



Join the Greater Montreal  
City Nature Challenge

## Description

# Citizens encouraged to participate in this record-setting global biodiversity event

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**Technoparc Oiseaux** and the **Campus Biodiversity Network**, in conjunction with the **Canadian Wildlife Federation**, are pleased to announce their hosting of the **Greater Montreal City Nature Challenge 2022**.

This citizen-science event will be held over four days **from April 29 to May 2** and is supported by the City of Montreal. Residents from the 82 municipalities and boroughs within Greater Montreal are invited to make observations of the natural world that surrounds them, even if they have no particular experience or expertise.



Red fox – Image: courtesy of Pincourt Vert

The challenge, open to all, uses the free, non-commercial application [iNaturalist](#) to record and identify wild species in our urban environments, and enlists everyday people to contribute to a greater understanding of the biodiversity within Greater Montreal.

Anyone interested in participating just has to download the iNaturalist application and take pictures (or record sounds) of **wildlife** or **wild plants** using the application between April 29 and May 2. All observations made within those four days in Greater Montreal will count towards Montreal's ranking within Canada and internationally for biodiversity observations.

This year, the City Nature Challenge has already broken records for Canada's participation in this global event, with an unprecedented number of Canadian cities participating, 40 to be exact. Greater Montreal, regrouping the administrative boundaries of the CMM (Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal), is the only entity in Quebec to participate in the global challenge.

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Which municipality will make the most observations locally, nationally, and internationally? We encourage the citizens of Greater Montreal to come out in large numbers to participate in this challenge. Not only is it simple, fun, and educational, it's also a great way to contribute to the scientific knowledge and conservation of urban green spaces!

## More information on the City Nature Challenge



Wildflowers by brook – Image: Deanne Delaney

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For Canada, contact David DeRocco at the Canadian Wildlife Federation and iNaturalist.ca at [davidd@cwfcf.org](mailto:davidd@cwfcf.org)

The public is invited to attend **information sessions** held **every Wednesday evening** via Zoom (free, registration required) **until April 27** at [tinyurl.com/calendrier-info-DNU](https://tinyurl.com/calendrier-info-DNU)

## Web resources

CMM Project: [inaturalist.ca/projects/c-n-c-defi-nature-urbaine-2022-montreal-quebec-canada](https://inaturalist.ca/projects/c-n-c-defi-nature-urbaine-2022-montreal-quebec-canada)

Canada Project: [inaturalist.ca/projects/city-nature-challenge-canada-2022-defi-nature-urbaine](https://inaturalist.ca/projects/city-nature-challenge-canada-2022-defi-nature-urbaine)

International project: [inaturalist.ca/projects/city-nature-challenge-2022](https://inaturalist.ca/projects/city-nature-challenge-2022)

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