

The City Nature Challenge is a global, city-scale urban biodiversity BioBlitz framed as a friendly competition between participating areas.



American Bumble Bee,
@baylorbear78, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



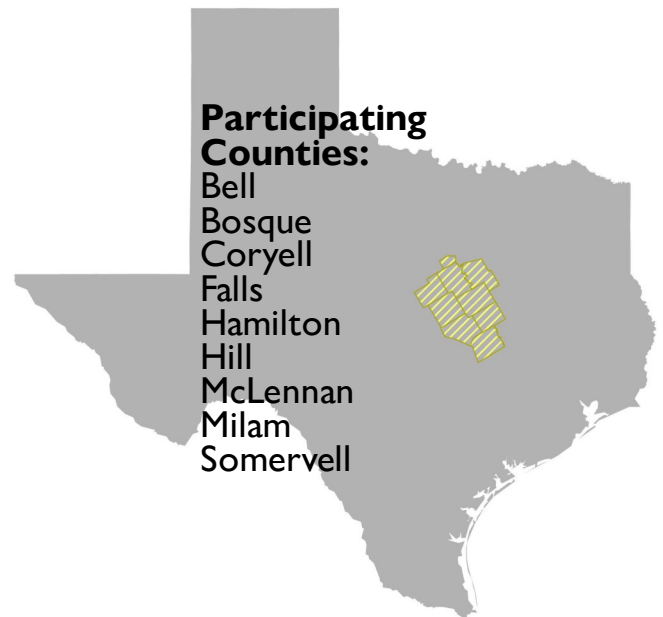
Black-capped Vireo, @bcvi, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)

**Data collection
Apr 25-28**

**Identifications
April 29-May 4**

By the numbers:

- 9 counties
- More than 12,000 observations
- 2,340 species recorded
- Over 300 observers
- More than 600 identifiers
- 93% of observations were verifiable



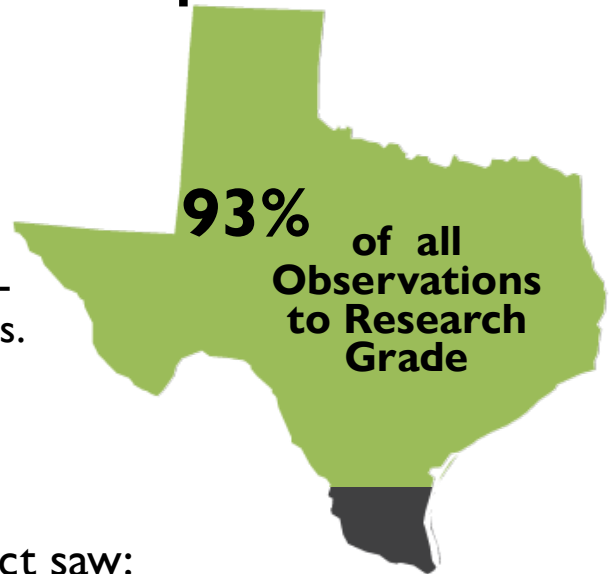
Heart of Texas Highlights

Globally, 669 cities from 62 countries participated in the 2025 City Nature Challenge. Heart of Texas ranked **#65 for Observations**, **#65 for Species**, and **#65 for Observers** globally, placing it in the top 9% of projects.

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Cumulative Impact

93% of the observations recorded during the City Nature Challenge in the Heart of Texas area were **Research Grade** - observations of wild organisms with photo or sound vouchers of a quality to merit a species-level identification by the majority of identifiers.



During the 4 days of the event, the project saw:

- 17 Species of Greatest Conservation Need at Research Grade (see list)
- 74 new species records in iNaturalist
- 3% increase in iNaturalist observations for the project metro counties
- Project page: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2025-heart-of-texas>



Golden-cheeked Warbler,
@littlebird, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



Plateau Milkvine, @lanechaffin,
iNaturalist (CC0)



Mapleleaf, @bosqueaaron,
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Species of Greatest Conservation Need Recorded to Research Grade

American Bumble Bee, *Bombus pensylvanicus*
Black-capped Vireo, *Vireo atricapilla*
Chuck-will's-widow, *Antrostomus carolinensis*
Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*
Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*
Franklin's Gull, *Leucophaeus pipixcan*
glandular blazing star, *Liatris glandulosa*
Golden-cheeked Warbler, *Setophaga chrysoparia*
Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum*
Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*
Harris's Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula*
Mapleleaf, *Quadrula quadrula*
Plateau Milkvine, *Matelea edwardsensis*
Pyrrhuloxia, *Cardinalis sinuatus*
red yucca, *Hesperaloe parviflora*
Scarlet Leather Flower, *Clematis texensis*
Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus*