

# How to Edit Wikidata

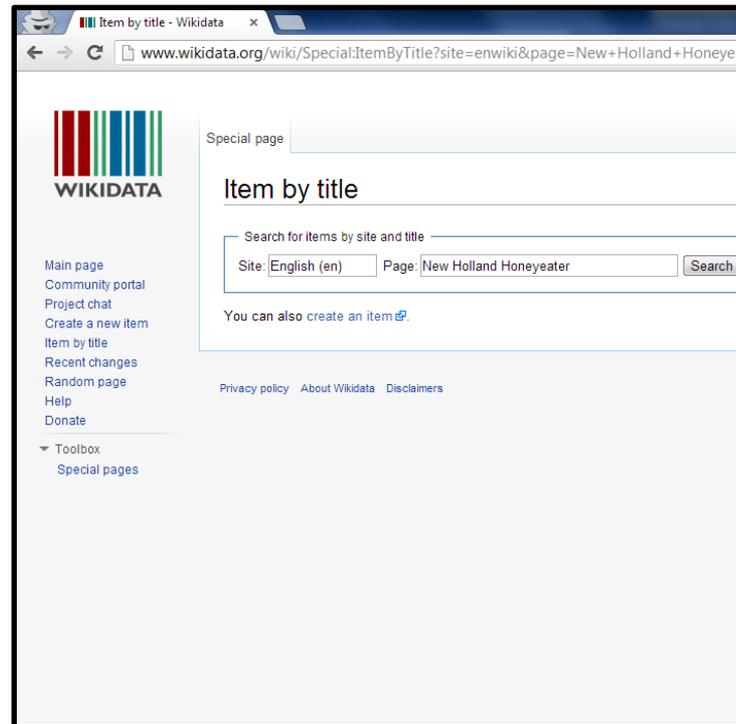
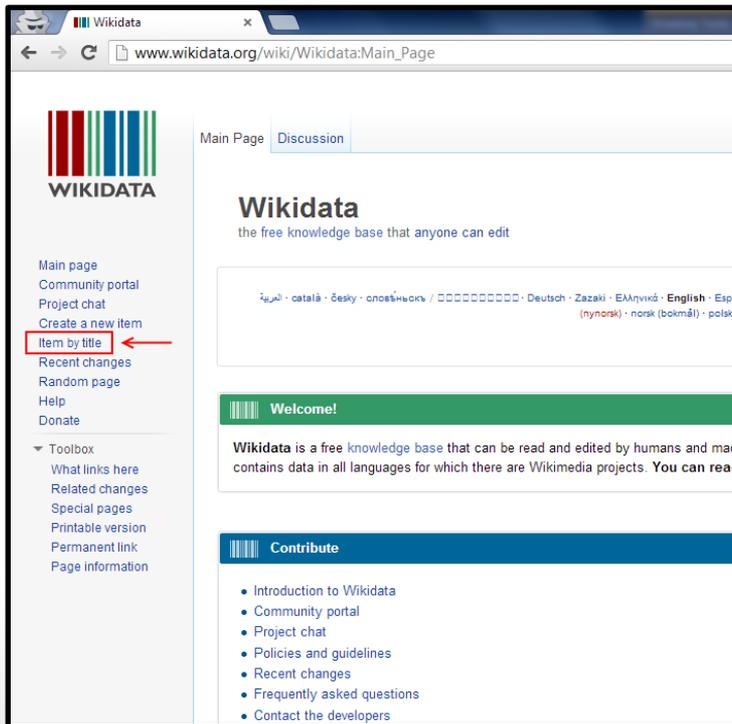
a step by step guide

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# 1) Make sure that the article that you want to create a Wikidata page for doesn't already have a Wikidata page

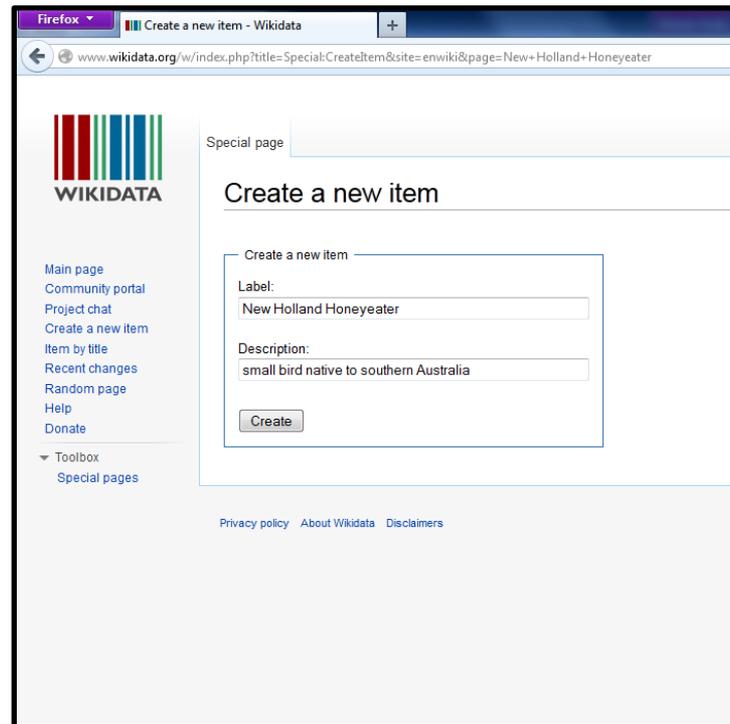
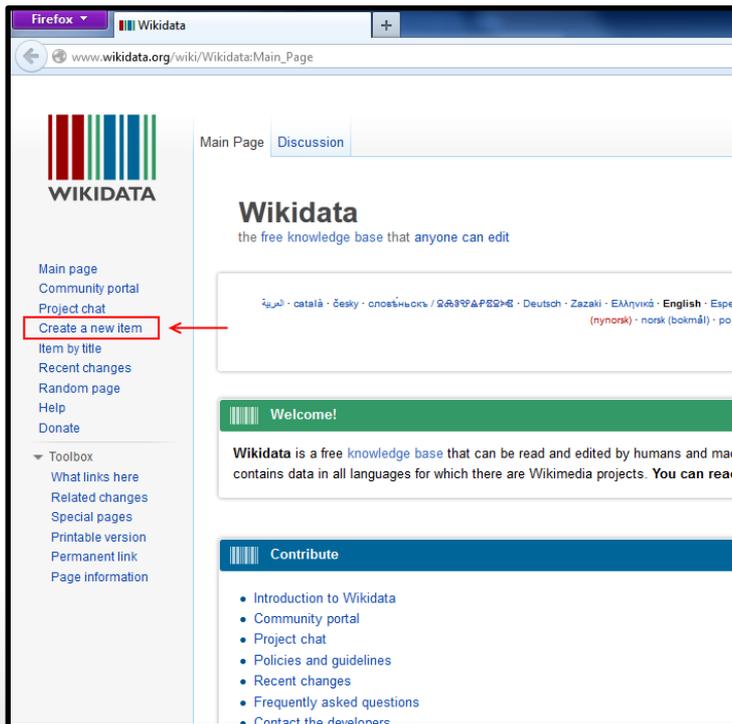
The best way to do this is to use the “Item by title” search. You can access this by clicking “Item by title” on the main navigation bar on the left. You will be taken to a search screen which asks for the language of Wikipedia that the article is in and the name of the article on that project. Fill that in and click search. If the entry already has a Wikidata entry, you will be taken to it directly. If not, you’ll see “You can also create an item” pop up below the search.



## 2) Use the create a new item screen to create the Wikidata page.

From the “Item by tile” search, you can reach the “Create a new item” page by clicking the link below the search bar, or by clicking “Create a new item” on the main navigation bar on the left side of the screen. The “Create a new item” interface will ask for you to enter a label and a description.

The label is the most common name that the entity would be known by to readers. The description is a short phrase designed to disambiguate the page in question from other pages with the same or similar labels. See the pages Help:Label and Help:Description for additional details.



### 3) Fill in the first interwiki link and any aliases that the entry might have.

After filling out the “Create a new item” page, you will be taken to the new Wikidata item. The web address will be the letter Q followed by a number, not the label from the previous screen.

You can then add any alternative names that the object has by clicking the “[edit]” button to the right of the line “Also known as:”. Items can have one alias, several aliases, or none at all. To add the first interwiki link, click “[add]” in the line below “List of pages linked to this item”. You will have two fields to fill out. The one on the left is for the language of Wikipedia that the article is in, and functions exactly the same as the language input in the previous page. The field on the right is where the Wikipedia article title goes. When you’re done, you should see an entry that looks like the one in the box to the lower right of this slide.

This screenshot shows the Wikidata 'Create a new item' page for 'New Holland Honeyeater'. The page title is 'New Holland Honeyeater' with the description 'small bird native to southern Australia'. The 'Also known as:' field is empty. Below it, the 'List of pages linked to this item' section shows '(0 entries)'. The left sidebar contains navigation links like 'Main page', 'Community portal', and 'Create a new item'. The bottom of the page indicates it was last modified on 4 December 2012 at 16:59.

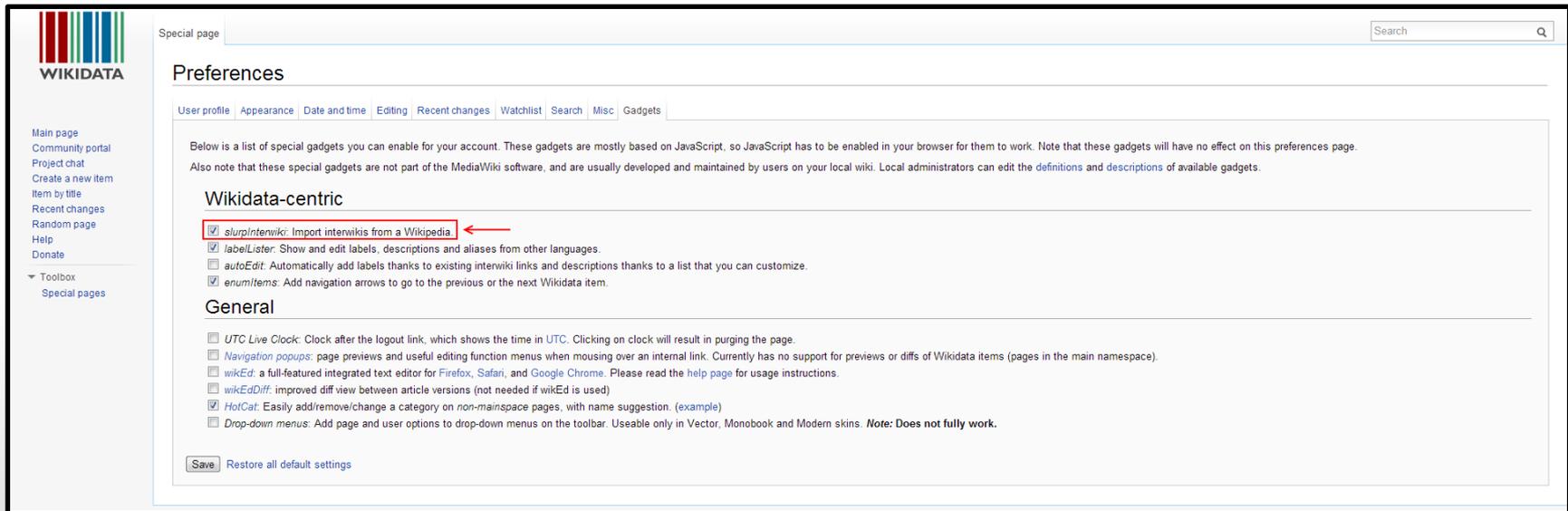
This screenshot shows the Wikidata item page for 'New Holland Honeyeater' (Q380225). The page title is 'New Holland Honeyeater' with the description 'small bird native to southern Australia'. The 'Also known as:' field now contains 'Phylidonyris novaehollandiae'. The 'List of pages linked to this item' section shows '(1 entry)' with a table entry for 'English' (en) linking to 'New Holland Honeyeater'. The bottom of the page indicates it was last modified on 4 December 2012 at 16:59.

