

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



Bald Eagle and Franklin's Gull, @denver, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



Southern Plains Bumble Bee, @bry-nat, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)

**Data collection
Apr 25-28**

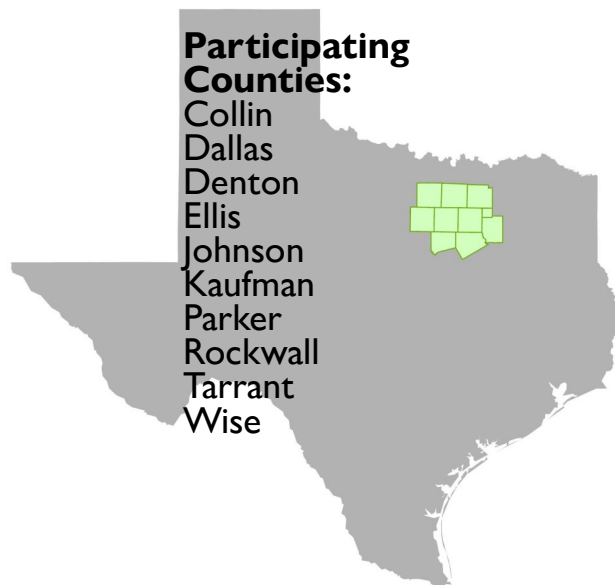
**Identifications
April 29-May 4**

By the numbers:

- 10 counties
- More than 72,000 observations
- More than 4,330 species recorded
- More than 1,850 observers
- More than 1,590 identifiers
- Over 97% of observations were verifiable

Participating Counties:

Collin
Dallas
Denton
Ellis
Johnson
Kaufman
Parker
Rockwall
Tarrant
Wise

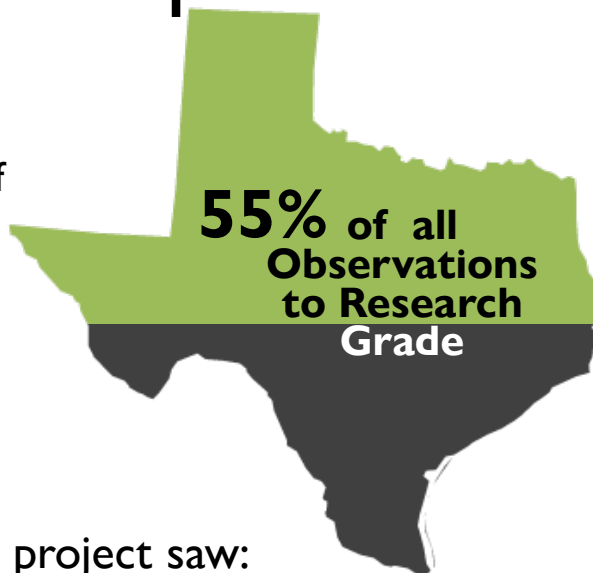


Dallas-Fort Worth Highlights

Globally, 669 cities from 62 countries participated in the 2025 City Nature Challenge. Dallas-Fort Worth ranked **#5 for Observations**, **#5 for Species**, and **#5 for Observers** globally, placing it in the top 1% of projects.

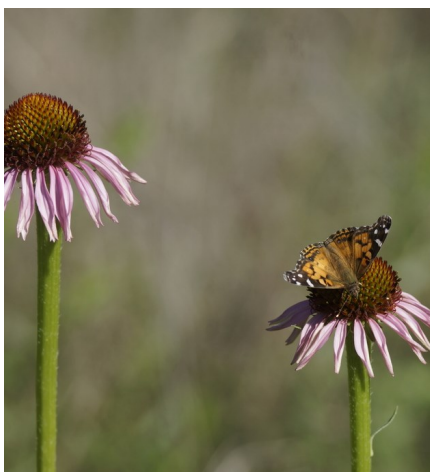
Cumulative Impact

55% of the observations recorded during the City Nature Challenge in the DFW 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 DFW project saw:

- 26 Species of Greatest Conservation Need at Research Grade (see list)
- 93 new species records in iNaturalist
- 5% increase in iNaturalist observations for the project metro counties
- Project page: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2025-dallas-fort-worth>



Topeka Purple Coneflower,
@eleanorpate, iNaturalist (CC-BY)



Parkhill Prairie Crayfish,
@gdmcknight, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



Woodhouse's Toad, @creepycrittersftw,
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Species of Greatest Conservation Need Recorded to Research Grade

American Bumble Bee, *Bombus pensylvanicus*
Black-capped Vireo, *Vireo atricapilla*
Black-tailed Prairie Dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*
Chuck-will's-widow, *Antrostomus carolinensis*
Comanche harvester ant, *Pogonomyrmex comanche*
Comanche Peak Prairie Clover, *Dalea reverchonii*
Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*
Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*
Franklin's Gull, *Leucophaeus pipixcan*
Glen Rose Yucca, *Yucca necopina*
Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum*
Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*
Hall's Dalea, *Dalea hallii*
Harris's Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula*
Least Tern, *Sternula antillarum*
LeConte's Sparrow, *Ammospiza leconteii*
Ornate Box Turtle, *Terrapene ornata*
Parkhill Prairie Crayfish, *Procambarus steigmani*
Plateau Milkvine, *Matelea edwardsensis*
red yucca, *Hesperaloe parviflora*
Smooth Softshell, *Apalone mutica*
Southern Plains Bumble Bee, *Bombus fraternus*
Topeka purple coneflower, *Echinacea atrorubens*
Western Massasauga, *Sistrurus tergeminus*
Woodhouse's Toad, *Anaxyrus woodhousii*
Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus*