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**CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY SCIENTISTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD COMPETE IN**  
**‘CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2018’**  
**APRIL 27-30**

*Third Annual ‘Challenge’ Grows to Over 65 Participating Cities on Five Continents  
and nearly 300 Partnering Museums, Science Centers and Organizations.*



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# What is the City Nature Challenge?

It's a multi-day GLOBAL competition where cities are in a contest against each other to see who can make **the most observations of nature, who can find the most species, and who can engage the most people**. Citizens use mobile phone app and/or website to submit the observations they collect.

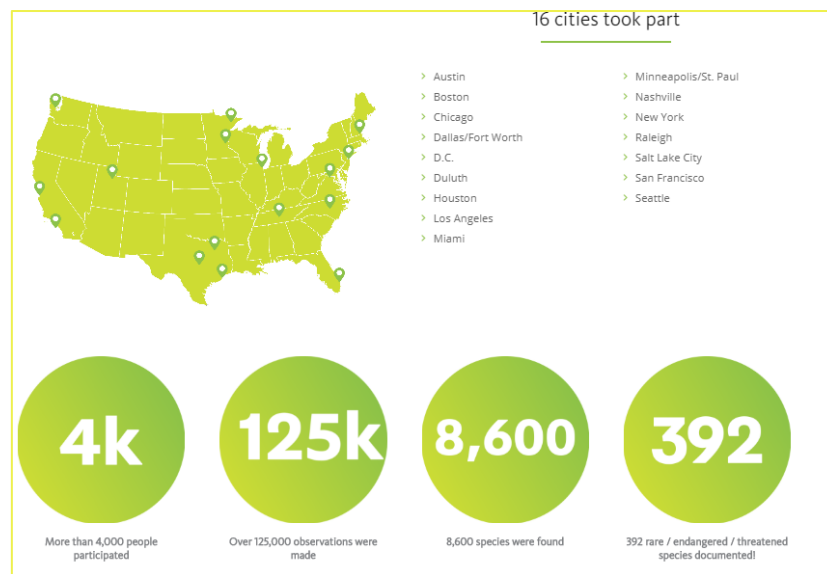
The goal is both to involve citizens and to find and document plants and wildlife in cities.

Launched by the Citizen Science Departments at the **Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County** and the **California Academy of Sciences**.

First-ever City Nature Challenge in 2016 (LA vs San Francisco).

In 2017, **more than 4000 people** participated in the City Nature Challenge across 16 US cities. In just five days, they made **over 125,000 observations** of nature and documented **more than 8600 species**, including 392 rare/endangered/threatened species.

**As a result of such successful edition, the event went global.**



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# Where is the City Nature Challenge 2018?

The City Nature Challenge is an effort to explore urban nature and document biodiversity in cities around the world.



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City Nature Challenge 2018

# Padova & Roma: the more the merrier!



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Take the  
**City Nature Challenge 2018**

Roma 27-30 aprile

*Partecipa alla scoperta della biodiversità nella città!*

*Scendi in campo insieme a ricercatori e esperti e invia segnalazioni di specie di fauna e flora di interesse!*



## Public & Private Mates



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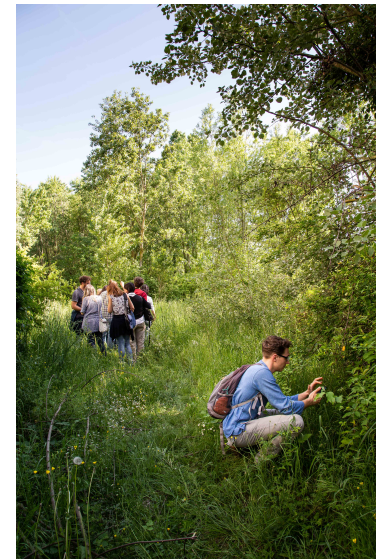
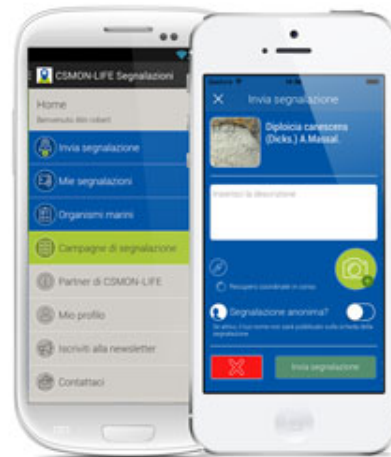
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# How citizens do collect wildlife observations?



