

The iNat.ca “true locations records” Data Use Permissions for CDCs are as follows:

1. Taxon Geoprivacy

These are the true locations of records where (at the species level) records were automatically obscured or private by the iNat.ca platform based on the conservation status of the species (i.e., IUCN and/or NatureServe) and/or because the species is on the iNat.ca Sensitive Species List (this list is now managed by iNat.ca Steering Committee –with input from CDCs and iNat.ca community).

Taxon Geoprivacy Obscured records and Taxon Geoprivacy set to Private records

CDCs can load these records into their database(s), and can share and display the following to the public, at a precision that adheres to their CDC data security policies and procedures:

- “raw iNat.ca records” (i.e., the original export from NSC)
- Observations, EO+SF, range maps, SDM and other derivative products that integrate and/or display these iNat.ca records.

To confirm, there are no iNat.ca data security requirements. It is the CDC’s data security policy and procedures that apply (e.g., CDC Sensitive Species List applies, not the iNat.ca Sensitive Species List).

2. Geoprivacy set to Obscured or Private manually by Observer

a) Geoprivacy set to Obscured records

These are the true locations of records that were manually set to “obscured” by the iNat.ca Observer.

CDC can load these records into their database(s) flagged as “sensitive/restricted” and can share and display the following to the public, so long as these do not make known the iNat record location(s) at a scale or precision that the iNaturalist.ca platform does not itself release publicly, namely 0.2 degrees latitude by 0.2 degrees longitude:

Observations, EO+SF, range maps, SDM and other derivative products that integrate and/or display these iNat.ca records.

Approval required from iNat.ca Observer for any other uses. CDCs will contact the iNat.ca Observer via the iNat.ca platform.

b) Geoprivacy set to Private records

These are the true locations of records that were manually set to “private” by the iNat.ca Observer. These records are removed from the data export.

For additional information please see the iNaturalist.ca “Geoprivacy Canada” page:
<https://inaturalist.ca/pages/geoprivacy-canada>

View the Obscured Species List here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wq43zwZIsNqEteZIVVvXOE2P8qTIY6EtMI9AUrG9FM/edit?pli=1#gid=0>