

# GET OUTSIDE AND DOCUMENT WHAT YOU SEE!

## City Nature Challenge

APRIL 29 - MAY 2



## IT'S FUN AND EASY.

### WHAT?

Nature is all around us, even in our cities! Let's get to know the plants and animals in Sarasota and Manatee counties.

The **City Nature Challenge (CNC)** is an international effort to get people outside to take pictures of their local biodiversity. Over the course of four days, citizens around the world will take as many pictures of the natural world as they can. Experts will then look at the pictures and see how many different species were shared!

### IT'S A FRIENDLY COMPETITION!

We are one of eight Florida regions or metro areas participating this year, and we are calling on everyone to help Sarasota and Manatee shine!

CNC was started in 2016 by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the California Academy of Sciences as a competition between L.A. and San Francisco. Since then, it's grown to include more than 400 cities, in more than 40 countries, across six continents!

### WHO?

**YOU!** You don't need to be a professional photographer, botanist, or naturalist to be participate. All you need is a smartphone or GPS-enabled camera, the free iNaturalist app, and a willingness to get out and explore!

### WHERE?

In your backyard, playgrounds, parks, and more. Basically, anywhere that you find nature in Sarasota and Manatee counties!

### WHY?

Through documenting all the plants and animals in our community, we will discover what we need to protect.

### HOW?

Join the project on [iNaturalist](#), by creating a free account and searching for the [City Nature Challenge 2022 Sarasota and Manatee Counties project](#). Spread the word and encourage others to participate as well. It's as easy as finding wildlife, taking a picture, and sharing!

Learn more at [selby.org](#).

For more information, email [ecoflora@selby.org](mailto:ecoflora@selby.org).

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## LOCAL EVENTS

Check out the City Nature Challenge in Sarasota and Manatee Counties:

### SARASOTA COUNTY

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10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CROWLEY MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER BIOBLITZ

16405 Myakka Road, Sarasota

Hosted By: Crowley Museum & Nature Center

No registration required. Show Welcome Center staff your iNaturalist app and join the [City Nature Challenge 2022: Sarasota and Manatee Counties project](#) for free admission!

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

2022 SEAGRASS SURVEY AND FESTIVAL

SARASOTA SAILING SQUADRON

1717 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota

Hosted by: Sarasota Bay Estuary Program and Sarasota County

Registration: <https://2022seagrasssurvey.eventbrite.com/>

### MANATEE COUNTY

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

CITY NATURE CHALLENGE BIOBLITZ

JOHNSON PRESERVE AT BRADEN RIVER

583910104 Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Hosted by: Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast and Manatee County Parks & Natural Resources

Registration: <https://www.conservationfoundation.com/events/>

SUNDAY, MAY 1

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ECOFLOTA BIOBLITZ

FELTS AUDUBON PRESERVE

4600 24th Avenue East, Palmetto

Hosted by: Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and Manatee County Audubon Society

Registration: <https://bit.ly/ecoflora-project>

MONDAY, MAY 2

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

CITY NATURE CHALLENGE BIOBLITZ

LEFFIS KEY PRESERVE

1427 Gulf Drive South, Bradenton Beach

Hosted by: Manatee County Parks & Natural Resources and Sarasota Bay Estuary Program

Registration: <https://bit.ly/ecoflora-project>

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