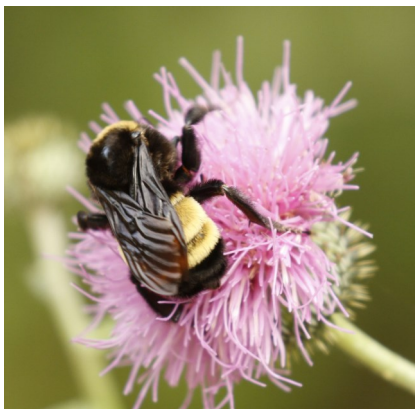


The City Nature Challenge is a global, city-scale urban biodiversity BioBlitz framed as a friendly competition between participating areas.



Yellow-billed Cuckoo, @brent329,
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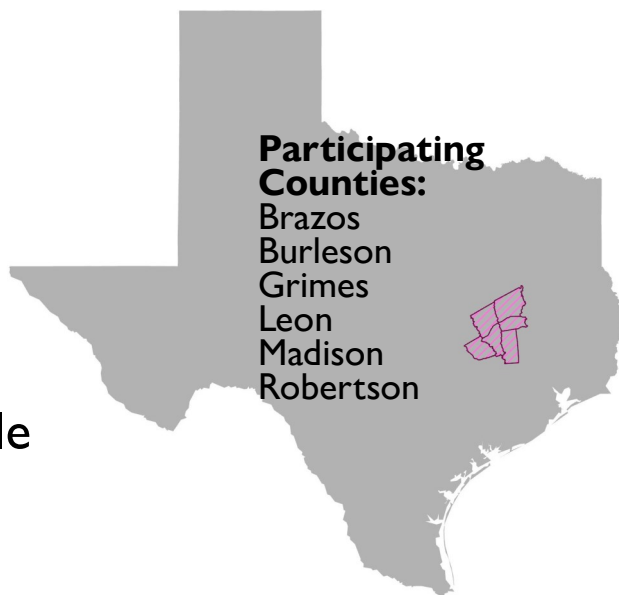
American Bumble Bee, @laurasare,
iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)

**Data collection
Apr 25-28**

**Identifications
April 29-May 4**

By the numbers:

- 6 counties
- More than 7,900 observations
- Over 1,620 species recorded
- 239 observers
- More than 500 identifiers
- 98% of observations were verifiable



Participating Counties:

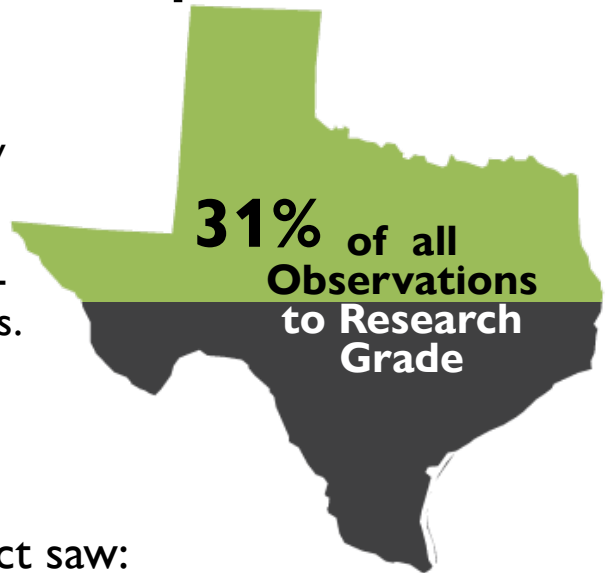
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Brazos Valley Highlights

Globally, 669 cities from 62 countries participated in the 2025 City Nature Challenge. Brazos Valley ranked **#106 for Observations**, **#95 for Species**, and **#95 for Observers** globally, placing it in the top 14% of projects.

Cumulative Impact

31% of the observations recorded during the City Nature Challenge in the Brazos Valley project 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:

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



Chuck-Will's-Widow (egg),
@shardintx, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



Eastern Hognose Snake,
@julieannarichardson, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



Golden Tortoise Beetle, @scopic,
iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



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Species of Greatest Conservation Need Recorded to Research Grade

American Bumble Bee, *Bombus pensylvanicus*
Chuck-will's-widow, *Antrostomus carolinensis*
Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*
Common Nighthawk, *Chordeiles minor*
Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*
Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*
Prothonotary Warbler, *Protonotaria citrea*
Red-headed Woodpecker, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus*