CITY NATURE CHALLENGE WORKSHOPS AND OUTINGS

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San Antonio will be one of 166 cities around the world competing April 24-27 to see who can make the most observations of nature, find the most species, and engage the most people in the 2020 City Nature Challenge. Many events are planned in and around the city during the four-day event, including Bexar Audubon outings and iNaturalist workshops. All you need is a camera or cellphone with a camera, an iNaturalist account, and the iNat app installed on your phone. You can take pictures of plants, birds, insects, and animals to upload to iNat for identification. Or, you can help identify others’ photos. Learn more.

iNaturalist TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Saturday, March 14, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
iNaturalist Workshop at Land Heritage Institute
1349 Neal Road, San Antonio, TX 78264
Peter Joseph Hernandez will provide iNaturalist training to prepare for the City Nature Challenge (see info under City Nature Challenge Outings April 24-27). Learn how to ID plants, butterflies, birds, and more with iNaturalist while contributing to citizen science! After some classroom instruction, participants will go out in the field to practice documenting flora and fauna with their phones or cameras. We'll then return to the classroom where Peter will answer questions and make sure we understand this amazing tool! Sponsored by the Land Heritage Institute and Bexar Audubon Society. Fee: $3/person. RSVP to Fred Loxsom at floxsom@trinity.edu or 860/455-3422.

Tuesday, March 31, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
iNaturalist Workshop
Texas A&M Extension, Bexar County
3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208, San Antonio, TX 78230
Join Texas Nature Trackers Biologist Craig Hensley for an iNaturalist workshop to learn how to make observations using the iNaturalist app, including hands-on practice outside. We'll also explore the iNaturalist.org website to maximize your experience using the site. Open to the public. Bring a sack lunch. Register here.

Monday, April 13, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
iNaturalist Workshop
Love Creek Preserve, 2725 Elam Creek Road, Medina, Texas 78055
Learn iNaturalist from Texas Nature Trackers Biologist Craig Hensley in this workshop at Love Creek. Craig will show you how to make observations using the iNaturalist app, including hands-on practice outside, and he will explain how to use the
iNaturalist.org website to maximize your experience. Open to the public. Bring a sack lunch. If you have questions, contact Rebecca Neill at 979/777-1862 or email rebecca.neill@tnc.org.

**Thursday, April 23, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
**iNaturalist Workshop**
**San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston, San Antonio, TX 78209**

Craig Hensley, naturalist and biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will show you how to use iNaturalist on your computer and phone app in preparation for the upcoming City Nature Challenge (April 24-27). Document plants, butterflies, birds, and more with your phone or camera while contributing to citizen science. Sponsored by San Antonio Water System and Bexar Audubon Society. Fee: $10 deposit refundable upon attendance. Register [here](#).

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**CITY NATURE CHALLENGE OUTINGS**

The Bexar Audubon outings below are for documenting biodiversity with your phones and/or regular cameras for the City Nature Challenge and to also have fun outdoors learning about our natural world! Prior to these trips, you will be instructed to first create an iNaturalist account/profile on your computer (at iNaturalist.org). Under Account Settings, make sure you apply the Central Time Zone designation so that your photos have the correct time on them. Then, download the iNat app to your phone.

**Friday, April 24**

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM - **Crownridge Canyon Natural Area** (7222 Luskey Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78256). **Plants, Birds, & Butterflies iNaturalist Bioblitz Walk.** Leader: Patty Pasztor. Help us document biodiversity with your phones and/or cameras. RSVP to: agarita@me.com or 210/837-0577.

1:30 PM to 4:00 PM - **Dragonfly & Butterfly iNaturalist Bioblitz** at **Cibolo Nature Center** (140 City Park Rd., Boerne, TX 78006). Leader: Martin Reid. Learn to ID dragonflies and butterflies from the expert and document them for the City Nature Challenge. Space limited. RSVP to Becca Taylor at rtaylorb2@sbcglobal.net or 281/772-2597.

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM - **Government Canyon State Natural Area** (12861 Galm Road, San Antonio, TX 78254). **Moth Night!** Leader: Delmar Cain. Meet in Parking Lot C across the bridge near the playground. Help us document moths at night with your phones and/or cameras through iNaturalist for the City Nature Challenge. More than 4500 species of moths are found in Texas, including the Four-spotted Palpita Moth! Also learn about some of our other night visitors. Bring a small flashlight, water, and a chair. The lights will go on at dusk and off at 10:30 PM. State Park Entry Fee: $6/person, ages 12 & under free. Use self-pay station near the fee booth upon entry (bring exact payment in cash). No RSVP needed.
Saturday, April 25
8:30 AM to 11:30 AM - Government Canyon State Natural Area (12861 Galm Rd., San Antonio, TX 78254.) iNaturalist Bioblitz. Leader: Fred Loxsom. Help us document biodiversity for the City Nature Challenge! State Park fee: $6/person. RSVP to: floxsom@trinity.edu or 860/455-3422.

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM - Eisenhower Park (19399 NW Military Hwy., San Antonio, TX 78257). iNaturalist Bioblitz Walk. Leader: Fred Loxsom. Help document biodiversity for the City Nature Challenge at this 320-acre Hill Country park in northwest San Antonio. RSVP to: floxsom@trinity.edu or 860/455-3422.

Sunday, April 26
8:30 AM to 11:30 AM - Land Heritage Institute (1349 Neal Road, San Antonio, TX 78264). iNat Nature Walk & Bioblitz with Peter Hernandez, Lora Reynolds, and Patty Pasztor. Join us to explore this 1200-acre preserve on the south side of San Antonio. Habitat includes wildflower and grassland savannah, brushland, and the Medina River. Help document birds, plants, and more! Fee/donation to LHI: $3/person. RSVP to: agarita@me.com or 210/837-0577. (See iNaturalist Workshop section for information about iNat training at Land Heritage Institute on March 14.)

8:30 AM - Mitchell Lake Audubon Center (10750 Pleasanton Rd., San Antonio, TX 78221). iNaturalist Bird and Nature Walk and Bioblitz with Sherie Gee and Angel Poe. We will discover and document birds, butterflies, dragonflies, plants, and more as we walk and drive this 1200-acre natural area. No fee. RSVP to: slgee18@yahoo.com.

Monday, April 27
8:00 AM - Avenue A (Brackenridge Park in San Antonio) Bird Walk & iNaturalist Bioblitz with Lora Reynolds. Meet near the parking spaces on Red Oak Dr. in Brackenridge Park, which intersects with Mulberry. Stroll Avenue A looking for spring migrants. Following the Ave. A walk, you can join Lora for a walk at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. RSVP to: reynoldswrite@sbcglobal.net or 210/414-0792.

1:30 PM to 4:00 PM - Butterfly & Dragonfly iNaturalist Walk at the San Antonio Botanical Garden (555 Funston Place, San Antonio, TX 78209). Leader: Martin Reid. Join us on this iNaturalist Bioblitz to ID and document butterflies and dragons from the expert during the City Nature Challenge. Space limited. RSVP to: Becca Taylor at rtaylorb2@sbcglobal.net or 281/772-2597.