

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



**Black-Tailed Prairie Dog**, Lynn Seman, iNaturalist, CC-BY-NC



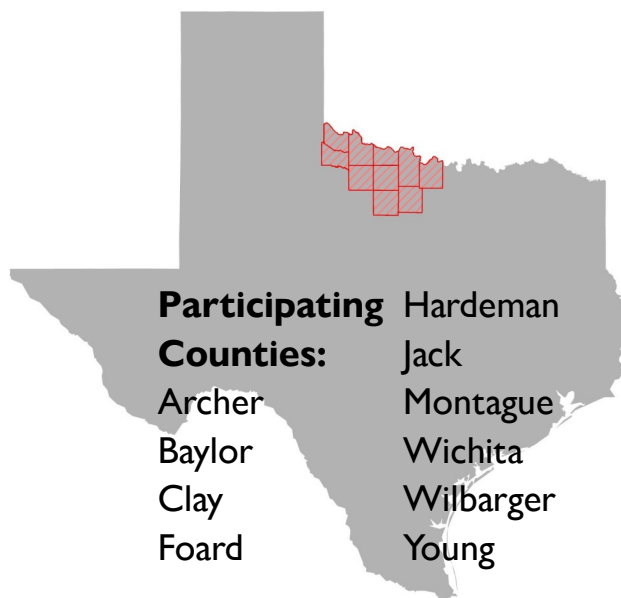
**Lark Sparrow**, Bryan Box, iNaturalist, CC-BY-NC

**Data collection  
Apr 28-May 1**

**Identifications  
May 2-7**

## By the numbers:

- 10 counties
- 4,012 observations
- 718 species recorded
- 93 observers
- 284 identifiers
- 100% of observations were verifiable

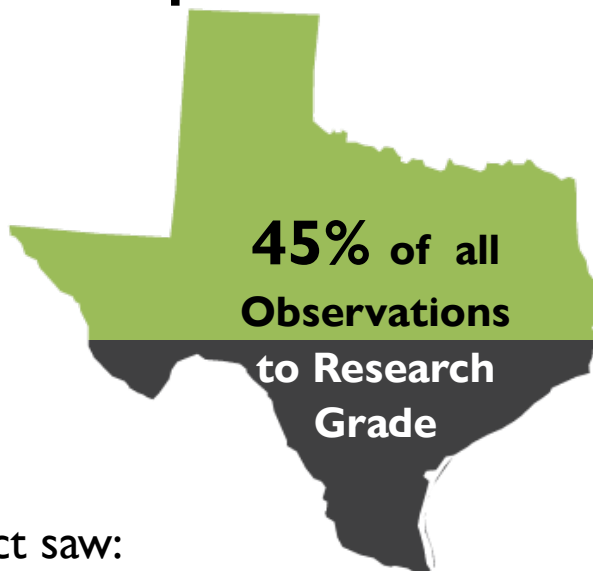


## Wichita Falls-Rolling Plains Highlights

Globally, 482 cities from 46 countries participated in the 2023 City Nature Challenge. Wichita Falls ranked **#109 for Observations**, **#117 for Species**, and **#176 for Observers** globally, placing it in the top 29% of projects.

## Cumulative Impact

**45% of the observations** recorded during the City Nature Challenge in the Wichita Falls 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.

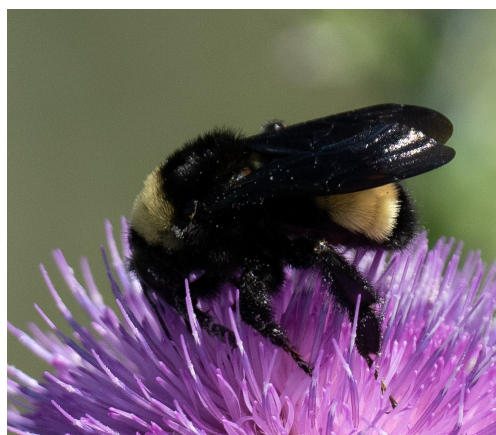


During the 4 days of the event, the project saw:

- 23 Species of Greatest Conservation Need at Research Grade (see list)
- 36 new species records in iNaturalist
- 5% increase in iNaturalist observations for the project counties
- Project page: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2023-wichita-falls-texas-rolling-plains-chapter-tmn-region>



**Franklin's Gull**, @lmc-,  
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**American Bumble Bee**, Brian Box,  
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**Mississippi Kite**, Doug McGuire,  
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# Wichita Falls— Rolling Plains



## Species of Greatest Conservation Need

American Bumble Bee, *Bombus pensylvanicus*  
American White Pelican, *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*  
Black-tailed Prairie Dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*  
Dickcissel, *Spiza americana*  
Forster's Tern, *Sterna forsteri*  
Franklin's Gull, *Leucophaeus pipixcan*  
Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum*  
Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*  
Harris's Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula*  
Lark Sparrow, *Chondestes grammacus*  
Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus*  
Mississippi Kite, *Ictinia mississippiensis*  
Northern Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus*  
Northern Harrier, *Circus hudsonius*  
Orchard Oriole, *Icterus spurius*  
Painted Bunting, *Passerina ciris*  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, *Tyrannus forficatus*  
Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*  
Stilt Sandpiper, *Calidris himantopus*  
Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra*  
Swainson's Hawk, *Buteo swainsoni*  
White-faced Ibis, *Plegadis chihi*  
Wild Turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo*