City Nature Challenge: the results are in!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped organize, participated in, and identified observations from the 6th annual City Nature Challenge! Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we had over 10,000 more people participate compared to last year, and for the first time ever, we made over one million observations in the four days of the challenge!

<b>Here are the collective results:

Observations: 1,270,767

Species: 45,300+, including more than 2,100 rare/endangered/threatened species

Observers: 52,777</b>

Most-observed species globally: <a href=”https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2021?tab=species”>Mallard (<i>[Anas platyrhynchos](https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/6930-Anas-platyrhynchos)</i>)</a>

<b>Here in the Bay Area, our results were</b>:

32,181 observations

2885 species

2265 observers

Although it wasn't a competition this year, we HAVE TO point out that (yet again) we had the most participants of any city! What an amazing community of nature-appreciating folks we have! An enormous THANK YOU to all of you! And a special shout-out to our top...

<b>Observers</b>: @lgottlieb, @[gyrrlfalcon](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/gyrrlfalcon), @[emilyearthquake](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/emilyearthquake), @[sarah-mae](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/sarah-mae), @[barry\_thomson](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/barry_thomson), @[marymchurchill](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/marymchurchill), @[leslie\_flint](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/leslie_flint), @[graysquirrel](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/graysquirrel), @[julie\_sf](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/julie_sf), @[rebeccafay](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/rebeccafay)

<b>Species-finders</b>: @[barry\_thomson](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/barry_thomson), @[gyrrlfalcon](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/gyrrlfalcon), @[lgottlieb](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/lgottlieb), @[leslie\_flint](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/leslie_flint), @[catchang](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/catchang), @[rebeccafay](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/rebeccafay), @[bluevalhalla](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/bluevalhalla), @[mary-nguyen](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/mary-nguyen), @[hilarystaples](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/hilarystaples), @[kevinhintsa](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/kevinhintsa)

<b>Identifiers</b>: @catchang, @[fa1conx](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/fa1conx), @[hfb](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/hfb), @[boschniakia](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/boschniakia), @[gyrrlfalcon](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/gyrrlfalcon), @[graysquirrel](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/graysquirrel), @[tiwane](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/tiwane), @[kevinhintsa](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/kevinhintsa), @[kueda](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/kueda), @[zaf2103](https://www.inaturalist.org/people/zaf2103)

<b>San Francisco Bay Area highlights:</b>

This stunningly patterned <a href=”https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/77224471”>L[ong-nose Snake](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/77224471)</a>

A stern gaze from this <a href=”https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/75939802”>G[reat Horned Owl](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/75939802)</a>

The gorgeous and endangered <a href=”<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/77713200>”>Mount Burdell Jewelflower,

A prowling <a href=”https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/77155050”>M[ountain Lion](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/77155050)</a> caught on a camera trap

Normally rare in the Bay Area, a plethora of <a href=”https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?place\_id=any&project\_id=city-nature-challenge-2021-san-francisco-bay-area&taxon\_id=47399&verifiable=any&view=&page=”>Rose-pink Cuthona nudibranchs</a>

A decaying endangered <a href=”https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76737476”>F[in Whale](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76737476)</a> recently necropsied by the California Academy of Sciences and The Marine Mammal Center

Since you can't click the links in the infographic, here are some of the interesting observations from around the world:

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76736059>">Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>)</a>

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/77309428>"><i>Lixus placidus</i> weevil</a>

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76917928>">Turkish Snail (<i>Helix lucorum</i>)</a>

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/77002638>">Witches’ Cauldron (<i>Sarcosoma globosum</i>)</a>

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76041042>">Blainville’s Horned Lizard (<i>Phrynosoma blainvillii</i>)</a>

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/77934283>">Purplish-backed Jay (<i>Cyanocorax beecheii</i>)</a>

<a href="https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76072885">Sargassumfish (<i>Histrio histrio</i>)</a>

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76196757>">Southern Lion (<i>Panthera leo</i> ssp. <i>melanochaita</i>)</a>

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76947235>">Common Giant Flying Squirrel (<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>)</a>

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76263948>"><i>Euglossa macrorhyncha</i> bee</a>

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76391245>"><i>Adelpha zea</i> butterfly</a>

<a href="<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/77570451>">Short-clubbed Wasp Orchid (<i>Chiloglottis reflexa</i>)</a>

<a href="https://ibb.co/Bf5NC5h"><img src="https://i.ibb.co/10t6mtC/LARGER-CNC-2021-results-infographic.jpg" alt="LARGER-CNC-2021-results-infographic" border="0"></a>

The City Nature Challenge also contributed to the most observations uploaded in a week on iNaturalist again - and also gave iNaturalist the first two weeks ever with over one million observations uploaded!

<a href="https://ibb.co/b6DmGZz"><img src="https://i.ibb.co/nwtmKvz/2021-05-06-Leiden-Univ.jpg" alt="2021-05-06-Leiden-Univ" border="0"></a>

Thanks everyone! Continue to help IDing those CNC observations - it takes awhile to get through them! We're looking forward to CNC 2022!