

Texas Results



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

El Paso





Data collection April 26-29

Identifications
Apr 30-May 6

Texas by the numbers:

- 8 Texas metro areas encompassing
 46 counties
- More than 98,000 observations
- More than 6,300 species recorded
- More than 3,400 observers
- More than 1,500 identifiers



19th: Species Count

Texas in the Global Rankings out of 159 Cities:

Houston: Dallas/Fort Worth: Austin: Rio Grande Valley:

3rd: Species Count13th: Observations14th: Species Count15th: Observations16th: Observations

11th: Observers 10th: Observers 13th: Observers

The City Nature Challenge is organized by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the California Academy of Sciences. More information at citynaturechallenge.org



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Cumulative Impact

More than half of the observations

recorded during the City Nature Challenge in Texas metro areas 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.

55% of all
Observations
to Research
Grade

Over 1,700
Research Grade
Observations of
129 SGCN
Species

During the 4 days of the event, participants across all 8 metros recorded over 1,700 observations at Research Grade of 129 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN).

This may provide important insights into how SGCN species are using Texas' urbanizing landscapes.

Adding to major 2018 City Nature Challenge data gains, during the 4 days of the 2019 event, all 8 metro areas continued to increase the number of species recorded in their geographies by 2% to 6%.



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