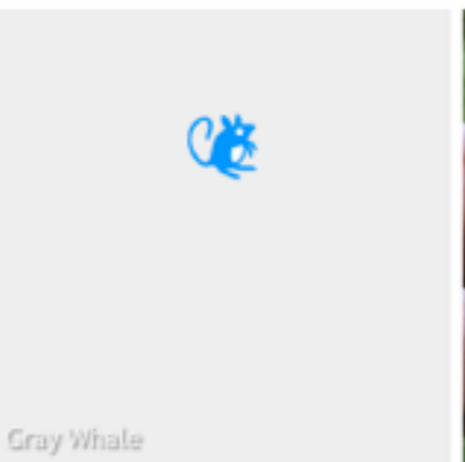
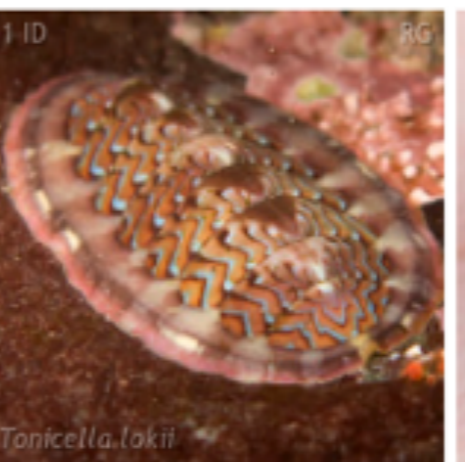
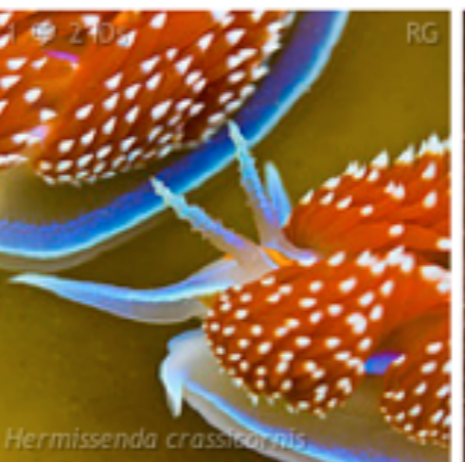
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- 4 from Sand Dollar Beach, CA, US
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life list firsts

- Acmispon cytisoides
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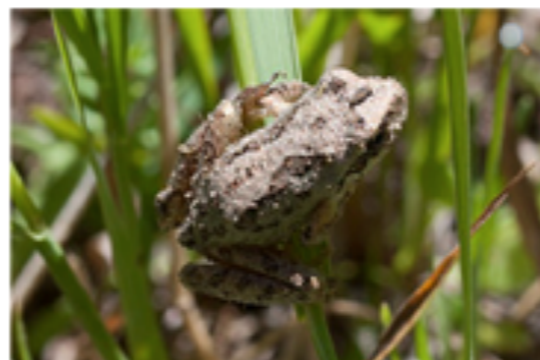
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*Every species kueda has ever seen.**This list only accepts taxa that are species or lower.*← Previous **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ... 44 45 Next →**Common Indian Toad** ×  
(*Duttaphrynus melanostictus*)Last seen on August 21, 2011 in  
Chembra Peak, Wyanad, Kerala, India  
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| 0 comments | Edit**Western Toad** (*Anaxyrus boreas*) ×Last seen on July 29, 2012 in Round  
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1976 of 2010 taxa observed

928 Plants

121 Fungi

119 Other Animals

114 Mollusks

372 Birds

69 Ray-finned Fishes

50 Mammals

41 Reptiles

35 Amphibians

13 Arachnids

141 Insects

4 Kelp, Diatoms, and Allies

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# Species I Have Eaten, kueda

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Many species are delicious. Some not so much.

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American Alligator  
(Alligator mississippiensis)

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Rock Dove (Columba livia)

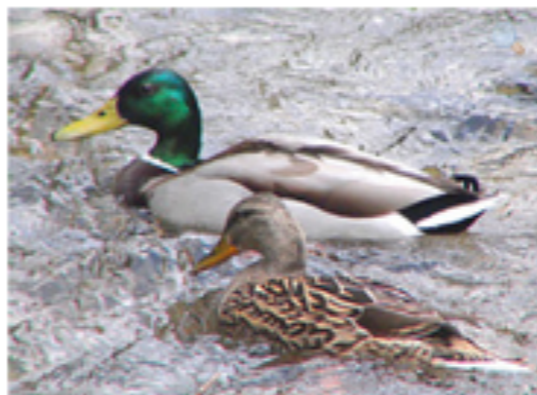
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- 43 Plants
- 9 Fungi
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9:57 am

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Masked rabbitfish



Ideopsis vulgaris



Papilio peranthus



Amathusia philippus



Moduza procris



Common Sailor



Junonia orithya



Gretotrisena medus

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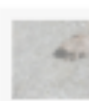
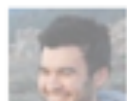
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[kucycads](#) added an identification to an [observation](#) by [isabelnavarro514](#)

9:05 am



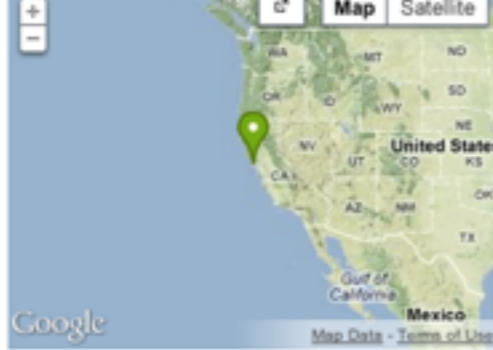
Your ID: [California Chorus Frog](#) (*Pseudacris cadaverina*) [Remove](#)



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Places: [Abbotts Lagoon](#), [Point Reyes National Seashore](#), [West Marin](#), [Marin, US-CA](#), [Maritime West North America](#), [US](#)  
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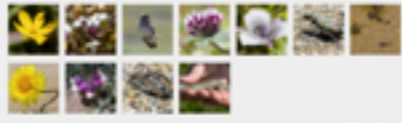
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Quality grade: **research** [details](#)

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Observer: Ken-ichi Ueda	Natural Status: wild
Date: 2012-05-06	Number of Plants: 1+
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- 1. **jthomas** 64 species, 416 observations
- 2. **loarie** 3 species, 4 observations
- 3. **kueda** 1 species, 1 observations

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Ohio Biological Survey

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- 1. **rcurtis** 888 species, 1193 observations
- 2. **hartvillestuff** 586 species, 854 observations
- 3. **heard** 578 species, 851 observations

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- 3. **jplarry** 130 species, 238 observations

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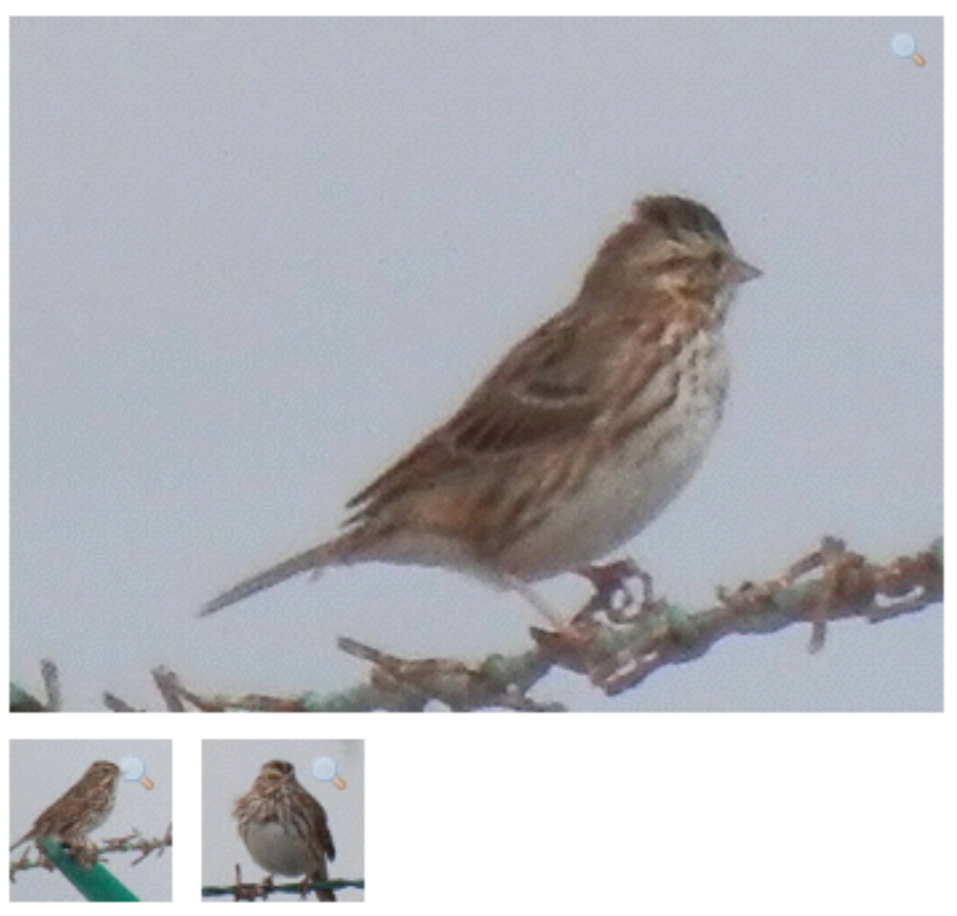
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- 1. **franco\_gabe\_3** 59 species, 147 observations
- 2. **rowlands\_courtney\_** 49 species, 79 observations
- 3. **goolsby\_jacob\_6** 35 species, 69 observations

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Community-supported ID?	yes	2 people agree 0 disagree
Date?	yes	
Georeferenced?	yes	
Photo?	yes	
Is the organism wild/naturalized?	unknown	What do you think? <a href="#">yes</a> / <a href="#">no</a>
Does the location seem accurate?	unknown	What do you think? <a href="#">yes</a> / <a href="#">no</a>
Quality grade	research	

# Social Data

## Comments & Identifications



justin2's ID: [Belding's Savannah Sparrow](#) (*Passerculus sandwichensis* ssp. *beldingi*) [Agree?](#)

Posted by justin2 18 days ago



finatic's ID: [Genus-Melospiza](#) [Agree?](#)

Do you have any other photos? The streaks on the breast aren't extensive enough to sell me on it being a Savannah. I don't think this a Savannah Sparrow but most likely a Lincoln's Sparrow.

As for Belding's, the breast streaking that is there isn't dark enough to be a Belding's subspecies. Belding's are the only one that breed at Bolsa Chica but at this time of year the other subspecies are starting to migrate in for the winter.

Posted by finatic 18 days ago



justin2's ID: [Genus-Melospiza](#) [Agree?](#)

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Ah, thanks Finatic, a good time for me to update that old assumption. I should have more at home, will check later.

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You can see a bit of the yellow lores in some of your pics, and it lacks the buff chest and flanks and gray areas on the head I would expect in Lincoln's.

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With the added photos I agree with kueda that this is a Savannah Sparrow. Most likely of the nominate subspecies as I still don't like the breast streaking to call it a Belding's.

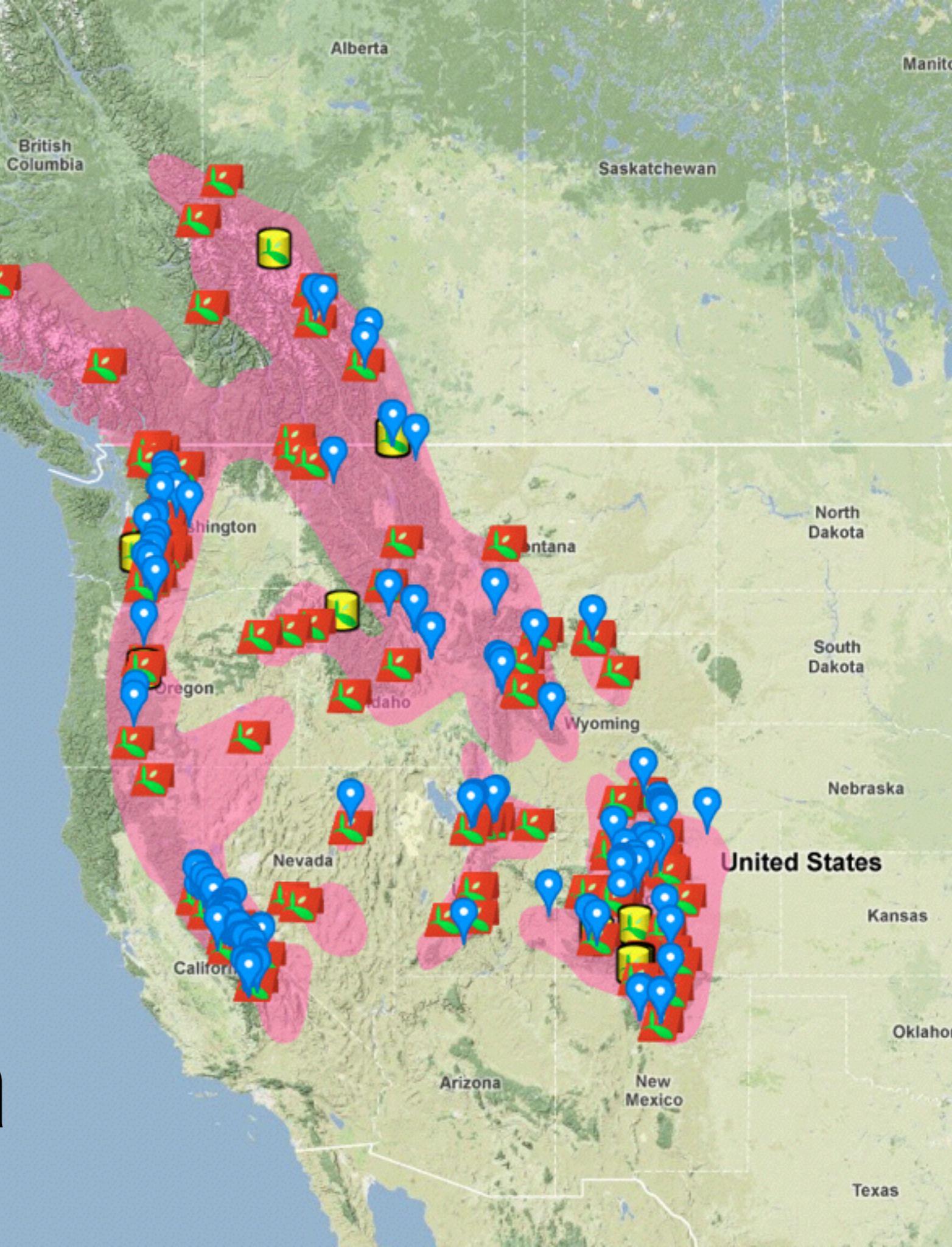
I was thinking possibly Lincoln's due to what appeared to be a wide supercillium but the yellowish wash isn't there on the chest.

