

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



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



**Plateau Milkvine**, @cleaversintexas, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)

**Data collection  
Apr 25-28**

**Identifications  
April 29-May 4**

## By the numbers:

- 7 counties
- More than 37,000 observations
- Over 3,400 species recorded
- More than 1,800 observers
- Over 1,260 identifiers
- 98% of observations were verifiable

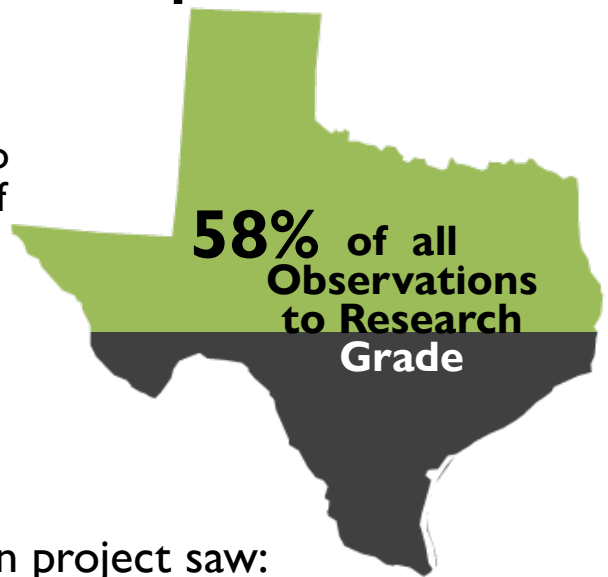


## Greater Austin Highlights

Globally, 669 cities from 62 countries participated in the 2025 City Nature Challenge. Austin ranked **#13 for Observations**, **#13 for Species**, and **#11 for Observers** globally, placing it in the top 2% of projects.

## Cumulative Impact

**58% 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:

- 23 Species of Greatest Conservation Need at Research Grade (see list)
- 82 new species records in iNaturalist
- 4% increase in iNaturalist observations for the Austin metro counties
- Project page: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2025-austin>



**American Bumble Bee,**  
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**Cave Myotis,** @mikef451, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



**Grasshopper Sparrow,**  
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## Species of Greatest Conservation Need Recorded to Research Grade

American Bumble Bee, *Bombus pensylvanicus*  
Black-capped Vireo, *Vireo atricapilla*  
Cave Myotis, *Myotis velifer*  
Chuck-will's-widow, *Antrostomus carolinensis*  
Comanche harvester ant, *Pogonomyrmex comanche*  
Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*  
Field Sparrow, *Spizella pusilla*  
Franklin's Gull, *Leucophaeus pipixcan*  
Golden-cheeked Warbler, *Setophaga chrysoparia*  
Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum*  
Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*  
Guadalupe Bass, *Micropterus treculii*  
Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus*  
Northern Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus*  
Ornate Box Turtle, *Terrapene ornata*  
Plateau Milkvine, *Matelea edwardsensis*  
Red-headed Woodpecker, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*  
Scarlet Leather Flower, *Clematis texensis*  
Texas Barberry, *Berberis swaseyi*  
Texas Fescue, *Festuca versuta*  
Texas wild rice, *Zizania texana*  
Wilson's Warbler, *Cardellina pusilla*  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus*