



BioBlitz Challenge 2024

When is the BioBlitz Challenge?

The BioBlitz Challenge runs from October 1st to October 31st.

What Is the BioBlitz Challenge?

The City of Los Angeles boasts a rich and diverse natural community. The BioBlitz Challenge encourages residents to discover and document the natural world around them. In previous years, certain areas in LA have been identified as "cold spots," where little information is available about local wildlife. This challenge aims to expand our database of local species, helping us understand and appreciate the ecosystems we share. By fostering this awareness, we can cultivate a greater sense of responsibility for our environment. **To formally participate in the challenge, pick up a game card from your local library in the City of Los Angeles or go to the Los Angeles Public Library website to print out your own.**

Why is Participation Important?

Engaging in the BioBlitz Challenge is crucial. The more participants we have, the more data we can collect. By exploring our parks, recreation centers, and natural spaces, participants will develop a deeper, place-based connection to nature, which can inspire a greater commitment to caring for our neighborhoods and the environment.

How is the data used?

- Used to understand the presence and spread of species
- In mapping, analysis, and research
- In the selection of project locations (eg., Restoration/ Weed removal)

Why is Participation Important at Recreation Centers?

Recreation centers play a vital role in this initiative as they are key locations where people can consistently engage with nature in the city.



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Using Worksheets at Recreation Centers

- No Phone? While using the iNaturalist app is essential for data collection during the challenge, we recognize that not everyone has access to a smartphone. To address this, we've created worksheets to help visitors explore the natural surroundings at recreation centers and foster a similar connection with nature.
- Engaging Younger Audiences: These worksheets are designed to communicate plant knowledge to younger participants, allowing them to observe, color, and document their findings.

Do Worksheets Replace the iNaturalist App?

No, the worksheets do not replace the iNaturalist app or the data collection process. Participation in the challenge requires the use of the iNaturalist app and the BioBlitz Game card, mentioned on each worksheet.

Encourage worksheet users to continue exploring their neighborhood with the iNaturalist app!

If you have any other questions or want to explore more about the BioBlitz please visit:

For information: <https://lapl.org/bioblitz>

Frequently Asked Questions: <https://lapl.org/steam/bioblitz/faq>