## Participating is easy! All you have to do:



1

**Find wildlife.** It can be any plant, animal, fungi, slime mold or other evidence of life, such as scat, fur, tracks, shells and carcasses, found anywhere

2

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

3

**Share your observations.** Upload your photos and findings to CSMON-Life. The app is free to download on Apple's App Store or Google Play for Android.

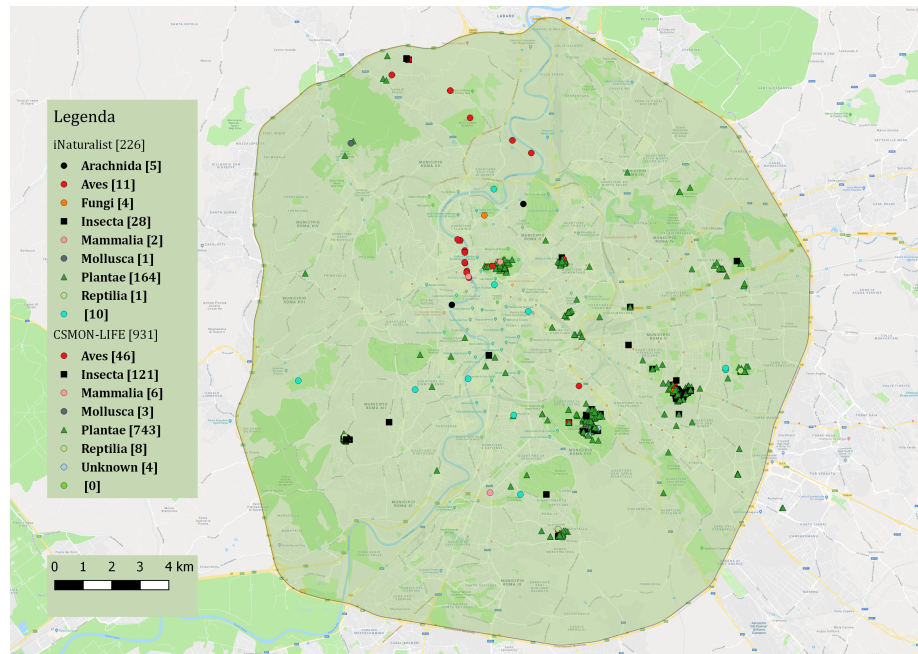
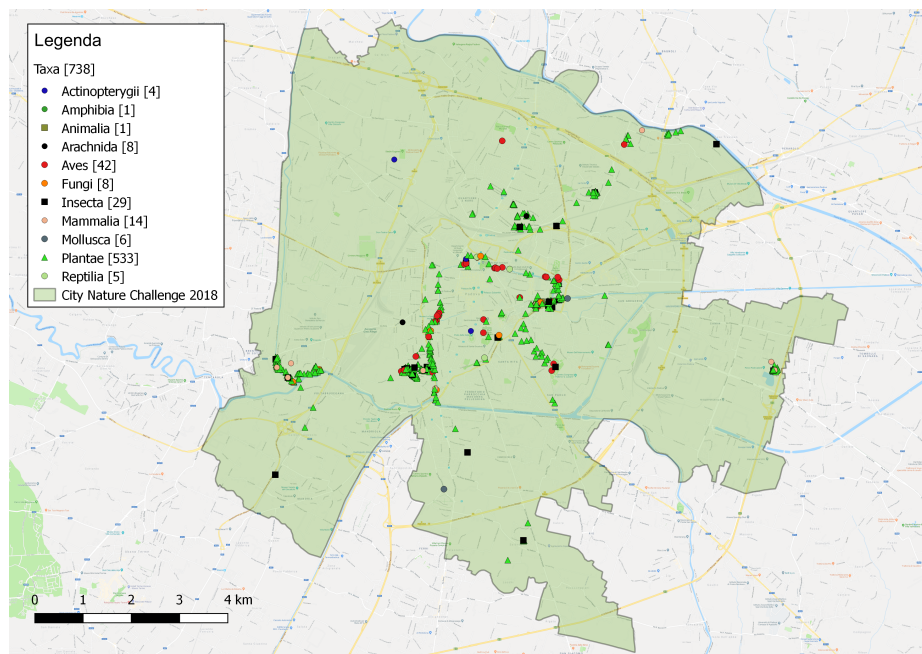




# City Nature Challenge 2018 @Padova & Roma: outcomes

Among the ten European cities, **Rome and Padua** were the two Italian representatives.

During the 4-day event, **261 citizens** collected **1,895 observations** of **541 taxa** (738 observations in Padua, 1157 in Rome).



At the end of CNC, data have been validated and are now feeding national (Italian Network of Biodiversity) and international (Global Biodiversity Information Facility - GBIF) aggregators of primary biodiversity data.



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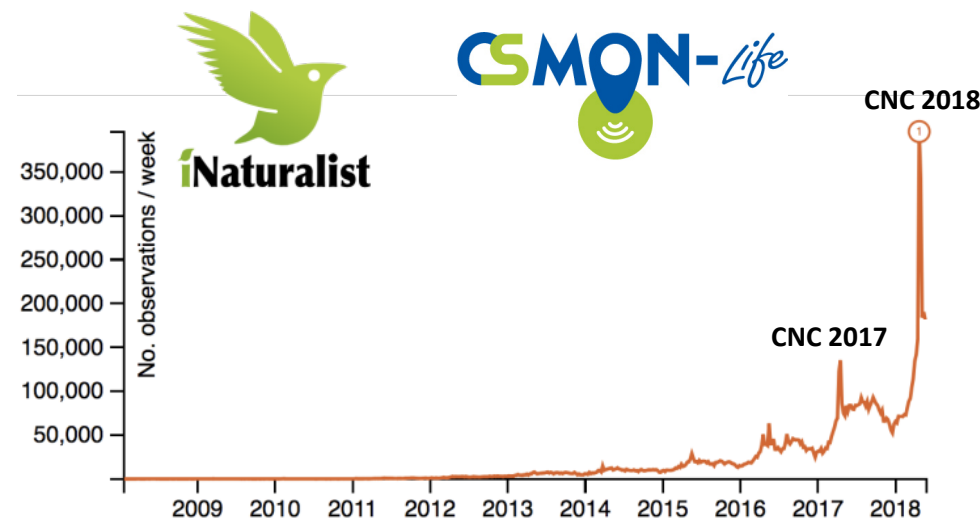




# City Nature Challenge 2018 @global outcomes

During the 4-days over **17,329 people** managed to record **441,888 observations** from around the world, and smashed the previous biggest day records.

## Largest contributors



## Winners

### Observations



**41737**

San Francisco Bay Area

**34218**

Dallas/Fort Worth

**33448**

San Diego County

### Species



**3211**

San Francisco Bay Area

**3088**

Houston

**2946**

San Diego County

### People



**1532**

San Francisco Bay Area

**1211**

San Diego County

**992**

Boston Area

Have been also made **4,075 Research Grade observations\*** of 599 rare, endangered, and threatened species globally, and **added over 100 new species** that had not previously been recorded on iNaturalist EVER!

\* Observations become **"Research Grade"** when the community agrees on species-level ID or lower, i.e. when more than 3 of identifiers agree on a taxon.



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# City Nature Challenge 2018 @fancy outcomes

CityNatureChallenge Retweeted



**Alison Young** @alisonkestrel · Jun 5

"Were there any species that were found in ALL of the cities during the #CityNatureChallenge?" No, but there were some that were found in a lot of the cities... all very recognizable city denizens!

