

APRIL 24-27TH



2026

City Nature Challenge

Be part of a friendly, global competition to see which city can document the most wildlife species. All local observations made April 24-27, 2026 will automatically help San Antonio Metro Area succeed in winning the City Nature Challenge!!!



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All Photos: www.Busy-Birding.com

TAKING PART IS EASY

Find data collection events (bioblitzes) and make observations, or join an iNaturalist project for your area and contribute observations on your own. You don't have to attend an event to participate; observations can be made from your own backyard, a local park or any other outdoor location.

IT'S FREE TO JOIN IN THE FUN.
JUST CREATE AN ACCOUNT AT
[INATURALIST.ORG](https://www.inaturalist.org) THEN DOWNLOAD
THE FREE APP FOR YOUR DEVICE.



GO OUTSIDE

Explore your own backyard, neighborhood, park, or any natural area between April 24-27, 2026.



FIND WILDLIFE

It can be any WILD plant, animal, or any evidence of life found in your city.



TAKE A PICTURE

Take a picture of what you find. Be sure to note the location of the critter or plant.



SHARE

Share your observations through iNaturalist.



REPEAT

The more observations you make, the more data you contribute to San Antonio's totals!



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

2025 results

● 135,461 Observations

- 1st in the US
- 2nd in the WORLD !
- 33 SA Metro Area individuals with >1,000 observations

● 4,713 species

- 1st in the entire WORLD !!!
- 31 with >400 species

● 2,764 Observers

- 4th in the world

Bursting with pride with our stunning 2024 and 2025 victories, we are not content to rest on our laurels. Recruit friends, families and others to help us reach our 2026 goals of 4,000 observers, 3,000 identifiers and 65%+ research grade observations. What personal goals will you set - and reach - this year?

The 12-County San Antonio Metro Area: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Gillespie, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Guadalupe, Goliad, Medina and Wilson counties



HELP SAN ANTONIO METRO AREA DEFEND OUR NATIONAL TITLE, COMPETE AS -

● Individual

Your participation helps showcase local biodiversity and contribute valuable information to science - all while enjoying nature! To see what other people are finding or help with identifying other people's observations, join the project at [iNaturalist.org](https://inaturalist.org).

● Team

Be the team with the most observations and/or species; Form a Nature Team and GO WILD.

● Campus

Calling all students, staff, alumni, family, and friends to join your favorite school for some friendly competition in finding nature.

● Community

Gather your community group, corporate team, or civic group to host an event, or attend one of our iNat training or event bioblitzes to contribute valuable data. Showcase that YOU have the wildest group in and around San Antonio.

TELL ME MORE

CITY NATURE CHALLENGE (CNC)

Started in 2016, the CNC has grown into an international event. In 2025, 112,674 participants across almost 800 cities in 64 countries documented more than 3.3 million wildlife observations of 80,564 species. Participants document their sightings by uploading photos or sounds, and making notes about discovered species. The observation period is followed by days of identification with winners announced on May 13th.

INATURALIST

The iNaturalist app enables users to observe, record, and share observations of plant, animals, fungi and other organisms in the natural world. Species identification is assisted by AI and verified by iNat's online community. Thanks to citizen scientists such as yourself, iNaturalist is the most world's comprehensive database of biodiversity!

Visit www.Busy-Birding.com/citizen-science free pre-event trainings, nature walks and event bioblitzes

