

## PRESS ADVISORY

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Editor note: Visit [City Nature Challenge 2023: Seattle-Tacoma Metropolitan Area](#) .  
[iNaturalist](#) for photos of City Nature Challenge 2023 taken in the Seattle metro region

### Today kicks off the largest bioblitz on the planet! City Nature Challenge 2024: April 26–May 5

**WHAT:** Starting today, April 26, people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities across the Seattle-Tacoma metropolitan area (King, Pierce and Snohomish counties) are invited to join the annual City Nature Challenge 2024, the largest bioblitz on the planet! As community science initiatives build momentum around the world, this year's ninth annual City Nature Challenge will take place in more than 675 cities across seven continents.



The biological census helps drive community science by encouraging everyone to find and document wildlife living outside their windows, in their backyard, on their windowsills, and in their neighborhoods and cities. Individuals can take this on or get the kids outdoors and make it a family affair. Nature enthusiasts can also participate online by looking through and helping to identify other people's observations!

Last year's Seattle-Tacoma City Nature Challenge set a record for the region with community scientists sharing 10,057 nature observations and identifying 1,437 species, showing the world the incredible biodiversity in the region's home turf.

**WHEN:** City Nature Challenge takes place in two parts:  
**Observe!**  
April 26–April 29  
Take and upload pictures of wild plants and animals  
**Identify!**  
April 30–May 5  
Help identify what was found

**HOW:** It's easy, fun and simple!

- Download the free [iNaturalist](#) app or access it on a computer.
- Take photos of wild plants, animals and fungi in the Seattle metro area. This can be inside your house, in your backyard, out your window or in your neighborhood.
- Upload your photos to iNaturalist from your mobile device or via your computer.
- Help identify as many observations as you can.

Through a collaboration with the [Empathy Collaborative](#) and feedback provided by south Seattle communities, the Seattle-Tacoma City Nature Challenge now offers supporting resources in Chinese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Visit [www.zoo.org/conservation/naturechallenge](http://www.zoo.org/conservation/naturechallenge) for the resources.

**EVENTS:** Join your neighbors on one of many City Nature Challenge walks happening in the Seattle-Tacoma area. For your neighborhood bioblitz, visit [www.zoo.org/conservation/naturechallenge/events](http://www.zoo.org/conservation/naturechallenge/events)

**INFO:** [www.zoo.org/conservation/naturechallenge](http://www.zoo.org/conservation/naturechallenge)  
[www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org)

The planning team for the Seattle-Tacoma City Nature Challenge includes: Woodland Park Zoo, Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Habitat at Home Program, Green Tukwila / City of Tukwila, The Nature Conservancy in Washington, Washington Invasive Species Council and Washington State Department of Agriculture Pest Program.

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