

# dBird.org

User Guide



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# Definitions

- **Admin:** users with Admin privileges can view, modify, and export dBird data and add existing dBird users to their organization(s).
- **Bird Status:** A required field when submitting a dBird report. May be either dead or injured.
- **Completion Message:** An optional message that appears to a dBird user after submitting a report within an organization's project area.
- **dBird Manager:** The staff person at NYC Audubon who manages the dBird database, approves project requests, and is a resource to organizations using dBird. This person can be contacted at [dBird@nycaudubon.org](mailto:dBird@nycaudubon.org).
- **Individual Researcher:** Individuals not associated with an organization that request to join dBird as an Admin.
- **Observation:** Each record in the dBird database is referred to as an "observation." Each observation is associated with date, time, species, and other attributes.
- **Organization:** A nonprofit, university, association, society, or other group through which a request to join dBird is initiated.
- **Organization users:** Individuals with permission to view, manage, and/or edit dBird observations on behalf of a given organization. This term includes Individual Researchers and those with Admin privileges. Permissions to organization users can be restricted to only allow viewing records and exporting data.
- **Project area:** The geographic area throughout which an organization tracks bird mortality and injury. Organizations establish their project area at the time of requesting to join dBird, but it may be modified at any time. Project areas from multiple organizations may overlap.
- **Report:** People who find a dead or injured bird submit a "report" to dBird.
- **User:** The user may be a member of the community who submits an observation to dBird or any person with access to the admin side of dBird.

## What is dBird?

dBird is an online platform and database for documenting human-related bird death and injury across North America. dBird opens in a web browser and works well on both desktop and mobile devices. There is no dBird app.

The platform was initially developed as part of New York City (NYC) Audubon's [Project Safe Flight Program](#), which seeks to understand and prevent bird-window collisions. Nearly one billion birds die each year in the U.S. from collisions with windows. Despite the scale of mortality, collisions remain an underappreciated concern in bird conservation/animal welfare for many people.

dBird provides a way for numerous people to report dead and injured birds to a common database, and for scientists and conservationists to gain insights into human-related bird death and injury.

While dBird was originally created to track bird-window collisions, the platform was expanded in 2020 to track other causes of mortality and injury, including entanglement, cat predation, vehicle collisions, falling out of nests, and other.

## Uses of dBird

dBird collects opportunistic records of bird mortality and injury submitted by members of the public, many of which remain anonymous. This type of data can be used to:

- document instances of human-related bird death and injury.
- Visualize and map reports of human-related bird mortality and injury.
- identify structures/areas that would benefit from hazard reduction treatments.
- follow up with users to provide resources to reduce hazards to birds.
- monitor for potential disease outbreaks.
- generate hypotheses about mortality and injury that can be tested with more rigorous research protocols.

## Limitations of dBird data

Records are made only for instances where mortality or injury is observed. It does not contain records for instances when mortality or injury is not observed. This type of data is often called “presence only.” The inferences we may draw from presence-only data are limited. With dBird data alone, we cannot infer:

- Species vulnerability to a given hazard.
- mortality rates for a given hazard or geographic area.
- Hotspots of risk in the landscape.
- Seasonal patterns of risk.

## Known and potential biases in dBird data

<b>Overrepresentation</b>	<b>Underrepresentation</b>
Overrepresentation in areas with Organizational Users	Underrepresentation in areas without Organizational Users
Overrepresentation in urban areas	Underrepresentation in rural areas
Overrepresentation of large and/or conspicuous species	Underrepresentation of small and or/cryptic species

Overrepresentation in easy to access areas or areas with high foot traffic	Underrepresentation in difficult to access areas or areas with low foot traffic
Overrepresentation during outdoor, warm, and gardening seasons	Underrepresentation during indoor or cold seasons

## dBird on the front-end

dBird's front end is the part that members of the public interact with. It may be accessed by anyone at [dBird.org](http://dBird.org).

### Submitting a dBird report

Open a web browser on your computer, tablet, or mobile device. Enter dBird.org in the address bar. This will load the dBird reporting page (see screenshot below).

dBird asks users to provide the following information for each report:

- Location found
- Bird species
- Sex of bird (male/female/unknown)
- Age of bird (adult/juvenile/unknown)
- Date/time found
- Bird status (dead/injured)
- Cause of death/injury
- Photograph of the bird
- Notes
- Reporter name
- Reporter email address

Location, date/time, and bird status are required fields. The others may be marked "unknown" or left blank.

The species that appear in dBird's searchable list were sourced from [eBird's](#) list of species reported in the United States. The full list can be viewed at [United States - eBird](#). For species that do not appear in the list, users may select "Other" and note the species in the notes field.

If multiple dead or injured birds are found, separate reports should be submitted for each bird.

If you find a dead or injured bird, you can make an important contribution to bird mortality research by filing a report here.  
In cases of multiple birds, please submit a separate report for each one.  
Scroll down to start a report

### 1. Select location

Where did you find the bird? \*



### 2. About the bird

Do you know the bird's species?

Yes  No

Species \*

Sex \*

Male  Female  Unknown

Age \*

Adult  Juvenile  Unknown

### 3. Details

When did you find the bird? \*

Bird status \*

Dead  Injured

Do you know the cause of death/injury?

Yes  No

Cause of death/injury \*

### 4. Additional info

Add image

Notes

Your name

Email address

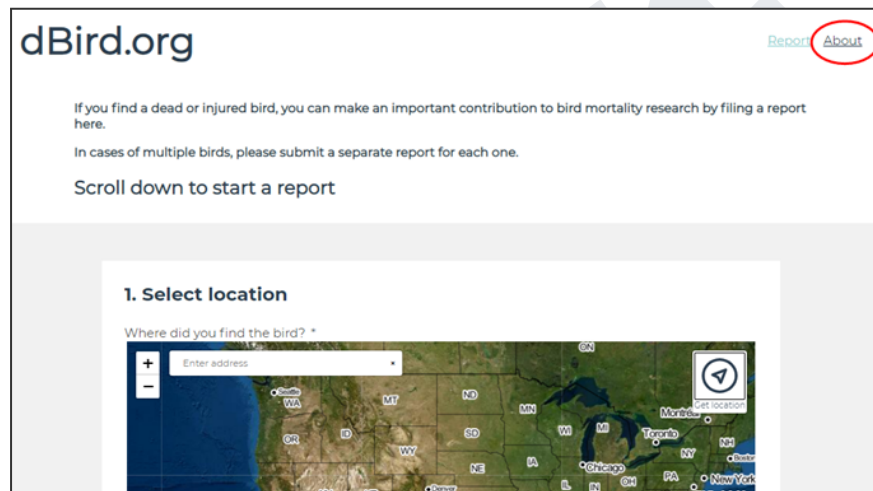
The dBird.org reporting form.

