The City Nature Challenge is a global, city-scale BioBlitz event that frames an urban biodiversity survey as a friendly competition between cities.

Data collection
April 26-29
Identifications
Apr 30-May 6

El Paso by the numbers:
- 1 county
- More than 1,100 observations
- More than 360 species recorded
- More than 40 observers
- More than 140 identifiers
- Over 99% of observations were verifiable

El Paso in the Global Rankings out of 159 Cities:

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55% 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 El Paso project saw:
- 17 Species of Greatest Conservation Need at Research Grade (see list)
- 55 new species records in iNaturalist
- 7% increase in iNaturalist observations for the El Paso County

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El Paso

Species of Greatest Conservation Need
Recorded to Research Grade

American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*
American White Pelican, *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*
Burrowing Owl, *Athene cunicularia*
Desert Box Turtle, *Terrapene ornata luteola*
Gray-checkered Whiptail, *Aspidoscelis tesselatus*
Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*
Harris's Hawk, *Parabuteo unicinctus*
Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea*
Ornate Box Turtle, *Terrapene ornata*
Rufous-crowned Sparrow, *Aimophila ruficeps*
Scaled Quail, *Callipepla squamata*
Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*
Sonoran Bumble Bee, *Bombus sonorus*
Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra*
Swainson's Hawk, *Buteo swainsoni*
Texas Antelope Squirrel, *Ammospermophilus interpres*
White-faced Ibis, *Plegadis chihi*

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