

# Wichita Falls– Rolling Plains

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



**Horned Lizard**, @rlseman, iNaturalist  
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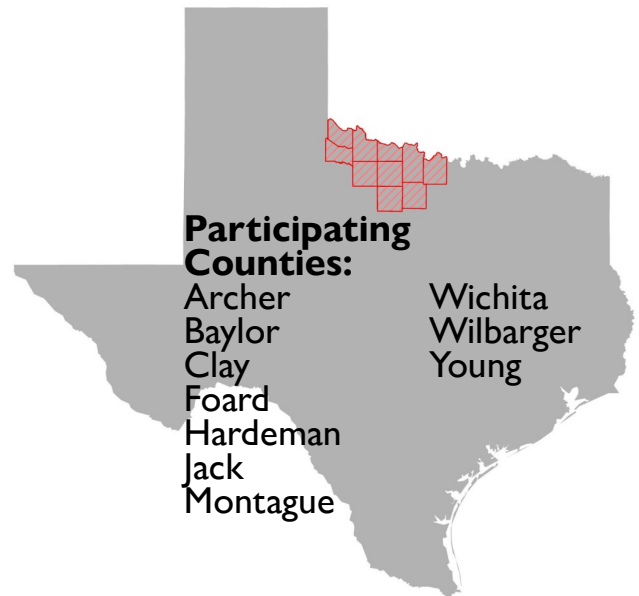
**Harris's Sparrow**, @lmc-, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)

**Data collection**  
**Apr 25-28**

**Identifications**  
**April 29-May 4**

## By the numbers:

- 10 counties
- 3,052 observations
- More than 810 species recorded
- 78 observers
- 307 identifiers
- 96% of observations were verifiable



## Wichita Falls-Rolling Plains Highlights

Globally, 669 cities from 62 countries participated in the 2025 City Nature Challenge. Wichita Falls ranked **#209 for Observations**, **#199 for Species**, and **#209 for Observers** globally, placing it in the top 29% of projects.

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## Cumulative Impact

**41% of the observations** recorded during the City Nature Challenge in the Wichita Falls 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:

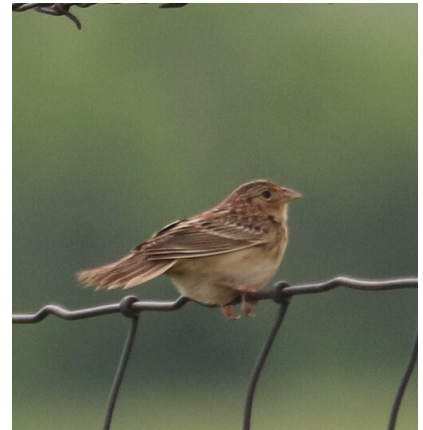
- 12 Species of Greatest Conservation Need at Research Grade (see list)
- 39 new species records in iNaturalist
- 2% increase in iNaturalist observations for the project counties
- Project page: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2025-wichita-falls-texas-rolling-plains-chapter-tmn-region>



**American Bumble Bee,**  
@cedarlili, iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC)



**Woodhouse's Toad,** @dhalter,  
iNaturalist (CC-BY-NC-ND)



**Grasshopper Sparrow,** @rlseman,  
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## Species of Greatest Conservation Need

American Bumble Bee, *Bombus pensylvanicus*  
Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*  
Franklin's Gull, *Leucophaeus pipixcan*  
Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum*  
Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*  
Harris's Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula*  
Loggerhead Shrike, *Lanius ludovicianus*  
Mapleleaf, *Quadrula quadrula*  
Norther Bobwhite, *Colinus virginianus*  
Plateau Milkvine, *Matelea edwardsensis*  
Texas Horned Lizard, *Phrynosoma cornutum*  
Woodhouse's Toad, *Anaxyrus woodhousii*