English	en	New Holland Honeyeater	[edit remove]
			[add]

# 4) Fill in the rest of the interwiki links using the gadget slurpInterwiki

While you can add all of the other interwiki links by hand by following the same process you used to add the first link, there is a tool that does this for you, saving a great deal of time. You can enable the tool by clicking “Preferences” in the bar of links in the top right corner of the screen, then going to the “Gadgets” tab and clicking the checkmark for “slurpInterwiki”.

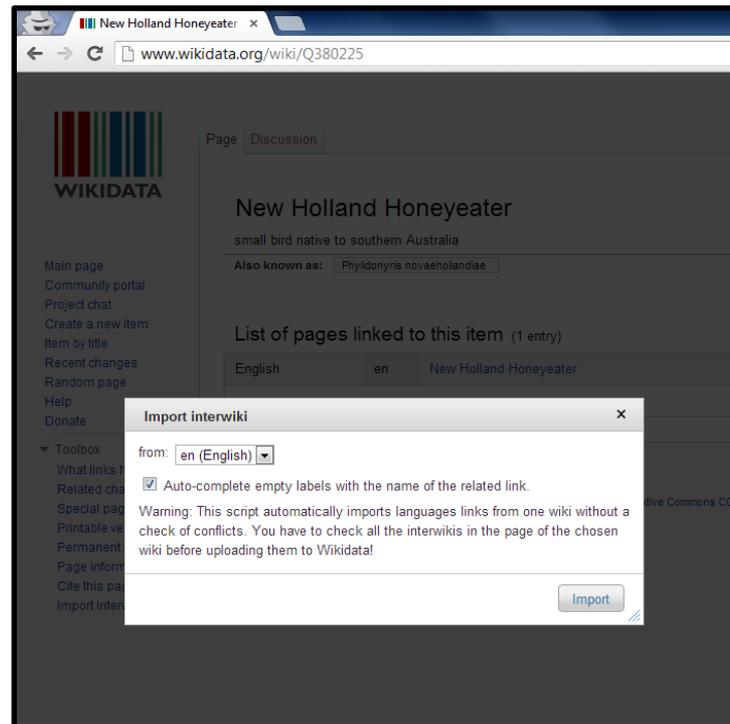
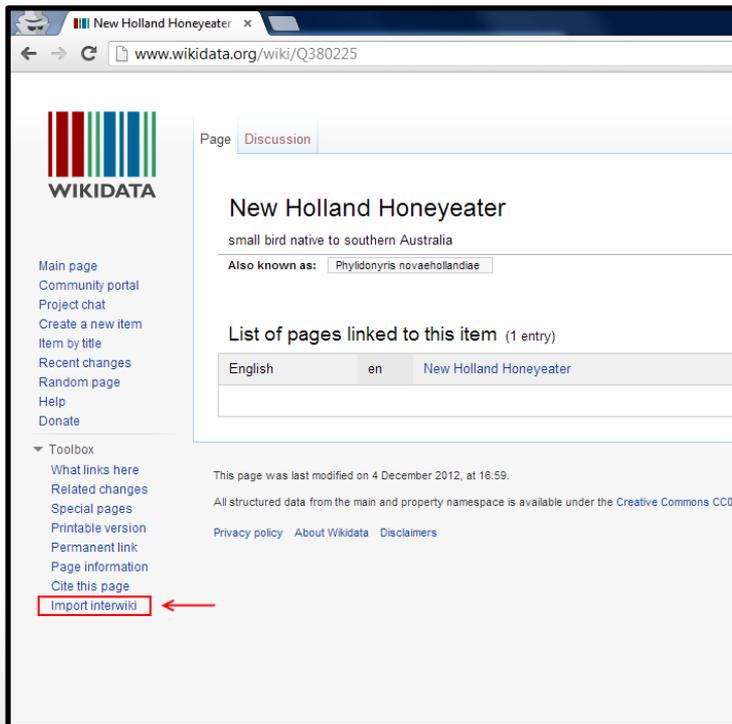
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The screenshot shows the Wikidata Preferences page. The left sidebar contains navigation links such as 'Main page', 'Community portal', and 'Toolbox'. The main content area is titled 'Preferences' and has a sub-tab 'Gadgets'. Below the sub-tabs, there is a warning message: 'Below is a list of special gadgets you can enable for your account. These gadgets are mostly based on JavaScript, so JavaScript has to be enabled in your browser for them to work. Note that these gadgets will have no effect on this preferences page. Also note that these special gadgets are not part of the MediaWiki software, and are usually developed and maintained by users on your local wiki. Local administrators can edit the definitions and descriptions of available gadgets.' Under the 'Wikidata-centric' section, the 'slurpInterwiki' gadget is checked and highlighted with a red box and an arrow. Other gadgets listed include 'LabelLister', 'autoEdit', and 'enumItems'. The 'General' section includes options for 'UTC Live Clock', 'Navigation popups', 'wikEd', 'wikEdDiff', 'HotCat', and 'Drop-down menus'. At the bottom, there is a 'Save' button and a link to 'Restore all default settings'.

