

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



**Texas Horned Lizard,**  
@stopmeganmelaugh, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



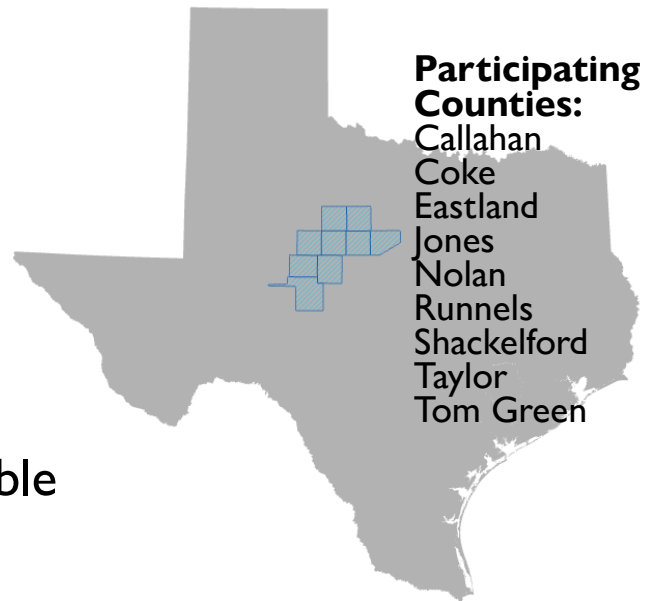
**Loggerhead Shrike,** @bldarter, iNaturalist (CC-BY)

**Data collection  
Apr 25-28**

**Identifications  
April 28-May 4**

## By the numbers:

- 9 counties
- More than 3,500 observations
- More than 785 species recorded
- 165 observers
- 365 identifiers
- 99% of observations were verifiable

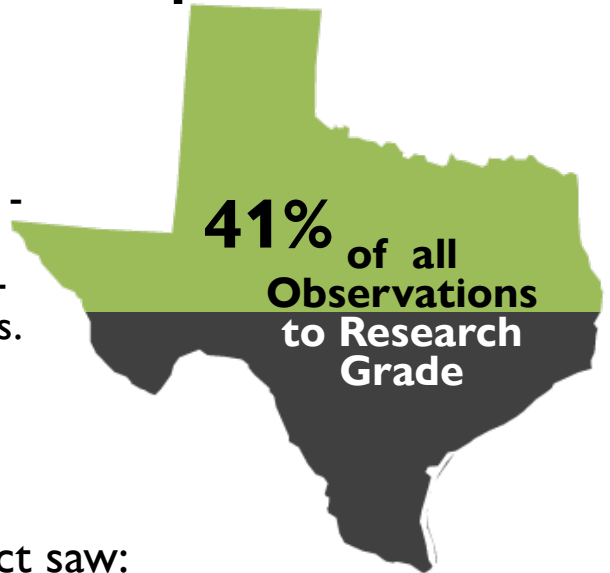


## Texas Big Country Highlights

Globally, 669 cities from 62 countries participated in the 2025 City Nature Challenge. Texas Big Country ranked **#188 for Observations**, **#209 for Species**, and **#188 for Observers** globally, placing it in the top 28% of projects.

## Cumulative Impact

**41% of the observations** recorded during the City Nature Challenge in the Texas Big Country 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:

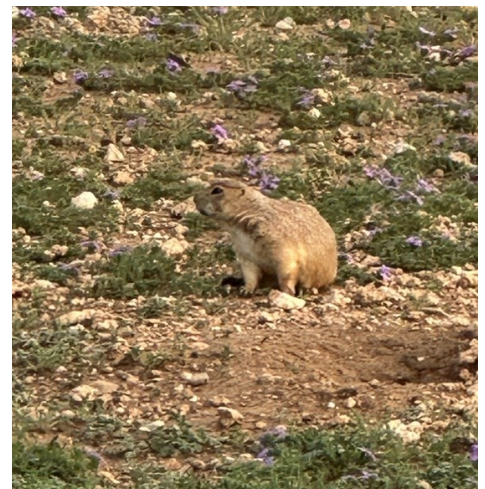
- 11 Species of Greatest Conservation Need at Research Grade (see list)
- 36 new species records in iNaturalist
- 3% increase in iNaturalist observations for the project counties
- Project page: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2025-texas-big-country>



**Texas Poppy-Mallow**,  
@knightericm, iNaturalist (CC-BY)



**Field Sparrow**, @bldarter, iNaturalist (CC-BY)



**Black-tailed Prairie Dog**, @loganc\_2,  
iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



# Texas Big Country



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## Species of Greatest Conservation Need Recorded to Research Grade

Black-tailed Prairie Dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*  
Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*  
Common Nighthawk, *Chordeiles minor*  
Field Sparrow, *Spizella pusilla*  
Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus*  
Northern Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus*  
Plateau Milkvine, *Matelea edwardsensis*  
Texas Horned Lizard, *Phrynosoma cornutum*  
Texas Poppy-mallow, *Callirhoe scabriuscula*  
Western Massasauga, *Sistrurus tergeminus*  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus*