



CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2019



SEATTLE-TACOMA METROPOLITAN AREA – RESULTS!

City Nature Challenge 2019

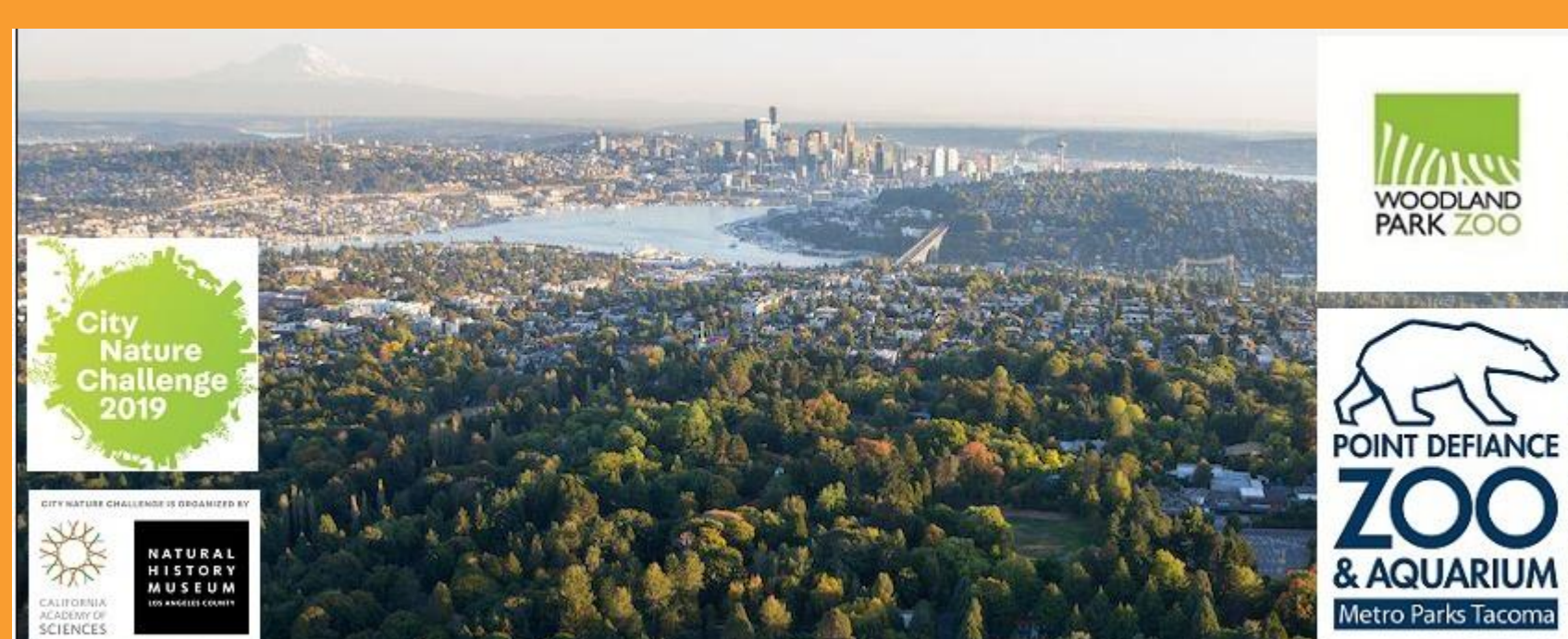
OVERVIEW

Woodland Park Zoo and Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium helped mobilize people across the greater Seattle area to join a friendly nature observation competition involving 159 cities across the globe!

City Nature Challenge asked: **Which city in the world can find the most species of plants, animals and other living things from Friday, April 26 through Monday, April 29, 2019?**

Any observation made anywhere within the **Seattle-Bellevue-Tacoma-Everett metropolitan area**, which includes all of **King, Pierce and Snohomish counties**, counted towards our total in the City Nature Challenge.

Participants took photos, identified what they saw and uploaded them to the project on **iNaturalist**. Participants also helped one another by identifying observations in iNaturalist.



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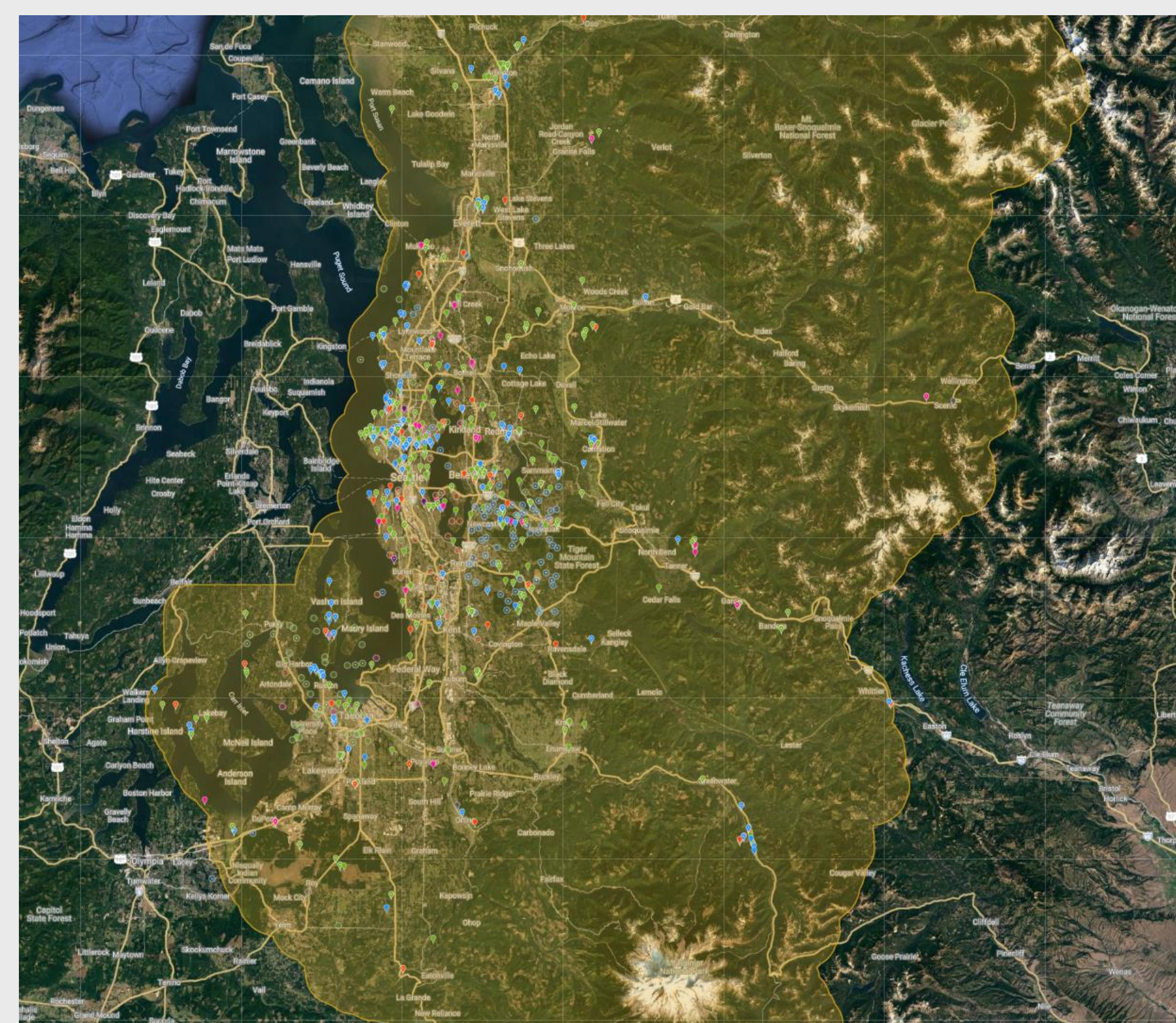
GLOBAL RESULTS



159 cities across the globe took part.

Observers added **over 100 new species** that had not previously been recorded on iNaturalist EVER (half of these were recorded in Hong Kong!)

City Nature Challenge 2019 was the biggest week on iNaturalist EVER, by far!



Map showing CNC 2019 observations in the Seattle Metropolitan Area (includes Snohomish, King and Pierce counties)

NOTABLE OBSERVATIONS



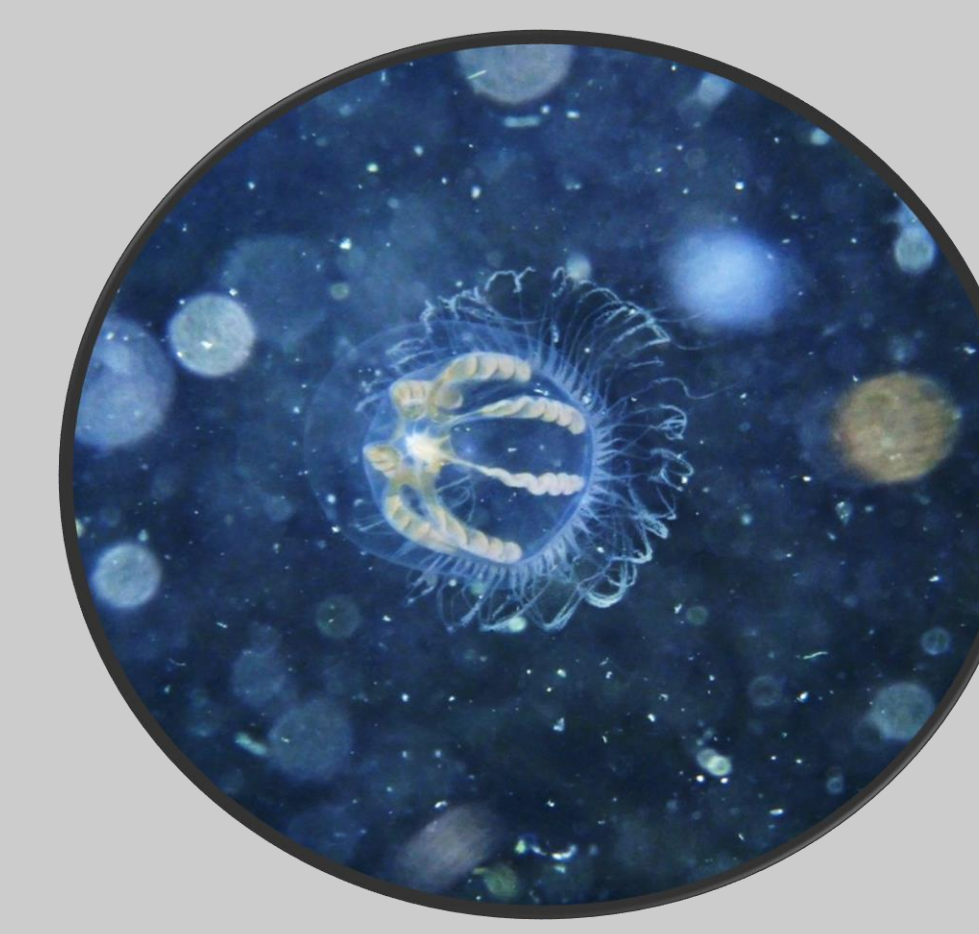
Oregon forestsnail (*Allogona townsendiana*)
observed by redpyre
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Horned grebe (*Podiceps auritus*)
observed by kathawk
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Rufous hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)
observed by hawnzd
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Melicertum octocostatum
observed by agnes_clamfanger
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HOW DID SEATTLE-TACOMA DO?

	PARTICIPANTS	OBSERVATIONS	SPECIES
Seattle-Tacoma	235	2946	853
Rank out of 159 cities	48th	65th	52nd

Out of 20 participating cities of comparable area, Seattle-Tacoma:

- **Ranked 8th** in total participants
- **Ranked 11th** in total observations and total species observed
- **Ranked 10th** in total species observed

EVENTS

Students from Tesla STEM High School hosted a bioblitz at Everest Park in Kirkland!



Charlotte, Micheal, Rahul, and Ria hosting their City Nature Challenge event!

More events and stories:

[The Nature Conservancy – City Habitats – City Nature Challenge 2019](#)

[SHADOW Lake Nature Preserve – Corporate Day of Service BioBlitz](#)

[The Seattle Times – Apps let everyone track health of insect populations](#)

TOP OBSERVERS FOR SEATTLE-TACOMA

RANK	INAT USER	OBSERVATIONS	SPECIES
1	KATHAWK	316	234
2	EWRUNN1NG	281	160
3	AJWRIGHT	213	204
4	JAMIGRAMORE	213	105
5	MASONMARON	180	80

Thanks to everyone who participated!



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OBSERVE! April 24 – 27, 2020

IDENTIFY! April 24 – May 3, 2020