

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



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Data collection
Apr 28-May 1

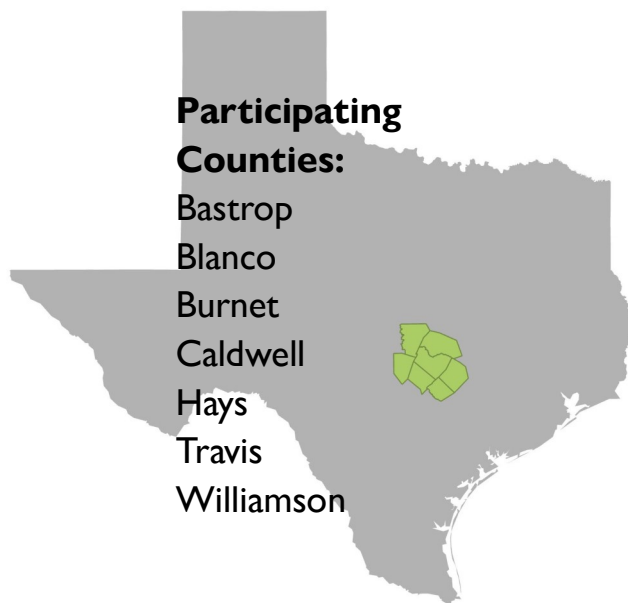
Identifications
May 2-7

By the numbers:

- 7 counties
- 19,540 observations
- More than 2,580 species recorded
- More than 1,220 observers
- 800 identifiers
- Over 97% of observations were verifiable

Participating Counties:

Bastrop
Blanco
Burnet
Caldwell
Hays
Travis
Williamson

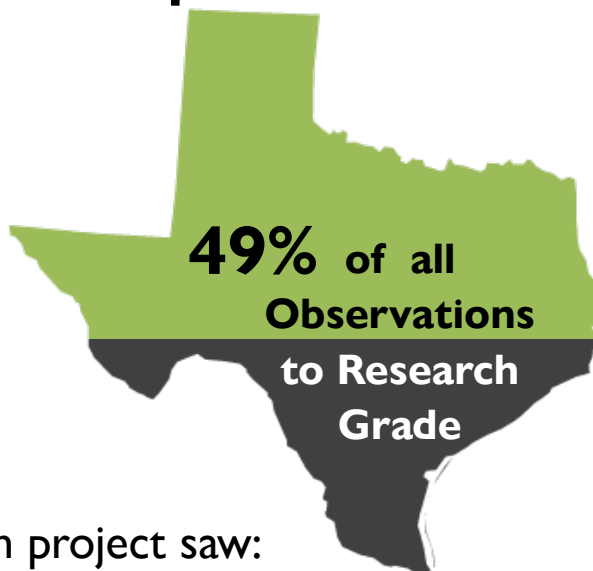


Greater Austin Highlights

Globally, 482 cities from 46 countries participated in the 2023 City Nature Challenge. Austin ranked **#21 for Observations**, **#17 for Species**, and **#10 for Observers** globally, placing it in the top 4% of projects.

Cumulative Impact

49% of the observations recorded during the City Nature Challenge in the Austin metro 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 Austin project saw:

- 40 Species of Greatest Conservation Need at Research Grade (see list)
- 64 new species records in iNaturalist
- 1.4% increase in iNaturalist observations for the Austin metro counties
- Project page: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2023-greater-austin>



Texas Blind Snake, Ashwin Narayanan, iNaturalist, CC-BY-NC



Bracted Jewelflower, Hillary Xu, iNaturalist, CC-BY-NC



Golden-cheeked Warbler, Rich Kostecke, iNaturalist, CC-BY-NC

Species of Greatest Conservation Need

Recorded to Research Grade

American Bumble Bee, <i>Bombus pensylvanicus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker, <i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>
American Kestrel, <i>Falco sparverius</i>	Red-shouldered Hawk, <i>Buteo lineatus</i>
American White Pelican, <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	Rufous-crowned Sparrow, <i>Aimophila ruficeps</i>
Bald Eagle, <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Scarlet Leather Flower, <i>Clematis texensis</i>
Black-capped Vireo, <i>Vireo atricapilla</i>	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, <i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>
Bracted Jewelflower, <i>Streptanthus bracteatus</i>	Snowy Egret, <i>Egretta thula</i>
Common Box Turtle, <i>Terrapene carolina</i>	Sonoran Bumble Bee, <i>Bombus sonorus</i>
Common Yellowthroat, <i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Stanfield's Beebalm, <i>Monarda stanfieldii</i>
Dickcissel, <i>Spiza americana</i>	Summer Tanager, <i>Piranga rubra</i>
Franklin's Gull, <i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>	Swainson's Hawk, <i>Buteo swainsoni</i>
Golden-cheeked Warbler, <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>	Swamp Rabbit, <i>Sylvilagus aquaticus</i>
Grasshopper Sparrow, <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Texas Barberry, <i>Berberis swaseyi</i>
Green Heron, <i>Butorides virescens</i>	Texas Fescue, <i>Festuca versuta</i>
Lark Sparrow, <i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	Texas Map Turtle, <i>Graptemys versa</i>
Little Blue Heron, <i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Wild Turkey, <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
Llano Corn-salad, <i>Valerianella texana</i>	Wood Thrush, <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>
Loggerhead Shrike, <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	
Long-billed Curlew, <i>Numenius americanus</i>	
Mississippi Kite, <i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	
Northern Harrier, <i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
Painted Bunting, <i>Passerina ciris</i>	
Pileated Woodpecker, <i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	
Plains Hognose Snake, <i>Heterodon nasicus</i>	
Plateau Milkvine, <i>Matelea edwardsensis</i>	