

SEATTLE-TACOMA METROPOLITAN AREA – RESULTS!

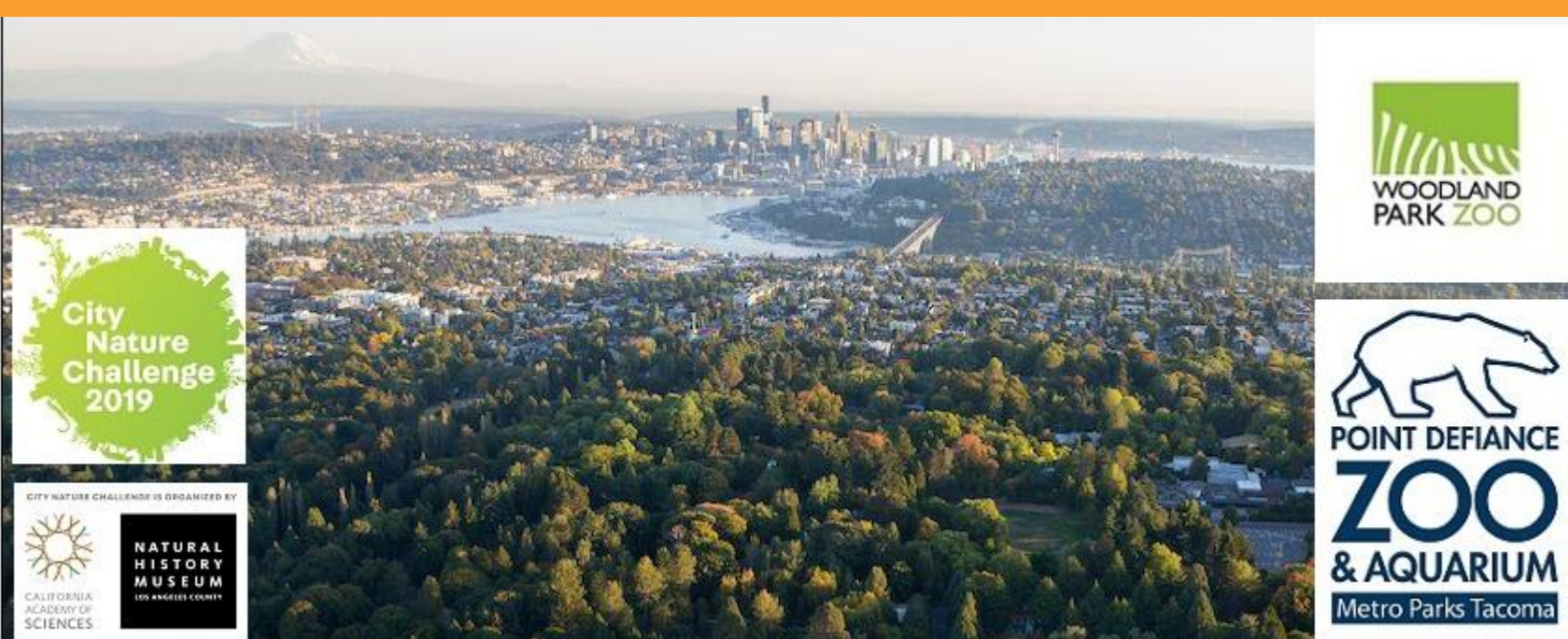


OVERVIEW

Woodland Park Zoo and Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium helped mobilize people across the greater Seattle area to join a friendly nature observation challenge involving 244 cities across the globe!

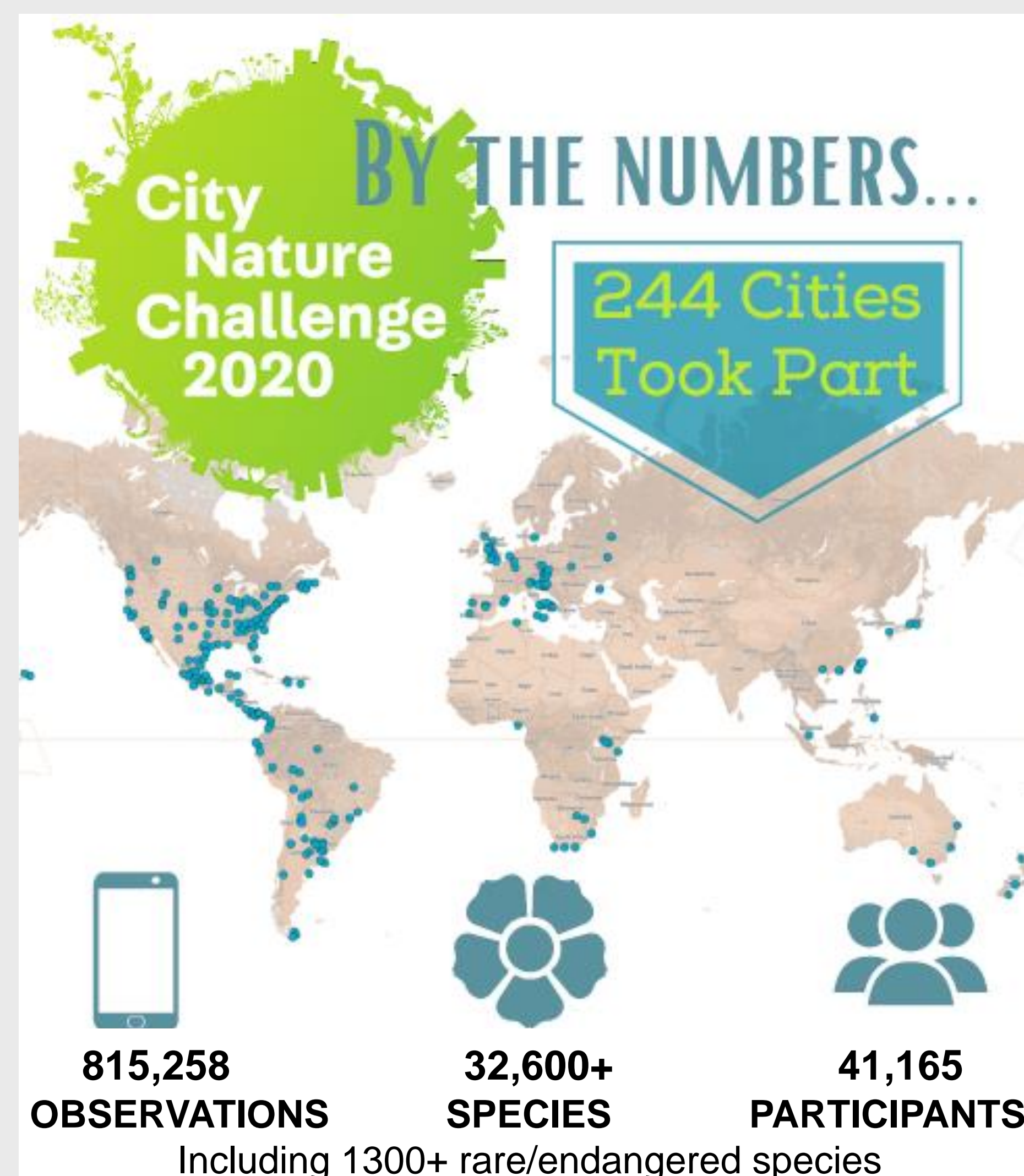
Normally, cities compete to see who can make the most observations of nature, find the most species, and get the most people involved. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Nature Challenge was not a competition, and instead focused on the collaborative aspect of people locally and around the globe connecting to and documenting nature in whatever way they were able.

Any observation made anywhere within the **Seattle-Bellevue-Tacoma-Everett metropolitan area**, which includes all of **King, Pierce and Snohomish counties**, between **Friday, April 24 – Monday, April 27** counted towards our total in the City Nature Challenge.