## Common species

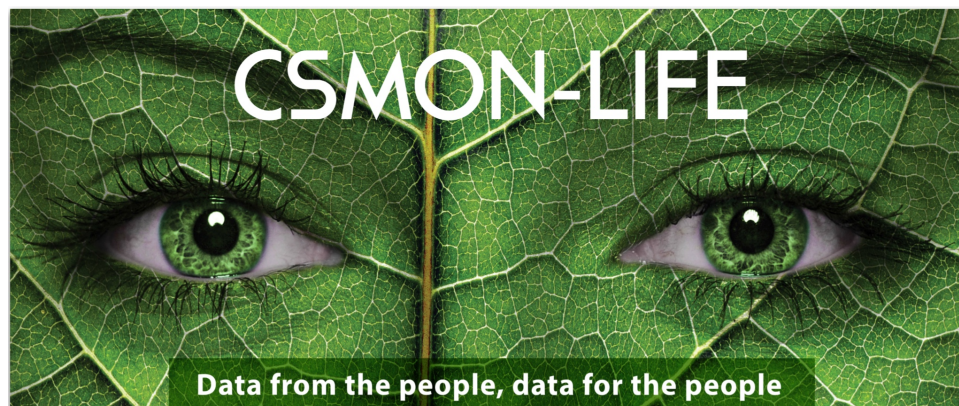
scientific_name	# of cities
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	48
<i>Columba livia</i>	47
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	45
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	44
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	44
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	43
<i>Armaddillidium vulgare</i>	42
<i>Plantago major</i>	41
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	40
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	39
<i>Hedera helix</i>	38
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	37
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	37
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	36
<i>Harmonia axyridis</i>	36
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	36





# CSMON-LIFE: where it all began

One of the first Italian projects funded by EU (LIFE+ Programme, LIFE13 ENV/IT/000842) focusing on citizen science approach to monitor biodiversity. The project stimulates the participation of citizens, involving them in the study, management and conservation of biodiversity, and creating an active collaboration between citizens, scientific community and institutions.



Partner



**Scoprinatura a Villa Borghese**  
5 maggio 2017

**Sport & Natura**  
studenti ed atleti alla scoperta della biodiversità nelle ville romane

con il patrocinio di  
**ROMA**  
Assessorato alla Sostenibilità Territoriale

**VIVERE DA SPORTIVI**  
A SCUOLA DI FAIR PLAY

Scopri la biodiversità urbana di Roma

Scarica l'APP CSMON-LIFE  
Per ulteriori informazioni visita il sito [www.csmo-life.eu](http://www.csmo-life.eu)

Le regole dello sport e le regole della natura si uniscono a sostegno dei giovani e del rispetto di una vita sana a contatto con l'ambiente naturale, sede primaria di tutte le attività sportive.

Con l'APP di CSMON-LIFE a Villa Borghese gli studenti della Capitale alla scoperta della ricca biodiversità urbana di Roma

in collaborazione con  
**Agisce**  
Associazione Nazionale Scuole Italiane di Calcio

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Dipartimento di Scienze della Vita

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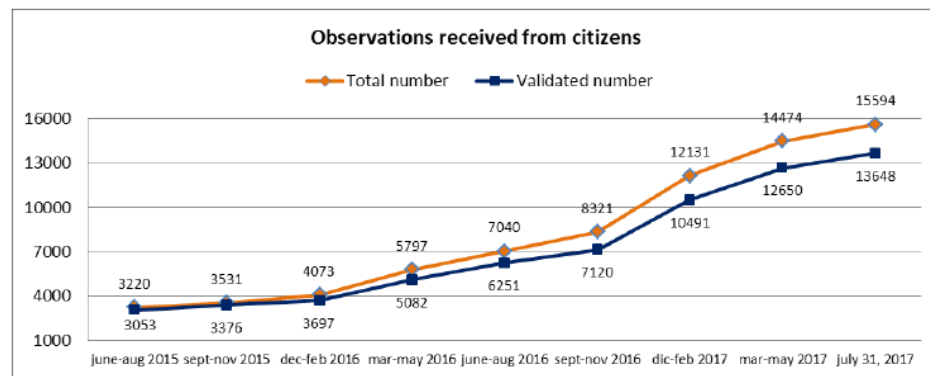
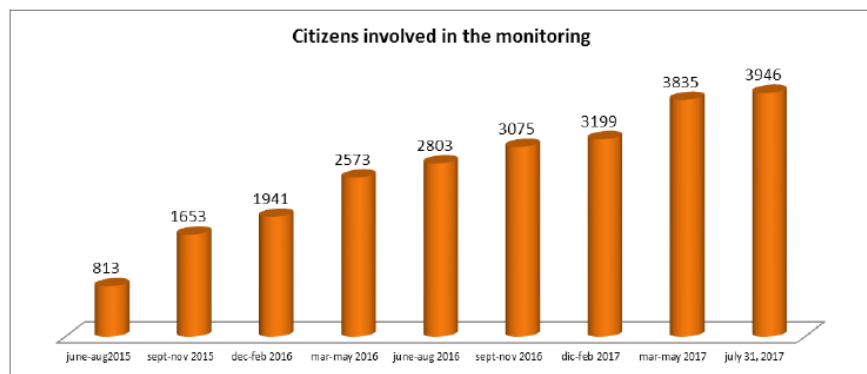
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Almost 4000 citizens sent about 16000 observations on 1608 taxa (validation accuracy of 87.6%).



Among these observations, 9372 refer to the 66 target species of the CSMON-Life project (60%), mainly on the alien species

Plant alien species - Action B2:	
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Miller) Swingle	2347
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i> L.	277
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> (L.) N.E.Br.	111
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> (L.) Mill.	232
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> L.	28
<i>Phytolacca americana</i> L.	190
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> L.	702
<i>Senecio inaequidens</i> DC.	568
<i>Chamaesyce prostrata</i> Aiton	1
<i>Datura stramonium</i> L.	13
<i>Agave americana</i> L.	13
<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> P	2

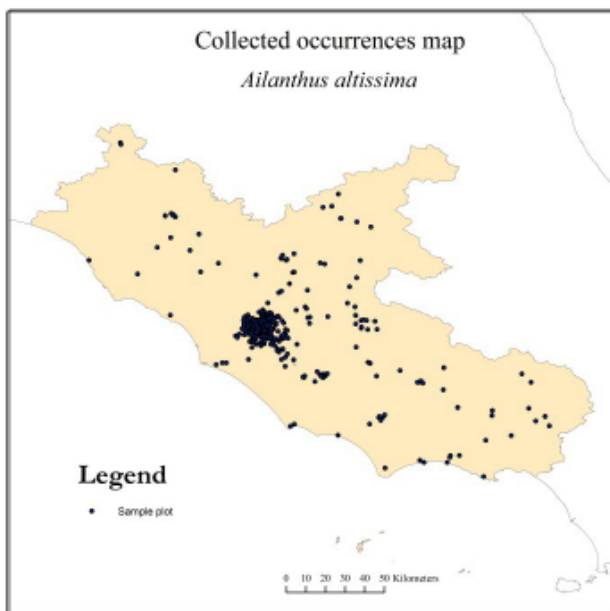
Animal alien species – Action B2:	
<i>Astacus leptodactylus</i>	1
<i>Cacysreus marshalli</i>	28
<i>Emys orbicularis</i>	12
<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	145
<i>Procambarus clarkia</i>	22
<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	136
<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>	51

#### Plant rare species - Action B3:

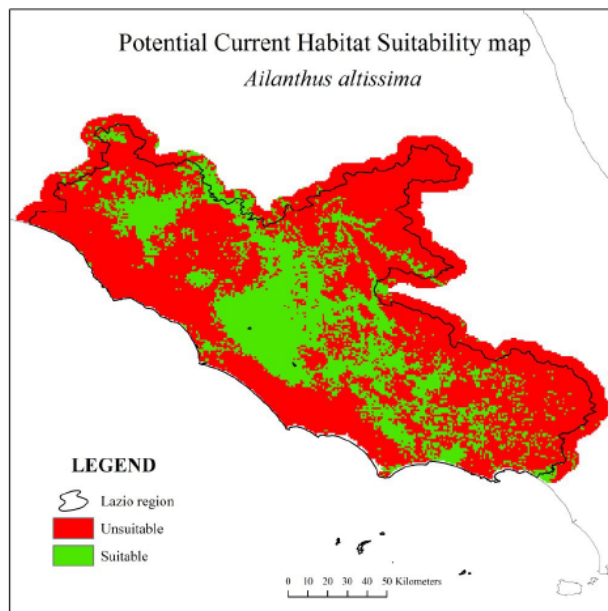
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i> L.	157
<i>Ruscus aculeatum</i> L.	145

# CSMON-LIFE @citizen science really strikes!

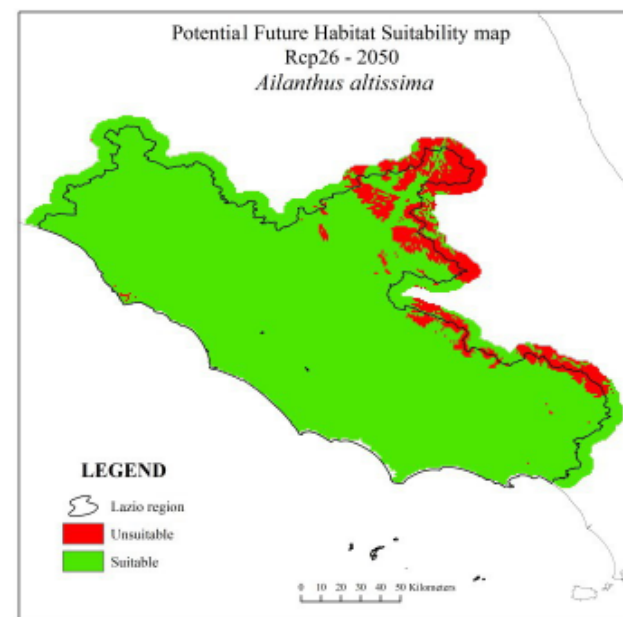
## Species Range Shifts



## Ecological Niche Modeling



## Climate Change Impact



# Why Citizen Science, why City Nature Challenge?

**Nature is everywhere, and the best way to study it is by connecting community and scientists through citizen science**  
*(many citizens can feed few researchers).*

The goal is to both **engage local residents** in the value of biodiversity, but also to **collect important data** for scientists, land managers, non-profits, and governments about the areas that they help to protect.



The time is now ripe to **establish Permanent Citizen Observatories** which will really let citizen science click up. People shall collect data on specific environmental issues using rigorous scientific monitoring protocols provided by researchers (e.g. to avoid not uniform sampling).

## > LIFE CONET!

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**City Nature Challenge 2018**  
April 27-30, 2018

What species will we find this year?

65 CITIES | 5 CONTINENTS | 1 WORLD

Which city is the wildest? Be a part of a global challenge to see which city can document the most wildlife species. Join local events, make observations on your own, or identify species using the iNaturalist app.

For more information and to get involved in Texas, go to: [TPWD.TEXAS.GOV/NATURECHALLENGE](http://TPWD.TEXAS.GOV/NATURECHALLENGE)

**Take the City Nature Challenge 2018**  
April 27-30

**Omaha Metro Area**

Help the Omaha Metro Area compete against more than 60 cities worldwide for the title of "the most biodiverse city" during the City Nature Challenge on Friday, April 27 - Monday, April 30.

As a community, we will explore the great outdoors in search of as many plant and animal species as we can find and record our observations using our mobile devices.