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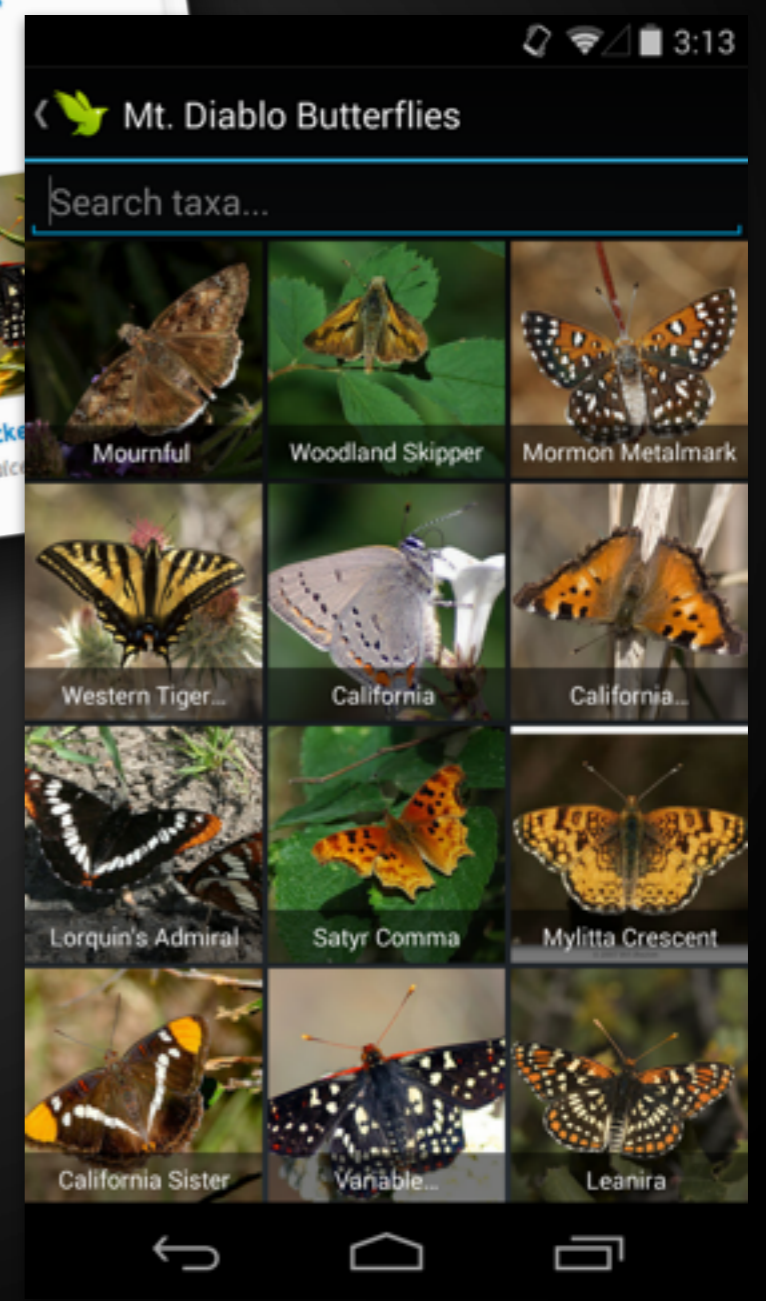
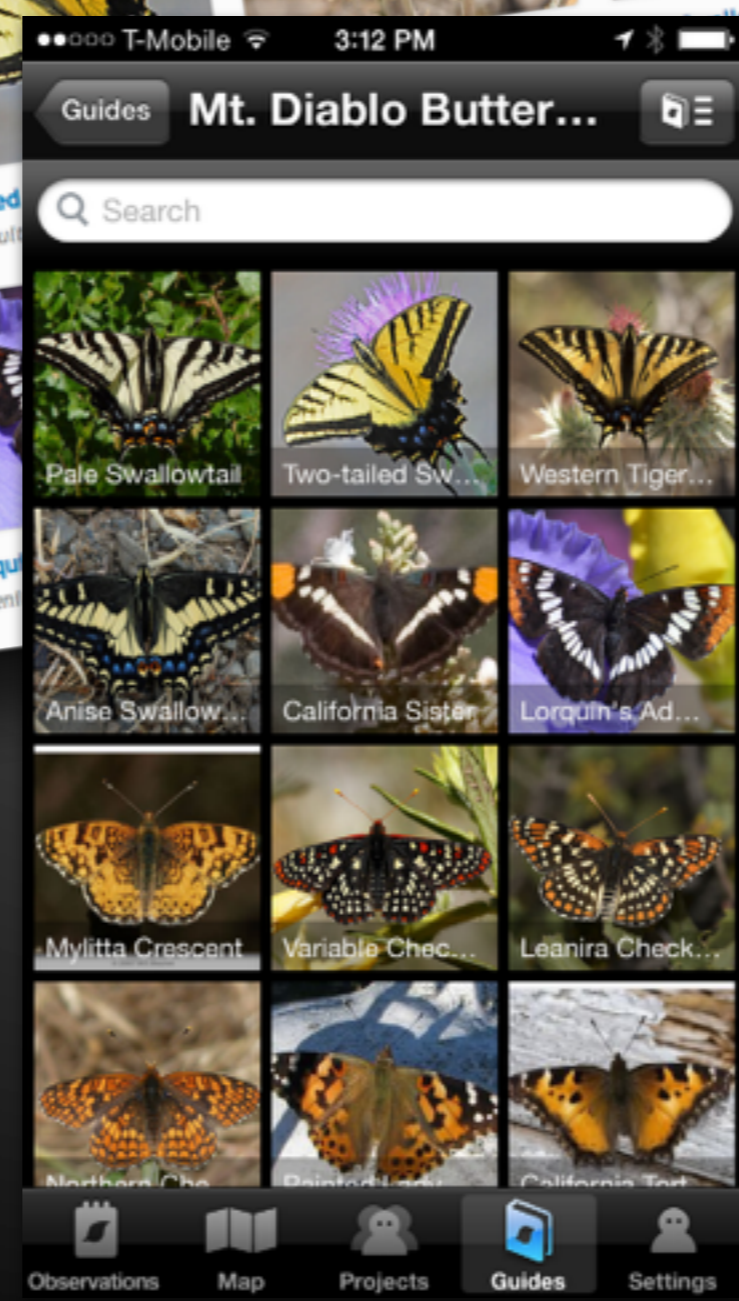
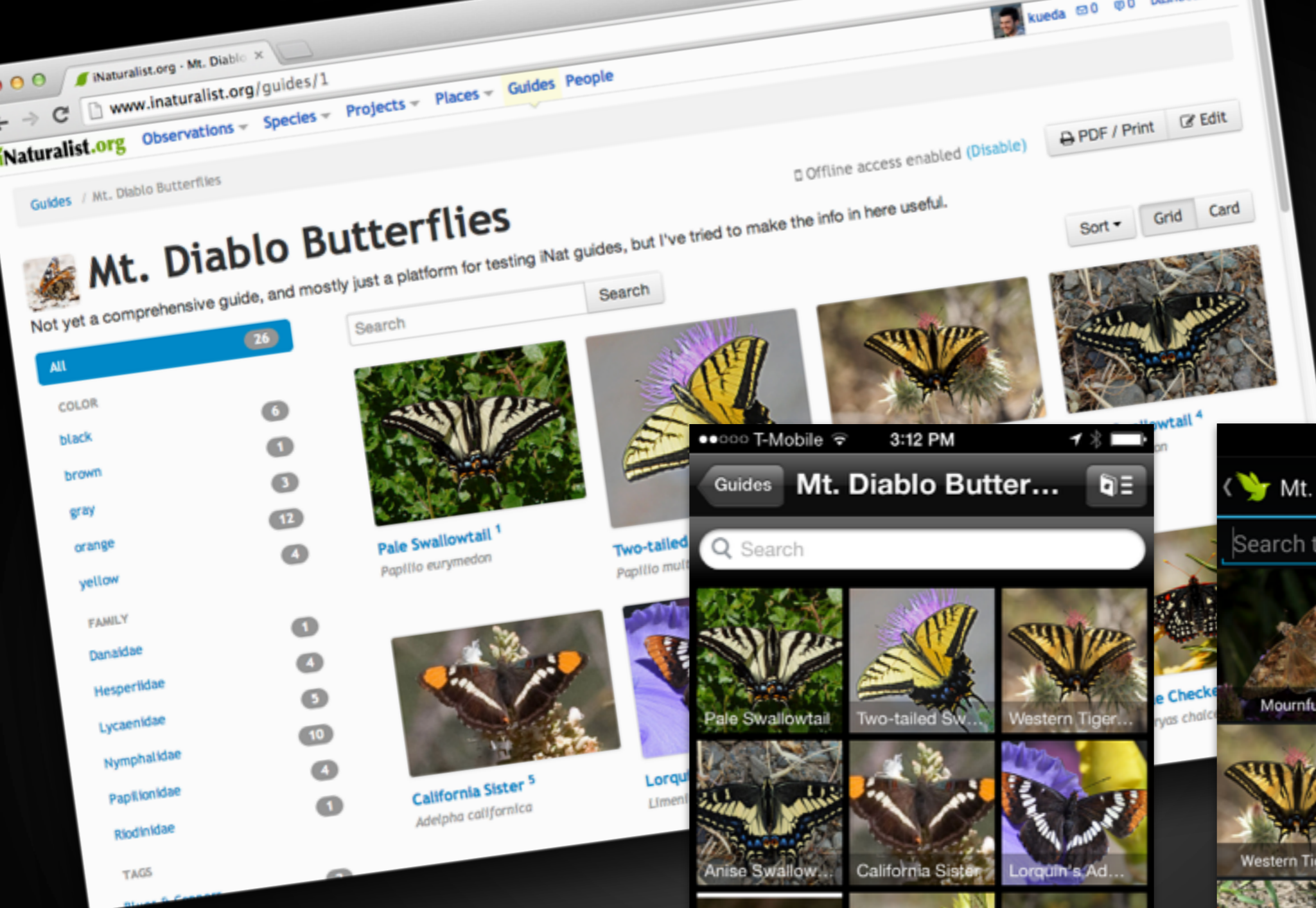
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