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Once slurpInterwiki is enabled, you should see “Import interwiki” appear at the bottom of the main navigation bar on the left side of the screen. When you click that, a pop up will come up asking you to select which language to import from, and a checkbox will appear asking you if you want to fill in empty labels in the other languages automatically. Unless you started importing interwiki links by hand, “en (English)” will be your only choice in the drop down menu. The checkbox defaults to off, but unless the name of a page is especially complicated (say if it uses subscript), or if the name of the article itself is in dispute, there’s no reason not to check that box.



# 5) You're done!

A completed entry will look something like the screenshot below.

For now, this is all that you can do on Wikidata. In the coming months, Wikidata will begin the second phase of the planned three-phase features rollout, which will allow data points to be added. Check back then for an updated guide.

Thanks for contributing to Wikidata. Hope you enjoy your time here!

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q380225?slurpnotif=success-links|success-labels`. The page title is "New Holland Honeyeater - Wikidata". The Wikidata logo is visible on the left. The main content area shows the entry for "New Holland Honeyeater" with a description "small bird native to southern Australia" and an "Also known as" section containing "Phylidonyris novaehollandiae". Below this is a table titled "List of pages linked to this item (7 entries)" with columns for Language, Code, and Linked article. The table lists links in German, English, Basque, French, Hungarian, Polish, and Swedish. A footer at the bottom states "This page was last modified on 4 December 2012, at 18:48."

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## New Holland Honeyeater

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small bird native to southern Australia [\[edit\]](#)

**Also known as:**  [\[edit\]](#)

### List of pages linked to this item (7 entries)

Language	Code	Linked article	
Deutsch	de	<a href="#">Weißaugen-Honigfresser</a>	<a href="#">[edit]</a> <a href="#">remove</a>
English	en	<a href="#">New Holland Honeyeater</a>	<a href="#">[edit]</a> <a href="#">remove</a>
euskara	eu	<a href="#">Phylidonyris novaehollandiae</a>	<a href="#">[edit]</a> <a href="#">remove</a>
français	fr	<a href="#">Méliphage de Nouvelle-Hollande</a>	<a href="#">[edit]</a> <a href="#">remove</a>
magyar	hu	<a href="#">Fehérszemű mézevő</a>	<a href="#">[edit]</a> <a href="#">remove</a>
polski	pl	<a href="#">Miodaczek białouchy</a>	<a href="#">[edit]</a> <a href="#">remove</a>
svenska	sv	<a href="#">Vitögd honungsfågel</a>	<a href="#">[edit]</a> <a href="#">remove</a>
			<a href="#">[add]</a>

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