# Requesting to join dBird

## Joining as an organization

Audubon chapters, universities, or other nonprofits, associations, or societies interested in bird mortality and injury research or bird conservation through urban hazard reduction can join dBird as organization users.

To access the request form from the dBird homepage, first click on the “About” link in the top right corner.



This will take you to the “About the dBird project” page. Beneath the “Join the dBird project” heading, click on the hyperlink with text that says “Fill out this form.”

## About the dBird project

Nearly a billion birds are killed each year in the U.S. from collisions with windows. Since 1997, New York City Audubon has monitored collisions in NYC to understand the dynamics and drivers of the problem and to develop policies and technologies that prevent collisions from occurring.

In 2014, NYC Audubon launched dBird as a new tool in its Project Safe Flight collision monitoring program. An online crowd-sourced data collection tool, dBird provides a way for the public to report incidents of dead and injured birds, helping to contextualize and guide research and advocacy efforts that aim to reduce human-caused hazards to birds.

In 2020, Jim and Birte Falconer funded an update and expansion to dBird as part of Seattle Audubon's Bird-safe Cities program. Thanks to their generosity, Audubon chapters and other organizations across North America can now use dBird to report and manage bird mortality data within their own regions.

For more information on bird collisions and to find out what you can do to help protect birds, please visit NYC Audubon's [Project Safe Flight](#) and Seattle Audubon's [Bird-safe Cities](#).

## Join the dBird project

Would your organization like to join dBird and get access to observation data in your area? Fill out [this form](#) and we'll get back to you soon!

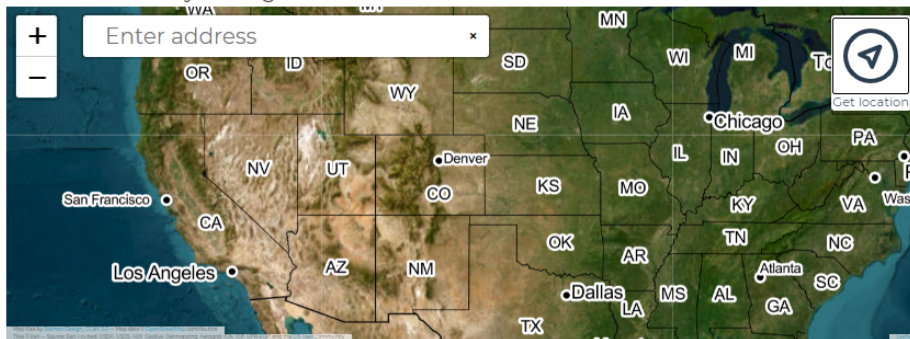
This will open the dBird join request form [<https://dBird.org/add-your-organization>]. It begins by asking if you are part of an organization that would like to participate in dBird:

Are you part of an organization that would like to participate in dBird? Enter your organization name and location below and we can create an account for you.

## 1. Tell us about your organization

Organization Name \*

What area does your organization work within? \*

A map of the United States with state abbreviations. A search bar at the top left contains the text "Enter address" and has a close button (x). A "Get location" button with a location pin icon is in the top right. Several cities are marked with dots: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, and Washington. A grey arrow points from the right side of the map towards the right edge of the page.

## 2. How can we get in touch with you?

Your name \*

Your email address \*

My organization will respect the terms of the dBird [privacy policy](#) \*

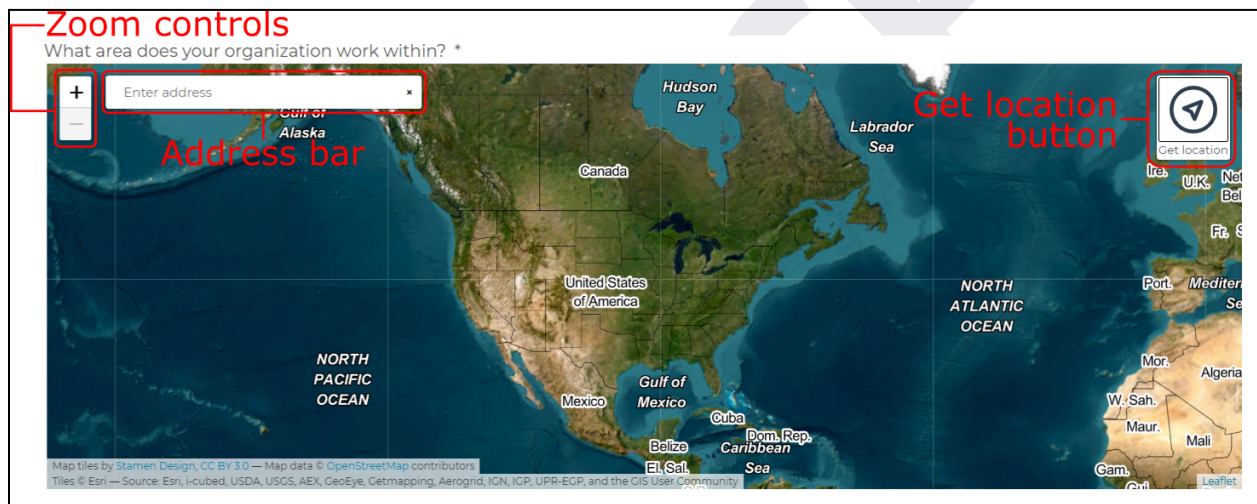
Yes!

Submit

Enter your organization's name in the "Organization Name" field. If you are requesting an account as an individual researcher, enter "Individual Researcher" and see the "[Joining dBird as an Individual Researcher](#)" section in this guide.

Next, you will need to draw a “project area,” the geographic area throughout which your organization wishes to track bird mortality and injury. You will be able to view and edit all dBird reports submitted within your organization’s project area. No need to get your boundary perfect. General outlines are fine and you may change your project area boundaries at any time after you have joined dBird.

To draw your project area, navigate to your area of interest. You can type a street address or general location into the “enter address” bar. To zoom in and out, use the plus or minus symbols in the upper left of the map or use the scroll wheel on your mouse. Click and drag to pan around on the map. If your device has location services activated, you can also use the “Get Location” button to automatically zoom to your approximate location.

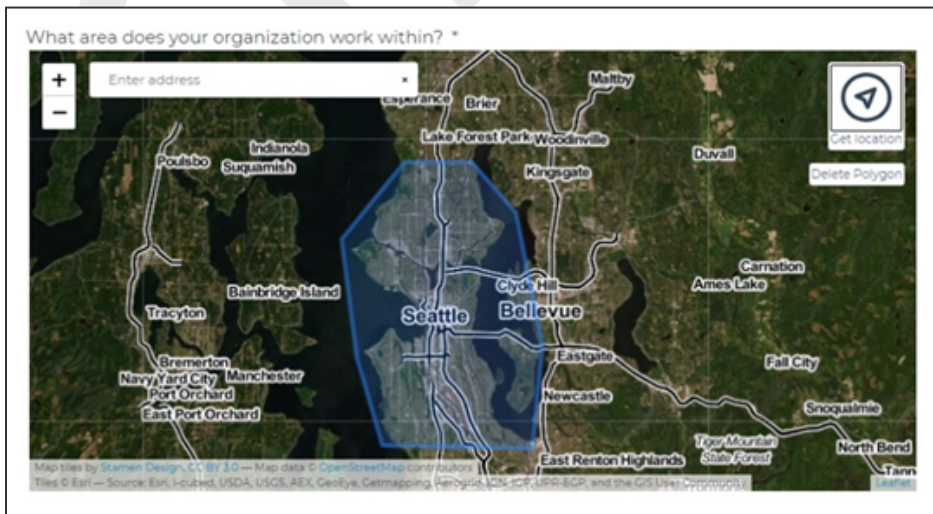
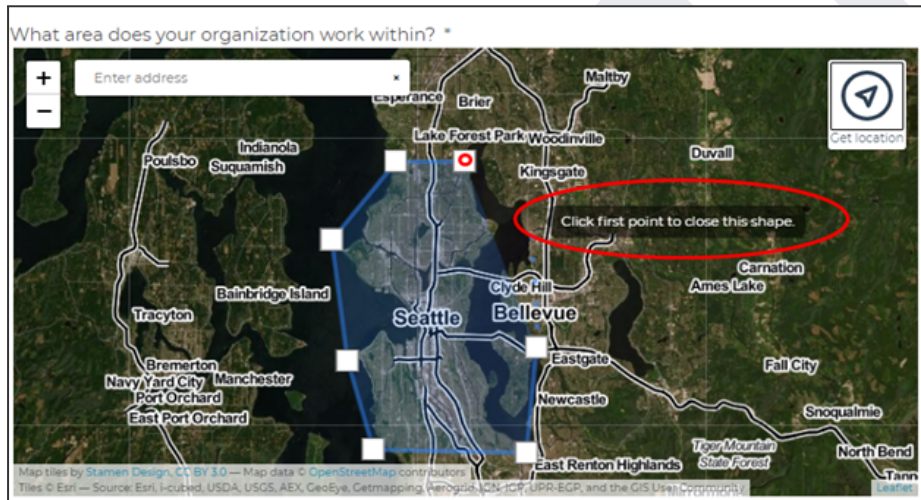
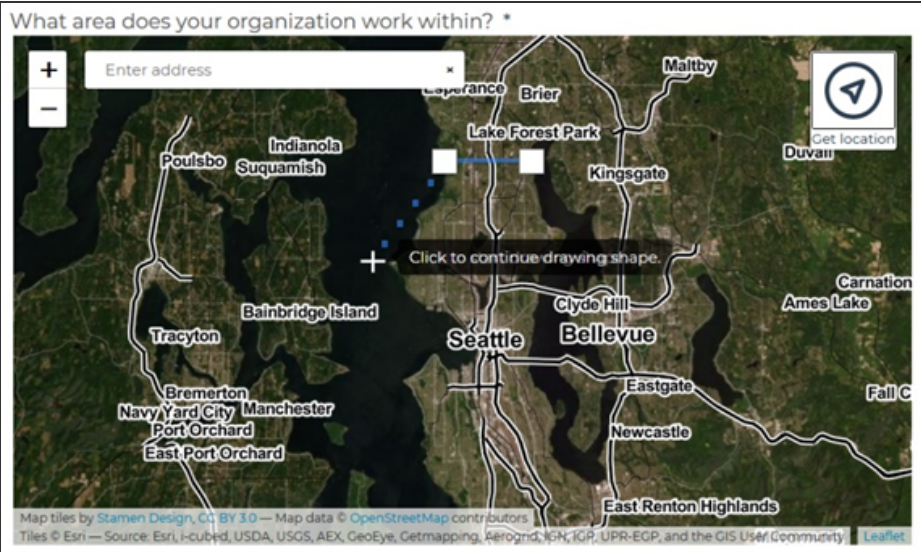


Once you’ve navigated to your area of interest, click once on the map to create the first vertex of your project area polygon. The vertex will be symbolized by a white square.

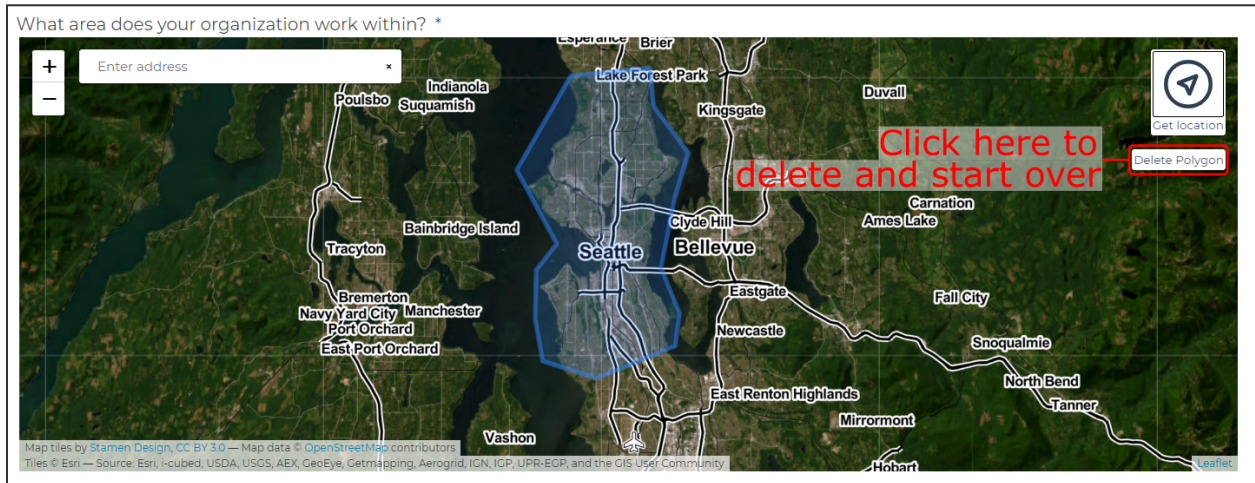
Move your mouse to a new location. A dotted blue line will connect your cursor to your previous vertex. Click again to create another vertex. Repeat until you have drawn an outline of your project area. Close your polygon and stop drawing by clicking once on the first vertex you created.

When you have finished drawing, you may adjust the shape. Click once on the polygon to reveal the vertices. Click and drag the vertices until you are satisfied with the shape.

See the series of screenshots below.



If you'd like to delete the polygon and start over, click "Delete Polygon" on the right side of the map under the "Get Location" button.



Note that it is not currently possible to create a project area of two or more non-contiguous areas. If your project area is non-contiguous, we suggest connecting the different areas with a very thin line.

Next, share your contact information, read and agree to dBird's privacy policy, then hit submit.

**2. How can we get in touch with you?**

Your name\*  
Wilson Warbler

Your email address\*  
wiwa@earth.net

My organization will respect the terms of the dBird [privacy policy](#).\*  
Yes!

Submit

After submitting your request the dBird manager will approve your project within a week. Upon approval you will receive an automated email with instructions as to how to log into your account and access your data at [backend.dBird.org](https://backend.dBird.org). You will also receive an email from [dBird@nycaudubon.org](mailto:dBird@nycaudubon.org) with additional information. The dBird manager at NYC Audubon will be a resource for you in learning how to use dBird to reach your project goals. Please feel free to reach out to them for assistance.

Some servers, particularly government and university servers, block incoming email from unknown domains such as dBird. If you do not receive login instructions within a week of signing up please contact [dBird@nycaudubon.org](mailto:dBird@nycaudubon.org).

Note: Project areas for different organizations may overlap. In these cases, organizations share data editing privileges and responsibilities. Organization's with overlapping project areas should be in contact with one another. Data should not be deleted without consulting other project managers. Also note that users submitting reports in geographies with overlapping project areas will see completion messages from each organization.

## Joining dBird as an individual researcher

Individuals unaffiliated with an institution may create dBird projects. The process is the same as detailed above. In the "Organization Name" field, simply enter "individual researcher".

If you are a researcher interested in using or integrating existing dBird data into a research project we recommend reaching out to the organization(s) or individual(s) operating in your area of interest. Organizations are typically happy to share data. For contact information for the organizations operating in your area of interest or general data requests please email [dBird@nycaudubon.org](mailto:dBird@nycaudubon.org).

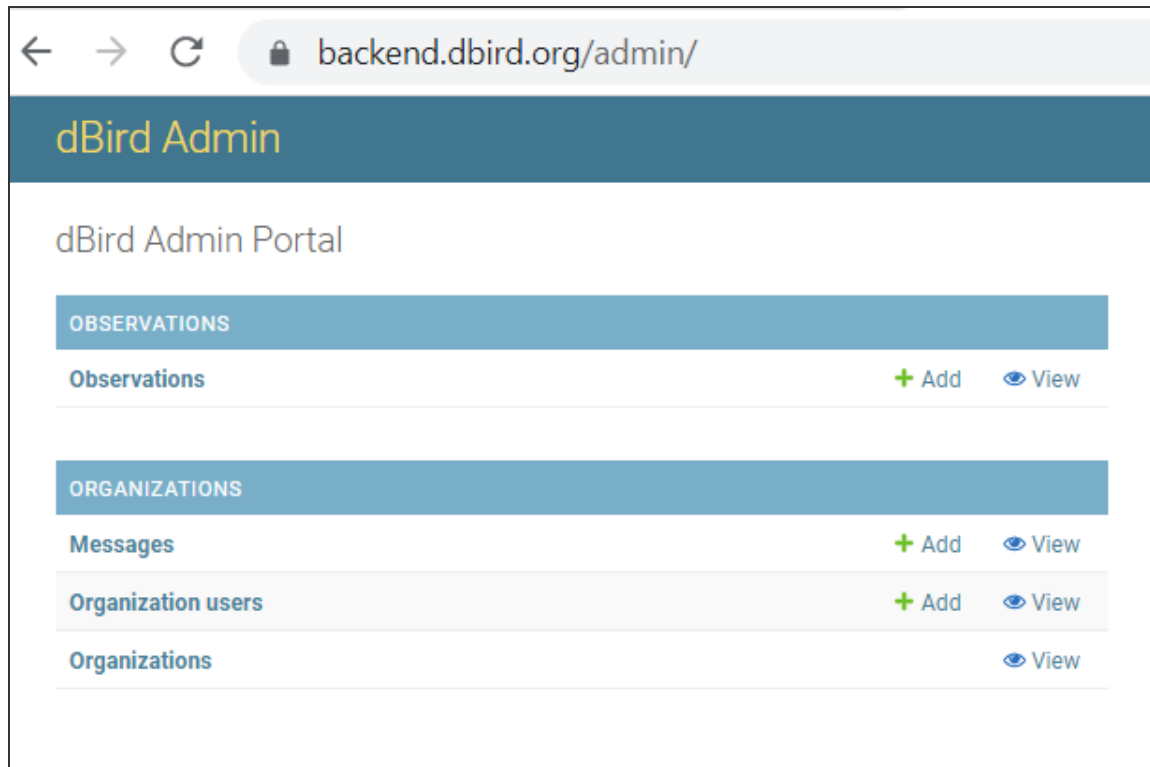
## dBird on the back-end

Once you are approved as an organization user, you can:

- View, edit, or delete observations within your organization's project area.
- Export data.
- View and edit your organization's project area.
- Add organizational users.
- Create a custom completion message.
- Visualize dBird reports on a map.

## dBird admin portal

After logging into your admin portal at [backend.dBird.org](http://backend.dBird.org), you will see the page below



From the admin portal, you can navigate to the Observations, Messages, Organization users, or Organizations pages.

## View and edit your organization's name and project area.

From the dBird Admin Portal Home page, click “Organizations” to navigate to the Organizations page, which will display the organizations with which you are associated. Click on your organization’s name. This brings you to the “Change organization” page.

To change your organization’s name, edit the text in the “Name” field and

The screenshot shows the 'dBird Admin' interface. At the top, it says 'WELCOME, JOSHUA' and has links for 'VIEW SITE / CHANGE PASSWORD / LOG OUT'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > Organizations > Organizations > Seattle Audubon'. On the left sidebar, there are sections for 'OBSERVATIONS' (with an 'Add' button), 'ORGANIZATIONS' (with 'Messages', 'Organization users', and 'Organizations' sub-sections, each with an 'Add' button), and 'Organizations' (highlighted in yellow). The main content area is titled 'Change organization' and has a 'HISTORY' button. The 'Name' field contains 'Seattle Audubon' and is circled in red with the text 'Edit text here'. Below it is a 'Region:' label and a map of the Seattle area. At the bottom, there is a 'Meta' section with the following information:

Meta	
Id:	192679ea-2e38-423b-b41f-a392379a7693
Public map url:	<a href="https://dbird.org/map?organization_id=192679ea-2e38-423b-b41f-a392379a7693">https://dbird.org/map?organization_id=192679ea-2e38-423b-b41f-a392379a7693</a>
Created at:	March 16, 2021, 5:27 p.m.
Updated at:	Sept. 20, 2022, 8:43 p.m.
Deleted at:	-

At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Save and continue editing' and 'SAVE'. The 'SAVE' button is circled in red with the text 'Then click "SAVE"'.

## Adding organization users and changing privileges

To create a new dBird account, users must email their name and email address to [dBird@nycaudubon.org](mailto:dBird@nycaudubon.org) and specify which of the three user levels they would like:

- 1) A “viewer” can only view and export observation data.
- 2) An “editor” has ‘viewer’ permissions, and can also edit observations.
- 3) An “admin” has all the above permissions, and may also add existing users to the organization.

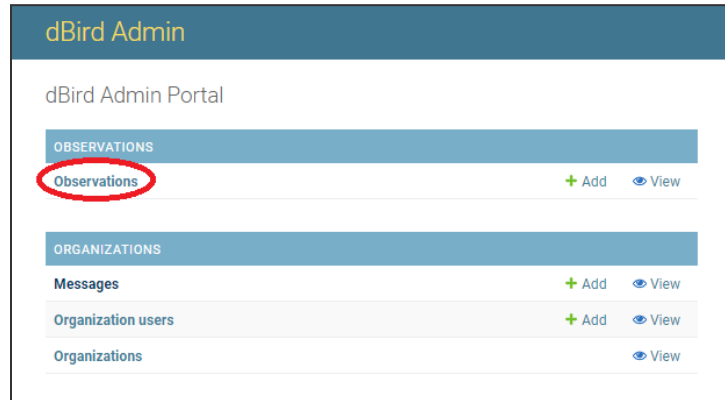
A user with admin privileges can add existing users to their organization, but they cannot create a new user from scratch. Only NYC Audubon can create new users. Please send requests for new user accounts to [dBird@nycaudubon.org](mailto:dBird@nycaudubon.org).

Note that users can be viewers, editors, or admins across multiple organizations. Organization admins can assign existing dBird users to their organization.

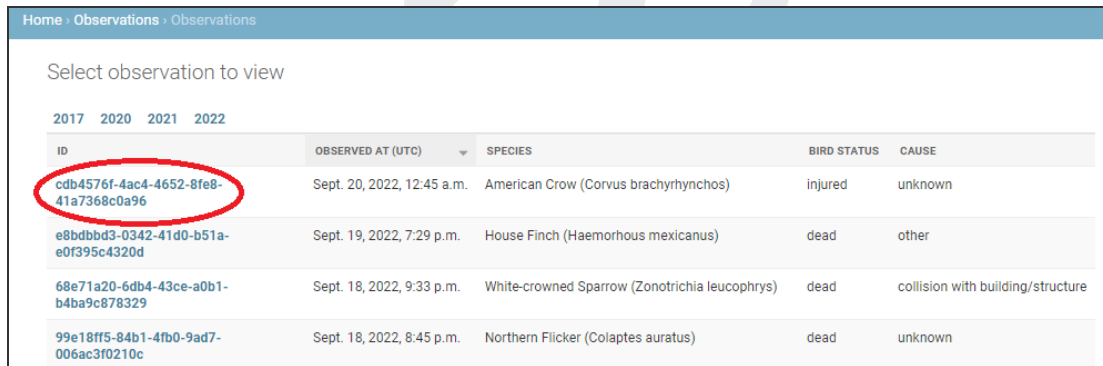
## Viewing, filtering and editing observations

### Viewing observations

From the admin portal navigate to the Observations page:



On the Observations page, select the observation that you would like to view by clicking on its ID.



The screenshot shows the 'Observations' page with a table of observations. The first row's ID, 'cdb4576f-4ac4-4652-8fe8-41a7368c0a96', is circled in red. The table has columns for ID, OBSERVED AT (UTC), SPECIES, BIRD STATUS, and CAUSE. There are also year filters (2017, 2020, 2021, 2022) at the top of the table.

ID	OBSERVED AT (UTC)	SPECIES	BIRD STATUS	CAUSE
<a href="#">cdb4576f-4ac4-4652-8fe8-41a7368c0a96</a>	Sept. 20, 2022, 12:45 a.m.	American Crow ( <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> )	injured	unknown
<a href="#">e8bdbbd3-0342-41d0-b51a-e0f395c4320d</a>	Sept. 19, 2022, 7:29 p.m.	House Finch ( <i>Haemorrhous mexicanus</i> )	dead	other
<a href="#">68e71a20-6db4-43ce-a0b1-b4ba9c878329</a>	Sept. 18, 2022, 9:33 p.m.	White-crowned Sparrow ( <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i> )	dead	collision with building/structure
<a href="#">99e18ff5-84b1-4fb0-9ad7-006ac3f0210c</a>	Sept. 18, 2022, 8:45 p.m.	Northern Flicker ( <i>Colaptes auratus</i> )	dead	unknown

The observation's details will appear, including a link to a photo if one was provided.

### Editing observations

You may edit most attributes associated with an observation, including the species, date/time, location, sex, status, age, notes, and observer details. You may not edit an observation's ID or other metadata.

For data quality assurance, you may occasionally need to edit observations. For example, a user submits a report of a "Band-tailed Pigeon." When you review the photo, you see that the

bird in question is actually a Rock Dove. In this instance, you would want to edit the species information.

To edit, simply make changes directly in the Observation. When you have finished your edits, click "SAVE".

dBird keeps records of changes we make to observations. You can view an observation's edit history by clicking the "HISTORY" button.

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dBird Admin WELCOME, JOSHUA | VIEW SITE / CHANGE PASSWORD / LOG OUT

Home · Observations · Observations · Observation object (464018c7-b923-48be-8813-805e1d656b94)

**OBSERVATIONS**

Observations + Add

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**ORGANIZATIONS**

Messages + Add

Organization users + Add

Organizations

### Change observation HISTORY

**Observed at (UTC):** Date:  Today

Time:  Now

Note: You are 8 hours behind server time.

Cause:

Image: Currently: uploads/2ef773f5-b1e4-4c7b-bd9b-f5379200b1c0.jpg  Clear

Change:  No file chosen

Notes:

I have more pictures, but they wouldn't upload.

**Bird**

Bird sex:

Bird status:

Bird age:

Species:

**Location**

Location:

Location accuracy (meters):

**Observer**

Observer name:

Observer contact info:

**Meta**

id: 464018c7-b923-48be-8813-805e1d656b94

Created at (UTC): 2022-11-27 21:04:01.359737+00:00

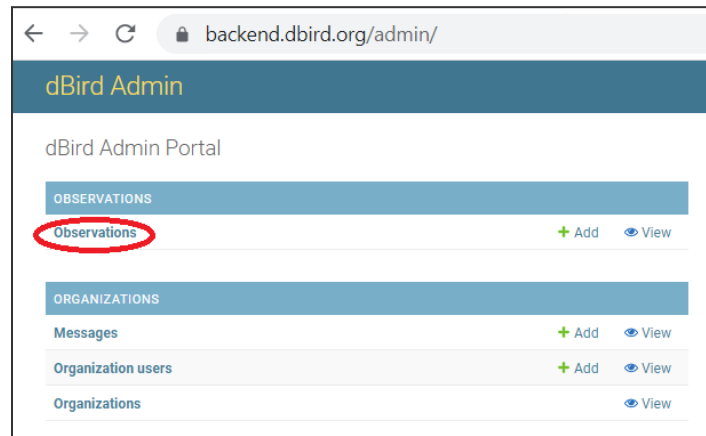
Updated at (UTC): 2022-11-27 21:04:01.359762+00:00

Deleted at (UTC): -

Last updated by: -

## Filtering observations

From the Admin Portal, click “Observations.”



This will open a list of all observations reported within your organization’s project area. You may filter the observation in multiple ways.

### Filter by date

Above the list of observations, you will see a list of years for which observations were reported. To filter by date, select the year of interest. You can then further filter by month, then day, if desired.

dBird Admin WELCOME, JOSHUA. VIEW SITE / CHANGE PASSWORD / LOG OUT

Home · Observations · Observations

**OBSERVATIONS**

Observations + Add

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**ORGANIZATIONS**

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Select observation to view

2017
2020
2021
2022

Select date filters here

ID	OBSERVED AT (UTC)	SPECIES
464018c7-b923-48be-8813-805e1d656b94	Nov. 27, 2022, 8:50 a.m.	Yellow-rumped Warbler
e67b5e22-7e4e-4fab-80c3-e53a8961c8ea	Nov. 26, 2022, 9 p.m.	Cooper's Hawk (Accipit
cb307428-b421-4192-8ba9-52fc7b437b64	Nov. 17, 2022, 3:59 a.m.	Dark-eyed Junco (Junc
98b78bc3-820d-4758-8065-dc47f2ba125c	Nov. 16, 2022, 10:46 p.m.	Great Horned Owl (Bubr
dc50ce54-c756-49b7-a59c-9fd3eea4ef42	Nov. 16, 2022, 5:18 p.m.	Song Sparrow (Melospi

**FILTER**

By deleted

yes

no

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By bird status

All

dead

injured

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By cause

All

collision with building/structure

vehicle collision

cat attack

entanglement

fell out of nest

unknown

other

### Filter by deleted observations

Observations are never truly deleted in dBird and may be recovered at any time. To view deleted observations, select “yes” under the “By deleted” filter.

dBird Admin WELCOME, JOSHUA. VIEW SITE / CHANGE PASSWORD / LOG OUT

Home · Observations · Observations

**OBSERVATIONS**

Observations + Add

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**ORGANIZATIONS**

Messages + Add

Organization users + Add

Organizations

Select observation to view

2017
2020
2021
2022

ID	OBSERVED AT (UTC)	SPECIES
464018c7-b923-48be-8813-805e1d656b94	Nov. 27, 2022, 8:50 a.m.	Yellow-rumped Warbler
e67b5e22-7e4e-4fab-80c3-e53a8961c8ea	Nov. 26, 2022, 9 p.m.	Cooper's Hawk (Accipit
cb307428-b421-4192-8ba9-52fc7b437b64	Nov. 17, 2022, 3:59 a.m.	Dark-eyed Junco (Junc
98b78bc3-820d-4758-8065-dc47f2ba125c	Nov. 16, 2022, 10:46 p.m.	Great Horned Owl (Bubr

**FILTER**

By deleted

yes

no

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By bird status

All

dead

injured

---

By cause

All

collision with building/structure

vehicle collision

cat attack

Click "yes" to view deleted observations

## Filter by bird status

You may filter observation by bird status. All statuses are displayed by default. To see only observations of dead birds, select “dead” under “By bird status.” To see only observations of injured birds, select “injured.” To see all birds, select “All”.

The screenshot shows the dBird Admin interface. The top navigation bar includes the logo 'dBird Admin' and user information 'WELCOME, JOSHUA. VIEW SITE / CHANGE PASSWORD / LOG OUT'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > Observations > Observations'. The left sidebar contains sections for 'OBSERVATIONS' (with a '+ Add' button), 'ORGANIZATIONS', 'Messages' (+ Add), 'Organization users' (+ Add), and 'Organizations'. The main content area is titled 'Select observation to view' and features a table with columns for years (2017, 2020, 2021, 2022), ID, OBSERVED AT (UTC), and SPECIES. The table lists five observations with their respective IDs, dates, and species names. On the right, there are buttons for 'EXPORT DATA' and 'ADD OBSERVATION +'. Below these is a 'FILTER' panel with two sections: 'By deleted' (yes/no) and 'By bird status' (All, dead, injured). A red circle highlights the 'By bird status' section, and a red arrow points to it with the text 'Select bird status filters here'. The 'By cause' section is also visible, listing various causes like 'collision with building/structure', 'vehicle collision', 'cat attack', 'entanglement', 'fell out of nest', 'unknown', and 'other'.

2017	2020	2021	2022
ID	OBSERVED AT (UTC)	SPECIES	
464018c7-b923-48be-8813-805e1d656b94	Nov. 27, 2022, 8:50 a.m.	Yellow-rumped Warbler	
e67b5e22-7e4e-4fab-80c3-e53a8961c8ea	Nov. 26, 2022, 9 p.m.	Cooper's Hawk (Accipit	
cb307428-b421-4192-8ba9-52fc7b437b64	Nov. 17, 2022, 3:59 a.m.	Dark-eyed Junco (Junco	
98b78bc3-820d-4758-8065-dc47f2ba125c	Nov. 16, 2022, 10:46 p.m.	Great Horned Owl (Bubo	
dc50ce54-c756-49b7-a59c-9fd3eea4ef42	Nov. 16, 2022, 5:18 p.m.	Song Sparrow (Melosp	

## Filter by cause of death/injury

You may filter observations by cause of death/injury. All causes are displayed by default. To filter, select the cause of interest under the “By cause” filter.

dBird Admin WELCOME, JOSHUA. [VIEW SITE](#) / [CHANGE PASSWORD](#) / [LOG OUT](#)

