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Thread: [iPhone pics taking up a lot of space \[FIX\]](#)

thales - April 26, 2016, 9:39 pm

Shoutout to the user [Bloodbath](#) for linking me to this fix. I thought I'd share it if anyone else is having this problem.

I'm not sure if this works on all types of phones but it worked on my 5s.

1. Go to Settings
 2. Date & Time (under general)
 3. Untoggle "Set Automatically"
 4. Manually change the date back. For example, if today is March 15, 2015, choose August 1, 2014. (You can change it back once we're done)
- Close out of that
5. Open "Photos"
 6. Select "Albums"
 7. If, like me, you had already cleared out everything from the Camera Roll and "Recently Deleted" folder, you'll smile to see that your "Recently Deleted" folder now has thousands of images back. Those are your phantom photos
- Open it, "Select" and start deleting
8. Reset date back to "Set automatically (or previous setting)"
 9. Now, go back into Settings - General - Usage - Storage - Manage Storage - and you'll notice your Photo & Camera is empty if you deleted everything.

Source: <https://discussions.apple.com/message/27831547#27831547>

Madchild - April 27, 2016, 5:00 am

I will try this out right now, thanks thales. !

? [\$(1000)\$] ? - April 27, 2016, 5:07 am

Tried it, but there was only one image in recently deleted...

thales - April 27, 2016, 12:43 pm

(Apr 27, 2016 05:07 AM)? [\$(1000)\$] ? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Tried it, but there was only one image in recently deleted...Try to set the date back even further. I set mine back to 2012 just to make sure I had every single picture lol.

Sharjah - May 11, 2016, 8:04 pm

Didn't work on my 5s unfortunately. Went back to 2004

OneEightSeven - May 11, 2016, 8:06 pm

Needed this when I had my iphone 5 but I have a 64gb I should be good for awhile :D thanks tho! might use this/ check this out

thales - May 12, 2016, 2:00 pm

(May 11, 2016 08:04 PM)Doc Gwop Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Didn't work on my 5s unfortunately. Went back to 2004Hmm interesting. I used my 5s for this. What iOS are you using?

