

Entering International Shorebird Survey data into eBird

The International Shorebird Survey is now an eBird project. Entering your data is still easy! Here's how:

What is an eBird "Project"?

eBird Projects is a new framework that enhances how eBird data is collected and shared for conservation initiatives. Each project has a dedicated overview page. The ISS page is here:

<https://ebird.org/projects/1039>

eBird Project
International Shorebird Survey (ISS)
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Overview

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Project Stats

- 3788 eBirders
- 85,441 Complete Checklists (227.4K Total)
- 3285 Species

About This Project

Manomet's International Shorebird Survey (ISS) has been a game-changer for shorebird conservation since 1974, all thanks to an incredible community of volunteers and shorebird enthusiasts across the Western Hemisphere submitting surveys through eBird. This passionate network has helped uncover vital insights about shorebird populations—powering groundbreaking research and real conservation wins.

ISS data is the heart and soul of modern shorebird conservation, helping track trends and shape action plans to protect these amazing birds. It's even played a key role in major scientific discoveries, like the 3 Billion Birds report (2019), which sounded the alarm on bird population declines, and a recent study by Paul Smith et al., calling for urgent conservation efforts. Simply put—every survey submitted makes a difference for the shorebirds we love!

[Learn how to join](#)

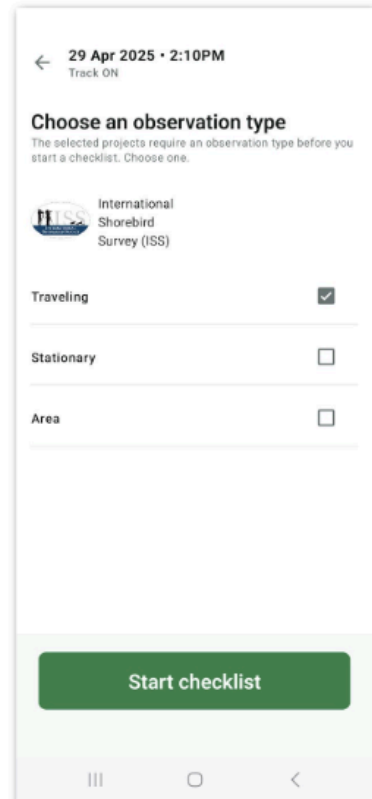
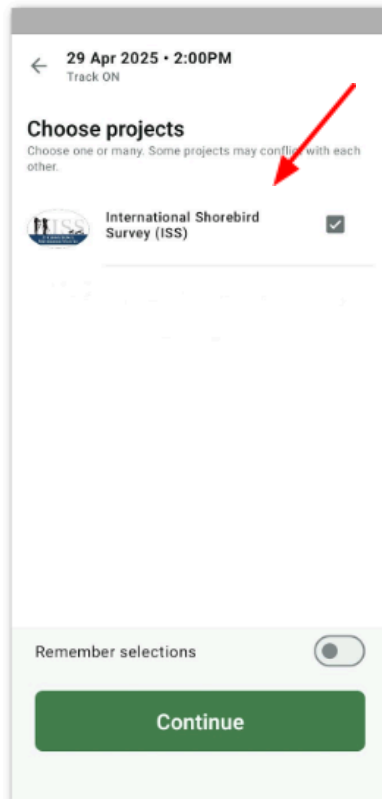
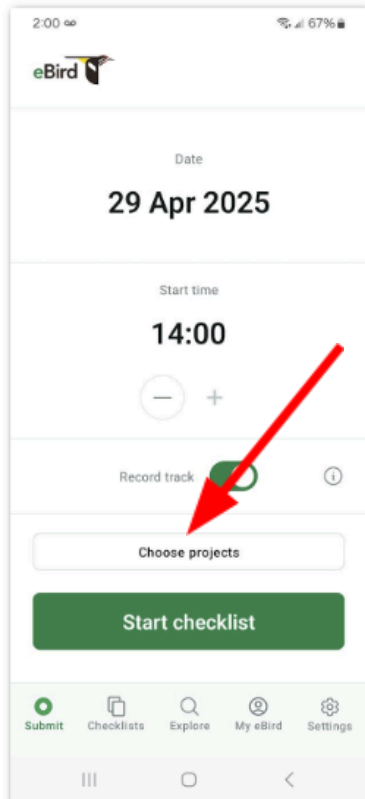
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How do I join the ISS Project?

