How to import an eBird list into iNaturalist

Courtesy of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society

Open a checklist in eBird. Under Checklist tools, click on Download. Your file will be downloaded as .csv file.

Open the file in Excel. Do not change the file from .csv file format.

Leave the header row

Column 1: species name

> Remove any rows with species names with slashes or "sp." As these won't be recognized

> For some reason, some bird names will not be recognized even though they are valid. "Blue Jay" is one. If you get an error for a species name, use allaboutbirds.org to find the latin name for the bird and use that instead.

Column 2: move Date column here. Format the date as YYYY-MM-DD

Column 3: Move Details column here.

Column 4: Move Location column here.

Column 5: Add Latitude column. Insert latitude of location here

Column 6: Add Longitude column. Insert longitude of location here.

> Note: I found the easiest way to get lat & long is to pull up location in maps.google.com. When you enter your location, it lists the lat & long in the URL at the top of the web page and you can just cut & paste.

Column 7: Add new column for Tags. You do not have to enter any data

Column 8: Add a new column for Geoprivacy. If the location is sensitive you can enter "private" or "obscured"

Delete all other columns

Save the file as a .csv file

Go into your account in iNaturalist

Go to upload and click on "More Import Options" and click on "csv"

On the import observations page, Click on Choose file to select the file you created. And then click Upload.

Check your email. If the import is successful, you will see an email to that effect.

If it's not successful, correct the errors and rerun the import until it's successful.

Add photos if you have them after the file has been imported.