

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



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Data collection
Apr 25-28

Identifications
April 29-May 4

By the numbers:

- 12 counties
- More than 133,900 observations
- 5,409 species recorded
- Over 2,600 observers
- More than 1,800 identifiers
- Over 94% of observations were verifiable

Participating Counties:

Atascosa
Bandera
Bexar
Comal
Gillespie
Goliad
Guadalupe
Karnes
Kendall
Kerr
Medina
Wilson

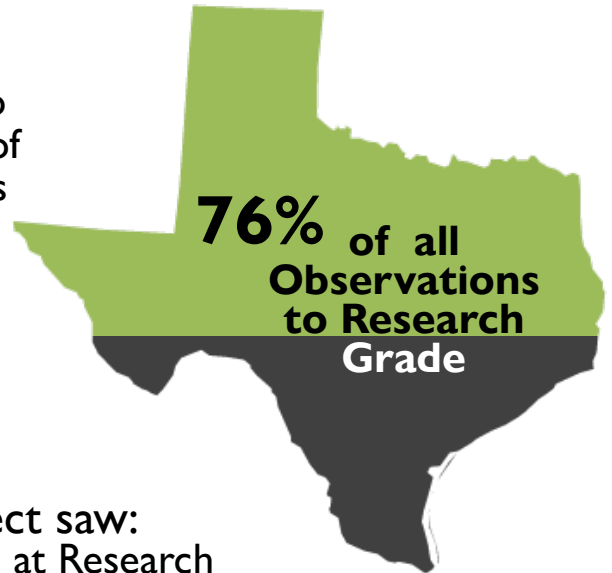


San Antonio Highlights

Globally, 669 cities from 62 countries participated in the 2025 City Nature Challenge. San Antonio ranked **#2 for Observations**, **#2 for Species**, and **#2 for Observers** globally, placing it in the top 0.5% of projects.

Cumulative Impact

76% of the observations recorded during the City Nature Challenge in the San Antonio 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:

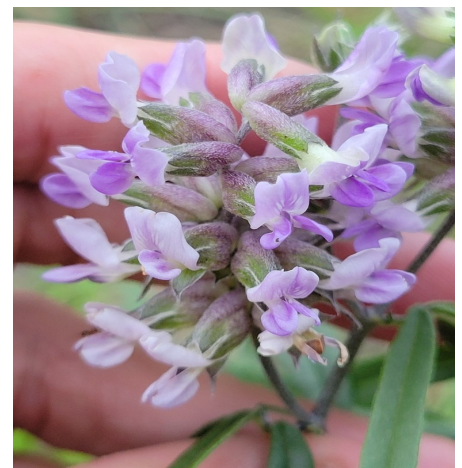
- 39 Species of Greatest Conservation Need at Research Grade (see list)
- 349 new species records in iNaturalist
- 9% increase in iNaturalist observations for the project counties
- Project page: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2025-san-antonio-metro-area>



Cascade Caverns Salamander,
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Golden-cheeked Warbler,
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Species of Greatest Conservation Need Recorded to Research Grade

Pygarctia lorula
American Bumble Bee, *Bombus pensylvanicus*
Black-capped Vireo, *Vireo atricapilla*
Buckley Tridens, *Tridens buckleyanus*
Burridge greenthread, *Thelesperma burridgeanum*
Cascade Caverns Salamander, *Eurycea latitans*
Chuck-will's-widow, *Antristomus carolinensis*
Comanche harvester ant, *Pogonomyrmex Comanche*
Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*
Dark Noseburn, *Tragia nigricans*
Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*
Edwards Plateau Sedge, *Carex edwardsiana*
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*
Hill Country Wild-mercury, *Argythamnia aphoroides*
Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus*
Longspur columbine, *Aquilegia longissima*
Mottled Duck, *Anas fulvigula*
Northern Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus*
Ornate Box Turtle, *Terrapene ornata*
Plateau Milkvine, *Matelea edwardsensis*
Pyrrhuloxia, *Cardinalis sinuatus*
red yucca, *Hesperaloe parviflora*
Scarlet Leather Flower, *Clematis texensis*
Texas almond, *Prunus minutiflora*
Texas Barberry, *Berberis swaseyi*
Texas Fescue, *Festuca versuta*
Texas Horned Lizard, *Phrynosoma cornutum*
Texas Shiner, *Notropis amabilis*

Tricolored Bat, *Perimyotis subflavus*
Tropical Parula, *Setophaga pitiaiyumi*
Turniproot, *Pedimelum cyphocalyx*
Whooping Crane, *Grus americana*
Wilson's Warbler, *Cardellina pusilla*
Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus*