

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



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Virginia's Warbler, @kevinfloyd,
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**Data collection
Apr 25-28**

**Identifications
April 29-May 4**

By the numbers:

- 1 county
- More than 9,000 observations
- More than 1,040 species recorded
- 176 observers
- More than 360 identifiers
- Over 97% of observations were verifiable

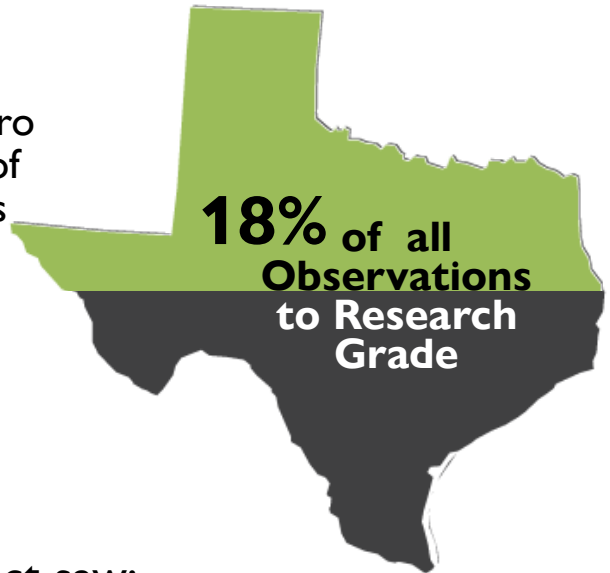


El Paso Highlights

Globally, 669 cities from 62 countries participated in the 2025 City Nature Challenge. El Paso ranked **#90 for Observations**, **#151 for Species**, and **#151 for Observers** globally, placing it in the top 19% of projects.

Cumulative Impact

18% of the observations recorded during the City Nature Challenge in the El Paso 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 project saw:

- 10 Species of Greatest Conservation Need at Research Grade (see list)
- 68 new species records in iNaturalist
- 2% increase in iNaturalist observations for the project metro counties
- Project page: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2025-el-paso>



Cactus Wren, @bzimmerbirds,
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Ornate Box Turtle,
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Bighorn Sheep, @highsinger, iNaturalist
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Species of Greatest Conservation Need Recorded to Research Grade

Bighorn Sheep, *Ovis canadensis*
Brewer's Blackbird, *Euphagus cyanocephalus*
Cactus Wren, *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*
Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*
Ornate Box Turtle, *Terrapene ornata*
Pyrrhuloxia, *Cardinalis sinuatus*
Scaled Quail, *Callipepla squamata*
Texas Horned Lizard, *Phrynosoma cornutum*
Virginia's Warbler, *Leiothlypis virginiae*
Wilson's Warbler, *Cardellina pusilla*