Home > Observations > Observations

**OBSERVATIONS**

Observations + Add

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Organizations

Select observation to view

2017 2020 2021 2022

ID	OBSERVED AT (UTC)	SPECIES
464018c7-b923-48be-8813-805e1d656b94	Nov. 27, 2022, 8:50 a.m.	Yellow-rumped Warbler
e67b5e22-7e4e-4fab-80c3-e53a8961c8ea	Nov. 26, 2022, 9 p.m.	Cooper's Hawk (Accipit
cb307428-b421-4192-8ba9-52fc7b437b64	Nov. 17, 2022, 3:59 a.m.	Dark-eyed Junco (Junco
98b78bc3-820d-4758-8065-dc47f2ba125c	Nov. 16, 2022, 10:46 p.m.	Great Horned Owl (Bubo
dc50ce54-c756-49b7-a59c-9fd3eea4ef42	Nov. 16, 2022, 5:18 p.m.	Song Sparrow (Melosp

EXPORT DATA

ADD OBSERVATION +

**FILTER**

By deleted

yes

no

By bird status

All

dead

injured

By cause

All

collision with building/structure

vehicle collision

cat attack

entanglement

fell out of nest

unknown

other

Select cause filters here

## Deleting observations

From the admin portal navigate to the Observations page

dBird Admin

dBird Admin Portal

**OBSERVATIONS**

Observations + Add [View](#)

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**ORGANIZATIONS**

Messages + Add [View](#)

Organization users + Add [View](#)

Organizations [View](#)

On the Observations page, select the entry that you would like to delete by clicking on its ID

Home > Observations > Observations

Select observation to view

2017 2020 2021 2022

ID	OBSERVED AT (UTC)	SPECIES	BIRD STATUS	CAUSE
<b>cdb4576f-4ac4-4652-8fe8-41a7368c0a96</b>	Sept. 20, 2022, 12:45 a.m.	American Crow ( <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> )	injured	unknown
e8bdbbd3-0342-41d0-b51a-e0f395c4320d	Sept. 19, 2022, 7:29 p.m.	House Finch ( <i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i> )	dead	other
68e71a20-6db4-43ce-a0b1-b4ba9c878329	Sept. 18, 2022, 9:33 p.m.	White-crowned Sparrow ( <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i> )	dead	collision with building/structure
99e18ff5-84b1-4fb0-9ad7-006ac3f0210c	Sept. 18, 2022, 8:45 p.m.	Northern Flicker ( <i>Colaptes auratus</i> )	dead	unknown

Individual details regarding the entry will appear, you may edit any information on this screen. To delete the observation scroll down to the bottom of the page to the red “Delete” button in the bottom left. Observations that are deleted can always be restored.

Note: If your project area overlaps with another organization’s project area, please do not delete observations without consulting the other organization(s) unless you are very sure it is appropriate to delete.

Meta

Id: cdb4576f-4ac4-4652-8fe8-41a7368c0a96

Created at (UTC): 2022-09-20 00:48:16.021117+00:00

Updated at (UTC): 2022-09-20 00:48:16.021141+00:00

Deleted at (UTC): -

Last updated by: -

**Delete** Save and add another Save and continue editing SAVE

## Exporting data

You may export data from your organization or from the entire dBird dataset in various formats.

To export data, navigate to the “Observations” page. Then select, “EXPORT DATA” in the upper right corner of the Observations page.

Home > Observations > Observations

Select observation to view

EXPORT DATA ADD OBSERVATION +

ID	OBSERVED AT (UTC)	SPECIES	BIRD STATUS	CAUSE
dd545742-05d9-4984-866b-e40a43bb24de	Sept. 15, 2022, 8:54 p.m.	Cooper's Hawk ( <i>Accipiter cooperii</i> )	dead	collision with building/structure
133bec31-0971-40d5-901a-dd359d677b2	Sept. 14, 2022, 2:35 p.m.	American Crow ( <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> )	dead	unknown
aeccf1fa-33da-4319-9549-dc8bad02df73	Sept. 14, 2022, 2:32 p.m.	American Crow ( <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> )	dead	unknown
9d01d1ff-9f80-444d-999c-6b0cb6513350	Sept. 13, 2022, 6:11 p.m.	gull sp. ( <i>Larinae</i> sp.)	dead	unknown

**FILTER**

By deleted

yes

no

By bird status

All

dead

injured

On the Export Data page, please read about exporting and citing dBird data. Next, select the scope of your data request, i.e, data for an organization or all dBird data.

If you are exporting data for an organization, select the organization. Now apply a date range if desired, choose a format for your data export, then click submit in the bottom right.

Exports are available in multiple formats, including .csv; .xls; .xlsx; .ods; and .json.

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Export dBird data

**Exporting data**

You may export all dBird data or just data that is geographically-scoped to your organization. To protect user privacy, exported data does not include observer\_name or observer\_contact\_info fields.

Large exports may take a long time to process and requests may time out. In such cases, we recommend applying a date range filter and exporting one or two years at a time.

**Citation**

Whenever data are used, dBird will be cited appropriately unless the owner of dBird has explicitly waived that requirement.

For any use of dBird data or for general reference to the project in peer-reviewed literature, please use this citation:

*dBird*. 2021. *dBird: An online database of bird mortality [web application]*. dBird, New York City Audubon Society, Inc., New York, New York. Available: <https://dbird.org>. (Accessed: Date [e.g., February 2, 2021]).

**Data request form**

Set the parameters for data you wish to export and click "Submit" - data download should start automatically in a moment.

**Scope**

data for an organization

all dBird data (recommend applying date range)

