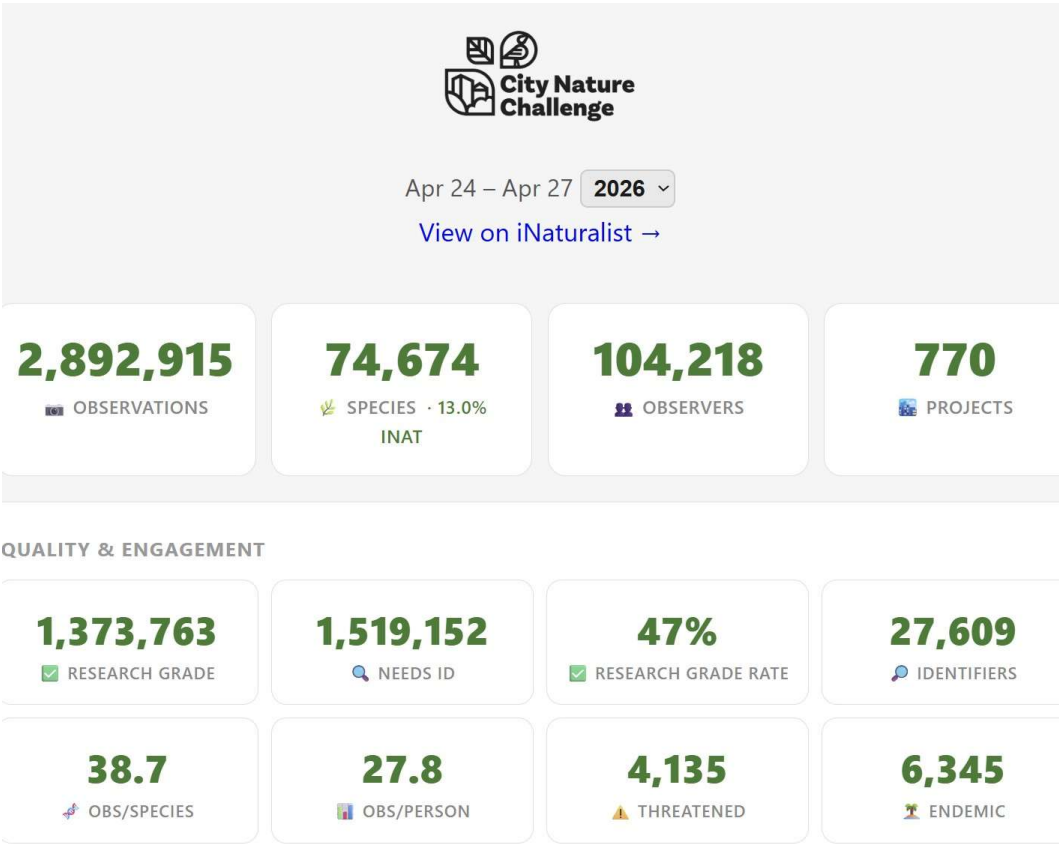


Hi there,

Here is a little bit of feedback from the recent City Nature Challenge and it shows the power of "Citizen Science"

Here is a summary of the global results:



Here is a summary of the Tshwane results, which includes Doringkloof spruit:



We recorded between 70 and 80 of these observations in the spruit area. This is quite a big increase from last year.

This map of the spruit shows all observations that have been logged over time on iNaturalist. We still have a lot of gaps so please get out in the spruit with the App and fill in the blanks!



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From: iNaturalist Team <inaturalist@inaturalist.org>

Date: Thu, 14 May 2026 at 19:37

Subject: Someone found a leech no one had ever recorded before

To: <charlescostello1@gmail.com>

The City Nature Challenge results are in!



Hi feathervet!

In the middle of San Francisco, a naturalist lifted a piece of woody debris near a pond ... and found a species of leech that had **never before been recorded on iNaturalist**.

Meet the Golden Gate Leech!



This observation, made by iNaturalist community member Richard Hasegawa (okbirdman) during the 2026 City Nature Challenge, is now part of the global scientific record of life on Earth. It's also one of **70+ species documented on iNaturalist for the very first time during the City Nature Challenge!**

From April 24–27, over 106,350 people across 754 cities, 61 countries, and 6 continents stepped outside and noticed the nature around them. Together, they made over 3 million observations of **76,422+ species**, including more than **5,688 that are rare, threatened, or endangered.**

After just one weekend, we now have a vivid, global snapshot of biodiversity — one that scientists, decisionmakers, land managers, and more around the world will use to help protect at-risk species and habitats. [Explore more City Nature Challenge results!](#)

Other remarkable finds from this year:



In Utah, Zach Earl (zacharyearl08) made the first iNaturalist record of the Death Camas Mining Bee — likely the only pollinator of a plant so toxic that almost nothing else can visit it.



In Namibia, an observer (dune_ninja) photographed a tiny plant with only 13 records in the entire global biodiversity database to date.



In Austria, Tobias Gratzer (tobiasgratzer) found a critically endangered harvestman species and shared it on iNaturalist, contributing one more observation that can help inform local conservation decisions.

None of this happens without community. Behind every City Nature Challenge observation is a person who paused to look closer at their nearby nature and share what they found ... and behind the identifications are 27,641+ people who helped turn those photos into useful data for science. There are still so many observations waiting for identifications, and you don't have to be an expert to help!

[Learn how to identify observations!](#)

Continue noticing your nearby nature!

Even though the City Nature Challenge is over, there are still so many ways to connect with your local nature and community. **May 22 is the International Day for Biodiversity**, and we're hosting an iNaturalist project to celebrate! You can start contributing observations from anywhere around the world from May 15–31.

Join the International Biodiversity Day project

Thank you to every single observer, identifier, and organizer who made the 2026 City Nature Challenge possible. And thank YOU for being part of the iNaturalist community — here's to what you'll find next!

Warmly,

The iNaturalist & City Nature Challenge teams

P.S. Check your iNaturalist notifications! There may be new identifications, comments, or questions on your observations.



As a reminder, you created your iNaturalist account feathervet using charlescostello1@gmail.com in July 2021.

If you are having trouble logging in, you can regain access by entering charlescostello1@gmail.com on the password reset page.

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