



# HUME CITY COUNCIL CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2025

**Friday 25 April to Monday 28 April**

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

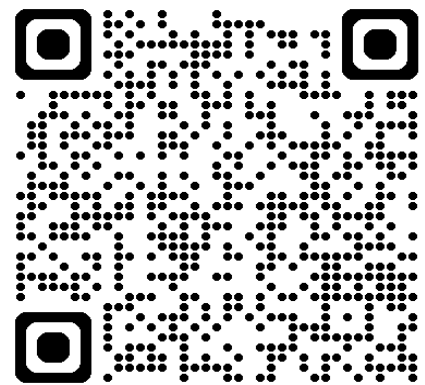
Over 500 cities involved worldwide, with people searching for wildlife in their gardens, local parks, and creeks.

Hume City is collaborating with many local governments and several organisations to form the Greater Melbourne project.

Upload your photos to iNaturalist by 4 May and they are automatically included in City Nature Challenge projects.

Join one of the guided nature walks to find lots of animals and plants. Please register your attendance by using the QR code to open Hume City's [Eventbrite](#) collection of nature walks.

For more information, contact Laura Gabriel,  
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**





## City Nature Challenge 2025

### Why get Involved

- Add records to species databases
- Share information where species live and how to identify them
- Connect with nature
- Get active outdoors

### Important Dates

#### Friday 25 April to Monday 28 April

- 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 25 April to Sunday 4 May

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

#### Monday 5 May

- Global results announced

### Keeping Score

Track how many observations have been made, the species found, and the observers involved by clicking the link to these project result boards:

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

## Getting Prepared

### iNaturalist Training

Check out the online iNaturalist training recordings and resources. Learn about where to find different species and how to take good nature observations so species can be identified.

- iNaturalist [getting started guide](#), [video tutorials](#)
- California Academy of Sciences - [Breakfast Club Ep 10 City Nature Challenge](#)
- Dr Luis Mata, University of Melb - [How to use iNaturalist](#) (recorded March 2021)
- [The Small and Mighty Micro World](#) (recorded April 2022)
- [Leaves, Feathers and Scales: The Macro World](#) (recorded April 2022)

## Taking Part

### Hume City's Guided Nature Walks

#### Saturday 26 April, 2.00pm to 4.00pm

[Guided bushtucker Indigenous cultural walk and talk](#) with Aunty Jo Russell at the Westmeadows Indigenous Community Garden.

#### Saturday 26 April, 8.00pm to 11.00pm

[Moth night and guided spot-light walk](#) with the Entomological Society of Victoria at Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve, Mickleham

#### Monday 28 April, 9.30am to 11.30am

[Guided nature walk at Malcom Creek and Centennial Park wetland](#) in Craigieburn with Council's Land and Biodiversity Team.

#### Monday 28 April, 1.00pm to 3.00pm

[Guided nature walk at Stewarts Lane Nature Reserve](#) and Blind Creek in Sunbury with Council's Land and Biodiversity team.

### Other Events in Melbourne

See the [Victorian Environment Friends Network](#) website for links to other City Nature Challenge events occurring as part of the Greater Melbourne collaboration.

### What to bring on guided walks

- Mobile phone or digital camera, fully charged.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing, longs 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.**