



# HUME CITY COUNCIL

## CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2023

### Friday 28 April to Monday 1 May

**Citizen science is free, fun, and easy to do on your own, or with family and friends. In this four-day biodiversity challenge, head out with your phones and cameras to record as many wild animals, plants, and fungi as you can find.**

Over 475 cities will be involved worldwide, with people searching for wildlife in their gardens, local parks, and creeks. Upload photos to iNaturalist by 7 May for these observations to count, and they are automatically included into projects.

To compete globally, Hume City is collaborating with 26 local governments to form the Greater Melbourne project.

A lead-up series of training sessions will prepare people to take part and get familiar with iNaturalist. Guided nature walks are planned over the weekend to look for various species. Please register your attendance on [Eventbrite](#) or the following links as numbers to attend events are limited.

For more information about getting involved, contact Melissa Doherty, Council's Urban Biodiversity Officer.  
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#### How:

**Install iNaturalist on your phone & create an account**

**Take photos of nature on your phone or camera**

**Upload to iNaturalist using the app or website**

#### Why:

**Add to species databases**

**Connect with nature**

**Get active outdoors**



## City Nature Challenge 2023

### Important Dates

#### Friday 28 April to Monday 1 May

- Take photos or sound recordings of wild animals, plants, and fungi.
- Indoor or garden plants, pets, captive animals, domestic livestock, and humans do not count.

#### Friday 28 April to Sunday 7 May

- Upload observations to iNaturalist using the mobile phone app or website.
- Make species identifications or iNaturalist will help.

#### Monday 8 May

- Global results announced

### Keeping Score

Competition statistics for most observations, most species, and most observers can be followed on the project result boards.

- [Global Cities](#)
- [Greater Melbourne](#)
- [Hume City](#)

### Getting Prepared

#### iNaturalist Training

Several [iNaturalist](#) training sessions are being held in the lead-up to [City Nature Challenge](#), to help people get familiar with using the smart phone app and website. Learn about where to find different species and how to take good nature observations so species can be identified.

#### Wednesday 22 February, 3.45pm to 4.45pm

Teacher Environment Network [online webinar](#)

#### Saturday 25 March, 11.30am to 1.00pm

Sunbury Neighbourhood House [workshop](#)

#### Thursday 30 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Craigieburn Global Learning Centre  
Libraries After Dark - [What's On](#)

#### Thursday 13 April, 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Broadmeadows Global Learning Centre

#### Thursday 20 April, 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Sunbury Global Learning Centre

#### Wednesday 26 April, 7.30pm to 9.00pm

[Online webinar](#)

## Taking Part

### Hume City's Guided Nature Walks

#### Friday 28 April, 9.00am to 11.00am

[Guided bird and fauna bushwalk](#) with Treeswift at Woodlands Historic Park, Greenvale.

#### Friday 28 April, 1.00pm to 2.30pm

[Guided flora walk and talk](#) with Conservation Management Team at Evans St Grassland, Sunbury.

#### Saturday 29 April, 10.00am to 12.00pm

[Guided bird, frog, and water bug survey](#) with Urban Biodiversity Officer at Jacana Wetland.

#### Saturday 29 April, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

[Guided spot-light walk](#) with Treeswift at Woodlands Historic Park, Greenvale.

#### Sunday 30 April, 9.00am to 11.00am

[Guided bird and fauna bushwalk](#) with Treeswift at Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve, Mickleham.

#### Sunday 30 April, 1.30pm to 3.00pm

[Guided bushtucker Indigenous cultural walk and talk](#) with Jo Russell at The Nook, Sunbury.

### What to bring on guided walks

- Mobile phone or digital camera, fully charged.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing, long pants and bring along a rain/wind-proof jacket.
- Wear fully-enclosed walking shoes or boots as will be going into long grass.
- Own drink bottle and snacks.
- Binoculars (some will be available to borrow).
- Own torch or head lamp to spot-light walk.

Hard copies of the Birds of Hume and Fauna of Hume field guides will be available at events. Find PDF versions at [Discover Nature in Hume](#). Join [Hume City's Wildlife](#) iNaturalist project to see what lives in your neighbourhood.

Subscribe to [Live Green News](#) for environmental and sustainability events, news, and updates.

**Explore your garden or head to nearby parks and wetlands. Let's showcase our amazing wildlife to the world and to each other. These iNaturalist observations made by everyday people as citizen scientists, deepens our understanding of nature.**