

The background of the slide is a light green, misty forest scene. On the left and right sides, there are vertical strips of more detailed forest photographs, showing tree trunks and foliage.

# **iNaturalist City Nature Celebration 2020**

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## What is it?

The City Nature Celebration is an international effort for people to find and document plants and wildlife in cities across the globe.

The 2020 City Nature Celebration will take place in 2 parts:

**April 24 – 27**

**Take pictures of wild  
plants and animals**

**April 28 – May 3**

**Identification of what  
was found**



# Why Participate

There is nature all around us, even in our cities! Knowing what species are in our city and where they are helps us study and protect them, but the **ONLY** way to do that is by all of us – scientists, land managers, and the community – working together to find and document the nature in our area. By participating in the City Nature Challenge, not only do you learn more about your local nature, but you can also make your city a better place – for you and other species!





# What to Observe

## Appropriate to Record

Plants, Animals, Fungi, Insects

Uninvited House Guests

i.e. Pests or Critters you are not raising to live with you!



## NOT Appropriate to Record

Pets and House Plants

Zoo Animals

Greenhouse Plants





# Getting Started

- Visit [iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org) to create account or Download the app from either the [AppStore](#) or [Google Play](#)
- Sign In
- Start sharing your observations
- Get feedback from actual scientists, experts, and other naturalists





## Tips and Tricks

- Hold device still when taking a photo to get the clearest image.
- Stand close enough to see the subject clearly, but not so close that it is blurry.
- For insects, consider holding the subject in a petri dish or insect observation container.
- Focus on one subject if looking at multiple species.





## Links and Resources

- <http://citynaturechallenge.org>
- <https://www.inaturalist.org>
- [https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?place\\_id=121235](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?place_id=121235)



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