**City Nature Challenge 2018**  
HONG KONG'S RESULT  
April 27-30

20,357  
iNaturalist OBSERVATIONS

2,678  
iNaturalist SPECIES

**SAVE THE DATE**

**City Nature Challenge 2018**

**HOUSTON DALLAS-FORT WORTH AUSTIN SAN ANTONIO RIO GRANDE VALLEY EL PASO AMARILLO**

**CITY NATURE CHALLENGE**  
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**City Nature Challenge 2018**

**Reto Naturalista Urbano 2018**  
Bogotá D.C. 27 - 30 abril

Aporta al saber de la biodiversidad bogotana utilizando la plataforma:

**iNaturalist**

1. REGISTRARSE EN iNaturalist  
2. REGISTRAR LAS OBSERVACIONES  
3. PUBLICAR LAS OBSERVACIONES EN iNaturalist  
4. PARTICIPAR EN EL RETO

**citynaturechallenge.org**

**naturalista.biodiversidad.co**

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**G R A Z I E... and see you in 2019!!!**

**Biomaratón de Madrid 2018**

Comparte tus datos en la App Biomaratón para mejorar la comprensión de la biodiversidad de nuestra ciudad.

**Participa en el Biomaratón de Madrid**

1. Descarga la App Biomaratón  
2. Regístrate en la App  
3. Salida al campo  
4. Comparte tus datos en la App

**Take the City Nature Challenge 2018**  
Waterloo Region

**GET OUTSIDE AND PROVE WATERLOO REGION WINS AT NATURE!**  
April 27-30, 2018

The new Charlotte Research Research is teaming up with the National Science Foundation to help mobilize people across the greater Seattle area (all of Snohomish, King and Pierce counties) to join a friendly nature observation competition involving over 75 cities in 18 countries across the globe!

Which city can find the most species of plants, animals and other living things over the course of one weekend? **Join the challenge!**

**San Francisco City Nature Challenge 2018**

Help the SF Bay Area win the City Nature Challenge!  
April 27-30, 2018

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**WATERLOO REGION**  
April 27-30

Download the iNaturalist app  
#CityNatureChallenge

**City Nature Challenge 2018**  
April 27-30, 2018

The City Nature Challenge (CNC) is a friendly competition between cities all over the world to see which one can observe the most nature over a 4-day period. By participating, you'll not only get out and see some great local nature, you'll help scientists collect data on the biodiversity of our region—and help DC Metro win!

**How You Can Get Involved:** Sign up for a local event, create an event, or learn more at [citynaturechallenge.org/wordpress.com](http://citynaturechallenge.org/wordpress.com).

**Download iNaturalist**  
Add the free app for Android and iPhone to your mobile device and sign up for the project: City Nature Challenge 2018. Washington, DC metro area.

**City Nature Challenge 2018 Tokyo**  
April 27-30, 2018

**WOODLAND PARK ZOO**

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#WeAreMediterraneans



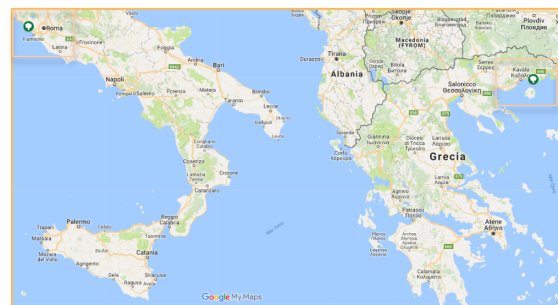
**LIFE PRIMED (LIFE17 NAT/GR/000511)**

**Restoration, management and valorisation of PRiority habitats of  
MEDiterranean coastal areas**

SCI IT6030022 Bosco di Palo Laziale - ITALY

GR1150010 Delta Nestou Kai Limnothalasses Keramotis (Delta of River Nestos) - GREECE

start date: 02/07/2018 - end date: 30/06/2023



**STEP 1**  
Find Wildlife



**STEP 2**  
Take a Picture of What  
You Find  
Note the location.



**STEP 3**  
Share Your Observations  
Share your findings  
with actual scientists.



**STEP 4**  
Help identify what  
everyone found