In order to submit an ISS checklist, our contributors need to join the ISS project. If you have already submitted an ISS checklist in the past, you should already be part of the ISS project and don't need to join again. To join the ISS project, navigate to the ISS project page <https://ebird.org/projects/1039> and click on the "Learn how to join" button in the middle of the page.

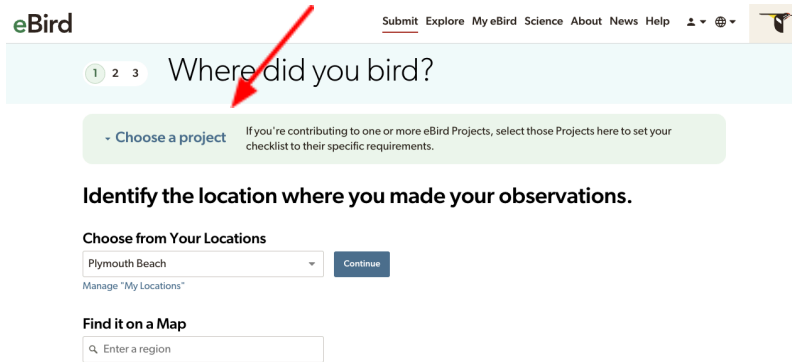
Submitting ISS checklists on the eBird app in the field

Once you have joined the project you can submit ISS checklists. Make sure you have the latest version of the eBird app downloaded to your phone. When you start a checklist in the app, you should have the choice to “Choose projects” as soon as you open the app (left screen). You should see ISS listed in your projects (middle screen). Once you select ISS and hit “Continue”, the last step is to select Traveling, Stationary, or Area (right screen). Most ISS checklists are Traveling or Stationary checklists. Once you hit “Start Checklist”, you can enter your data as you always have.



Submitting ISS checklists on the eBird website on your computer

As before, you may also submit your ISS checklist from your computer. As with the app, you first “Choose a project” which shows you all the projects you have joined. Once you click on ISS, you then choose Traveling, Stationary, or Area and then hit “Continue” to start submitting data.



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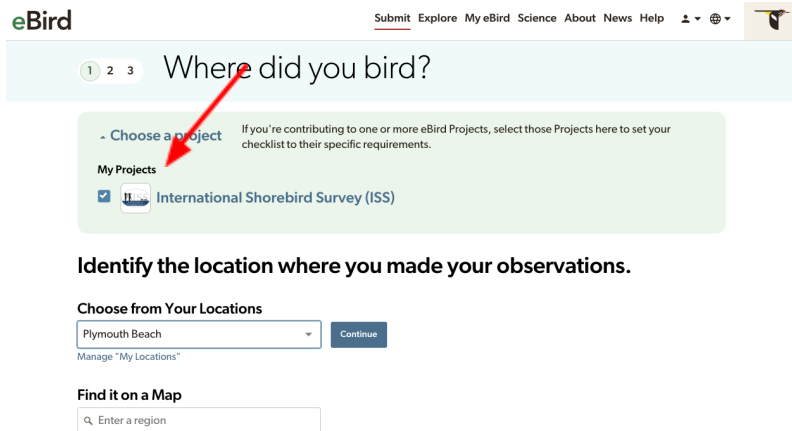
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[- Choose a project](#) If you're contributing to one or more eBird Projects, select those Projects here to set your checklist to their specific requirements.

Identify the location where you made your observations.

