



# Heart of Texas



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



**Participating Counties:**  
Bell  
Bosque  
Coryell  
Falls  
Hamilton  
Hill  
McLennan  
Milam  
Somervell

## 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.

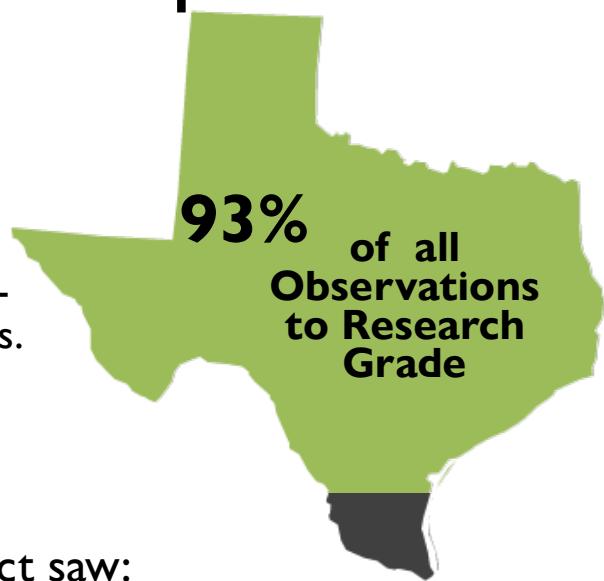


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## Cumulative Impact

**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**,  
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**Plateau Milkvine**, @lanechaffin,  
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**Mapleleaf**, @bosqueaaron,  
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Challenge**

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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*