**Choose an authorized organization** Seattle Audubon

**Apply date range**

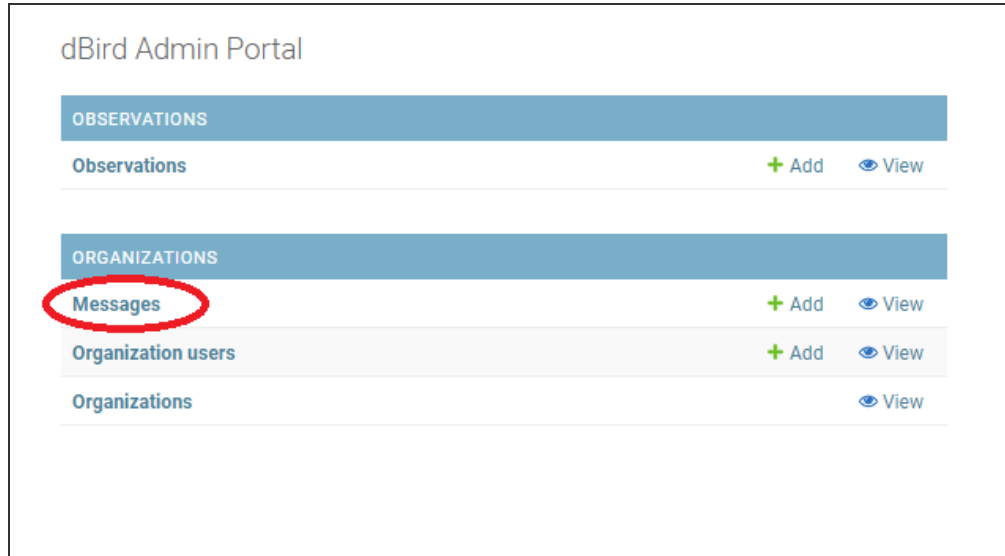
Year from 2022 Year through 2022

**Format** csv

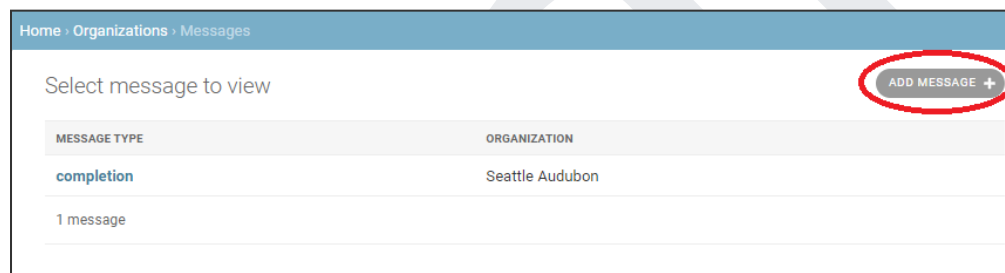
Submit

As an organization user, sharing data with external audiences is at your discretion. When you share data, please also share the “Data Limitations” section of this guide and the expectation that data used in research or published papers be cited as:

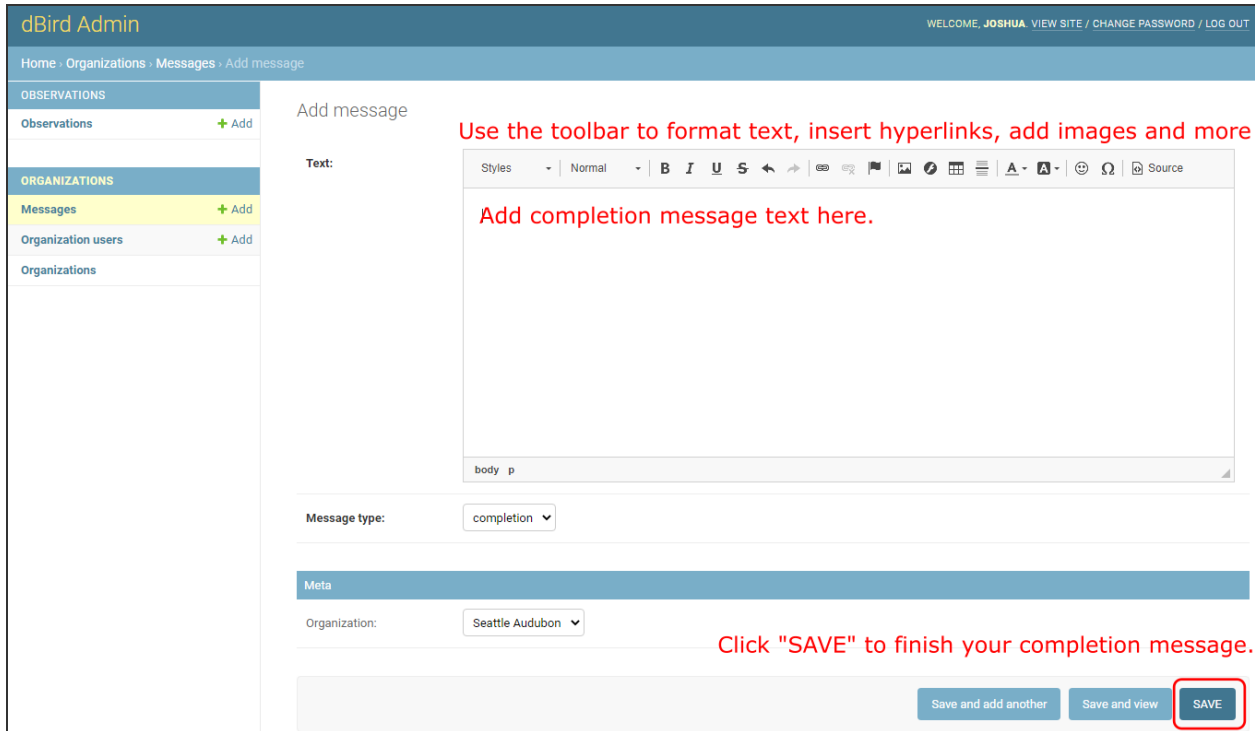




If you have already created a completion message for your organization, you may review and edit it by clicking “completion”. To create a new message, click “ADD MESSAGE” in the top right corner.



You will be taken to the “Add message” page where you can create your custom completion message. Note that you can use the toolbar to format text, insert images and logos, add hyperlinks, and more.



## Visualizing dBird observations on a map

dBird automatically creates a “public map” of observations in your project area. To find your map navigate to the “Change organization” page (from the Admin Portal, click “Organizations”, then select your organization under the “Name” section).

Under the “Meta” section of the “Change organization” page, you will find the URL to your public map. Anyone with whom you share the public map URL can view and interact with the map.

Public maps can also be embedded into websites using an iframe. For example, the following HTML code would embed your map with a height on the page of 400 pixels:

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<iframe src="YOUR PUBLIC MAP URL HERE" width="100%" height="400px"
frameBorder="0" style="border: 0;"></iframe>
```

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You can help support the costs of maintaining and managing dBird by making a donation to New York City Audubon. [Click here](#) to donate.

## Other limitations and things to note

- Project areas must be drawn freehand. dBird does not support shapefile uploads.
- You cannot search records by photo or species unless you export the data first.
- When submitting a report, users may only upload one image.
- As a privacy function, name and contact information of users cannot be exported.
- Time/date information is stored in Universal Time, not local time. You must do mental math or create a formula to convert Universal Time to local time for your project area.
- The date range selector for exporting data is limited to years. We are not able to be more specific than that.
- The bird species list is limited to species observed in the US. If reporting a species that does not occur there, users must choose the 'other' option and provide the species identification in the notes if it is known.
- Project admins are not able to create non-contiguous project areas: a workaround exists: connect non-contiguous project areas using a very thin line.