Choose from Your Locations
Plymouth Beach [Continue](#)
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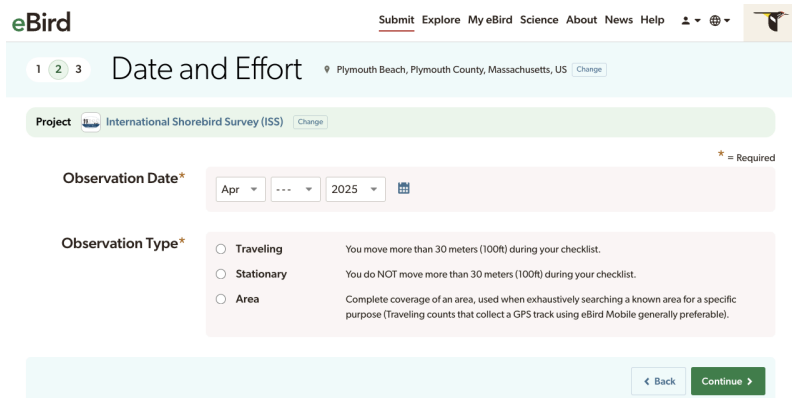
My Projects

- International Shorebird Survey (ISS)

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1 2 3 **Date and Effort** Plymouth Beach, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, US [Change](#)

Project International Shorebird Survey (ISS) [Change](#)

Observation Date* * = Required
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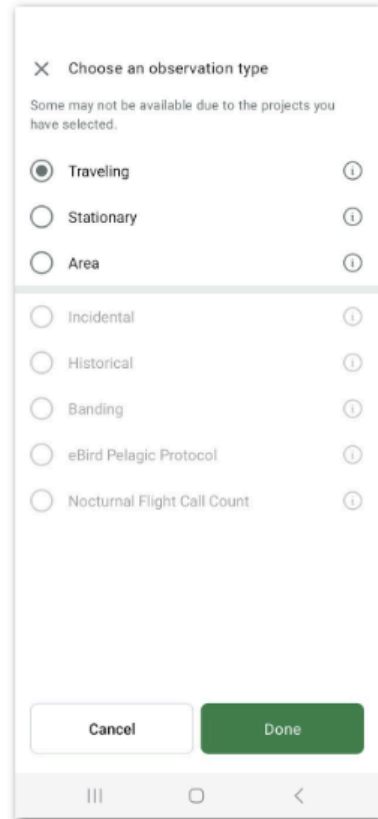
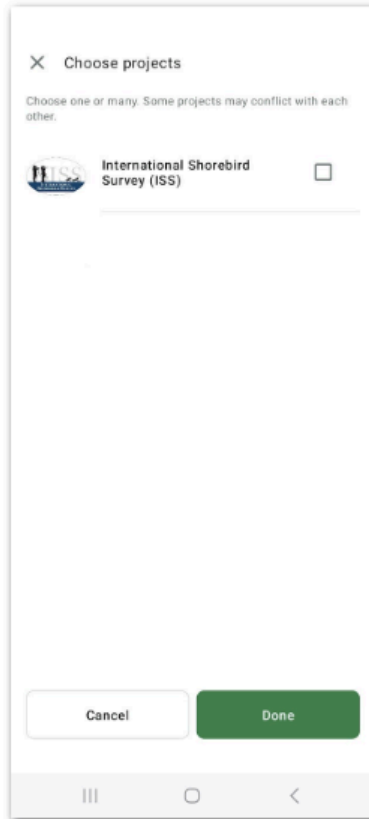
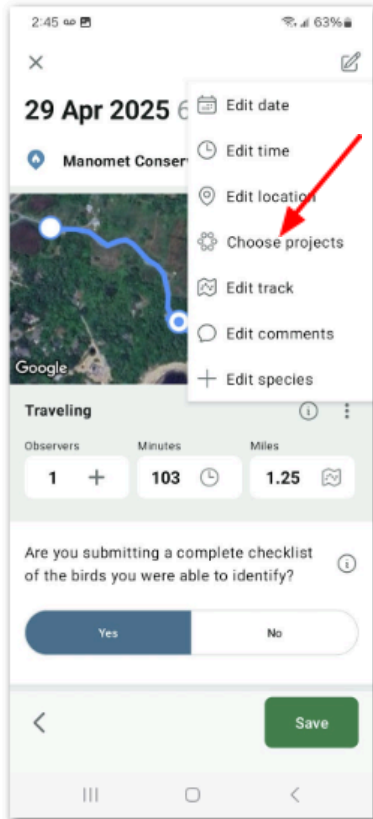
Observation Type*

- Traveling** You move more than 30 meters (100ft) during your checklist.
- Stationary** You do NOT move more than 30 meters (100ft) during your checklist.
- Area** Complete coverage of an area, used when exhaustively searching a known area for a specific purpose (Traveling counts that collect a GPS track using eBird Mobile generally preferable).

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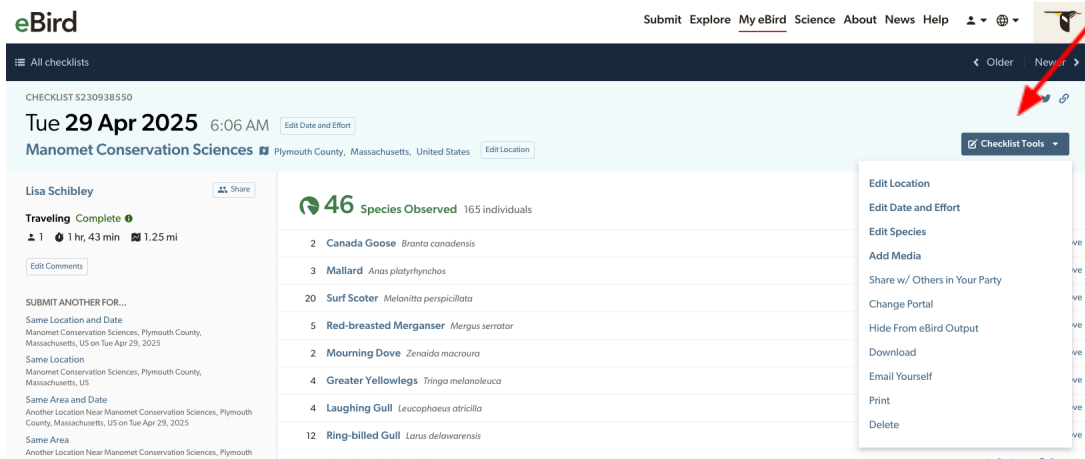
Editing ISS checklists on the eBird App

If you forget to start your checklist in the ISS project, it is very easy to switch it over afterwards, both in the app and on the website. For the app, the button for editing the checklist is on the top right and looks like a small pencil. On that drop-down list, you can hit “Choose projects” then select ISS.



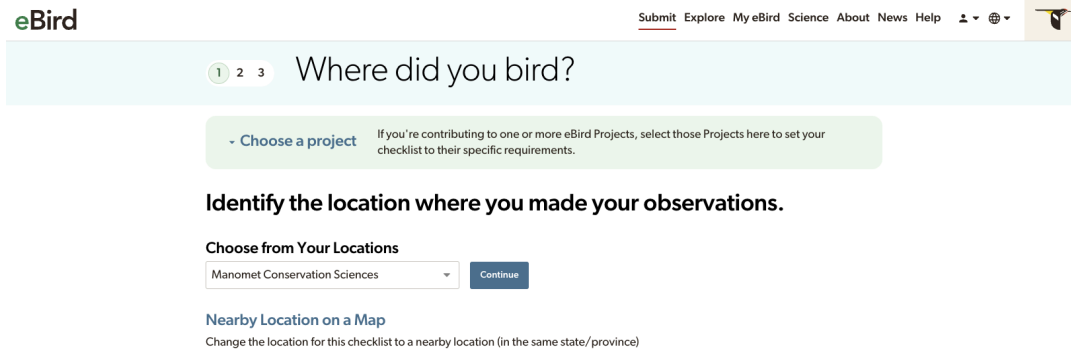
Editing ISS checklists on the eBird Website

If you need to add a checklist to the ISS project from the eBird website, there is one tricky bit. First navigate to your checklist on ebird.org and look for the “Checklist Tools” drop down menu on the upper right hand corner of the page. To find the spot where you can hit “Choose projects”, you need to first select “Edit Location” under the “Checklist Tools”.



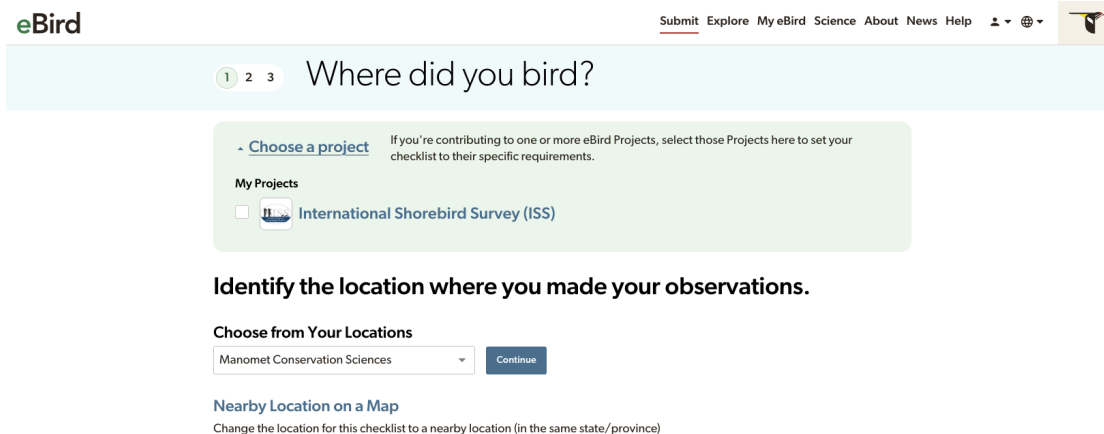
The screenshot shows the eBird website interface for a checklist. At the top right, there is a navigation bar with links for Submit, Explore, My eBird, Science, About, News, and Help. Below this is a header for the checklist, including the date 'Tue 29 Apr 2025' and the location 'Manomet Conservation Sciences'. A 'Checklist Tools' dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'Edit Location', 'Edit Date and Effort', 'Edit Species', 'Add Media', 'Share w/ Others in Your Party', 'Change Portal', 'Hide From eBird Output', 'Download', 'Email Yourself', 'Print', and 'Delete'. A red arrow points to the 'Checklist Tools' dropdown.

Once you choose Edit Location then you can hit “Choose a project” on the next screen,



The screenshot shows the eBird website interface for the 'Where did you bird?' screen. The page has a light blue header with the eBird logo and navigation links. Below the header, there are three numbered steps: 1, 2, and 3. Step 2 is highlighted. A green box contains the text '- Choose a project' and a description: 'If you're contributing to one or more eBird Projects, select those Projects here to set your checklist to their specific requirements.' Below this, there is a section titled 'Identify the location where you made your observations.' with a dropdown menu for 'Choose from Your Locations' set to 'Manomet Conservation Sciences' and a 'Continue' button. There is also a link for 'Nearby Location on a Map'.

Which will make a list of your projects pop up. Choose ISS and hit “Continue”.



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If you have any questions about any of these steps, please do not hesitate to reach out to Lisa Schibley lschibley@manomet.org or Arne Lesterhuis alesterhuis@manomet.org