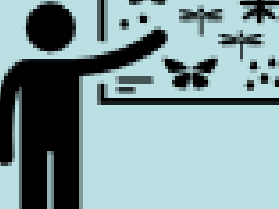



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GLOBAL RESULTS

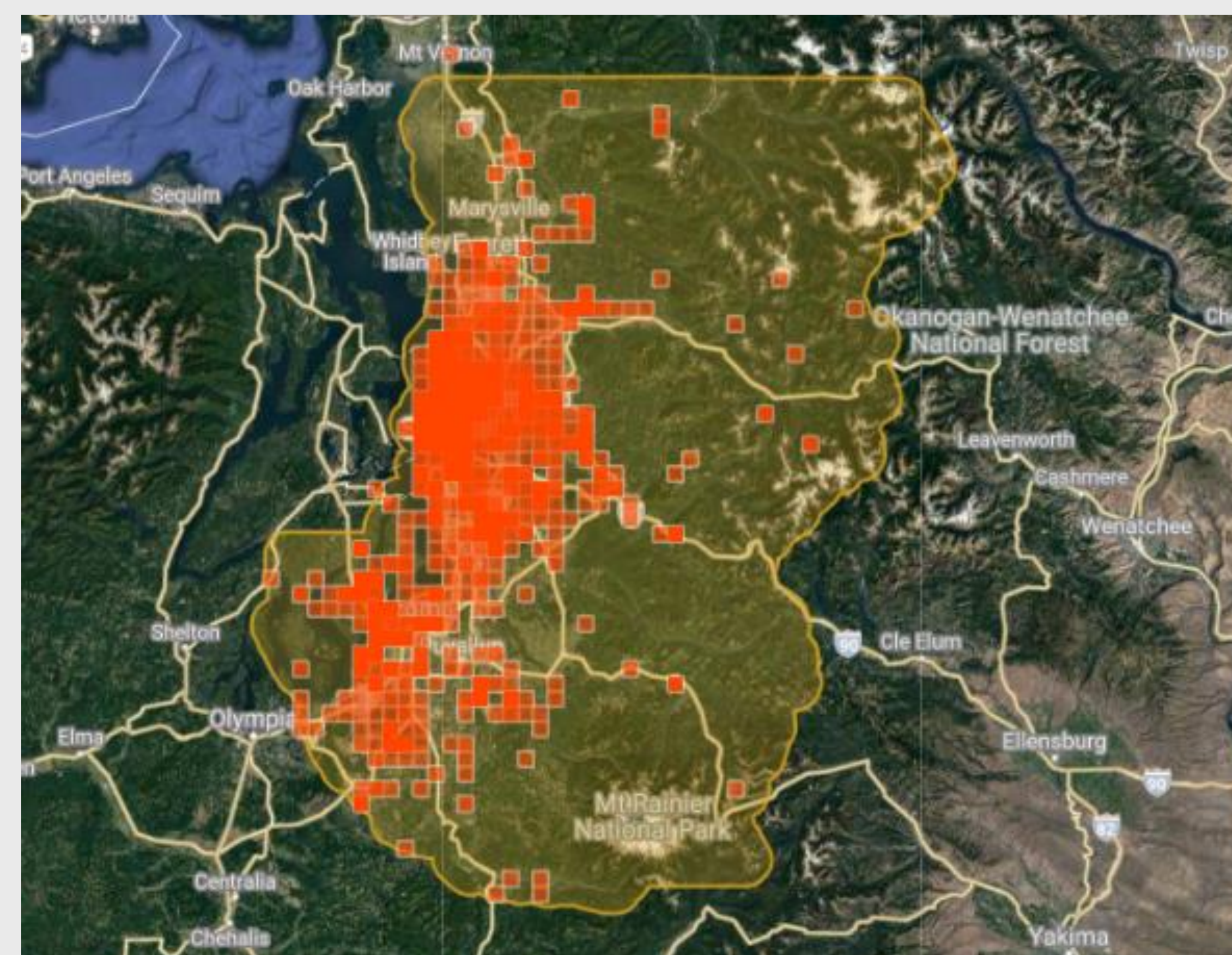


SEATTLE-TACOMA RESULTS

	OBSERVATIONS	SPECIES	PARTICIPANTS
			
2020	5190	1044	565
2019	2946	853	235
2018**	5841	1033	359
2017*	1587	484	76

*Area for 2017 was the greater Seattle area

**Area for 2018 and subsequent years was the larger Seattle Metropolitan Area (all of Snohomish, King and Pierce counties). In 2018, Pt. Defiance Zoo & Aquarium ran a 24-hour bioblitz event during City Nature Challenge weekend, which generated 2,010 observations of 471 species by 162 participants.

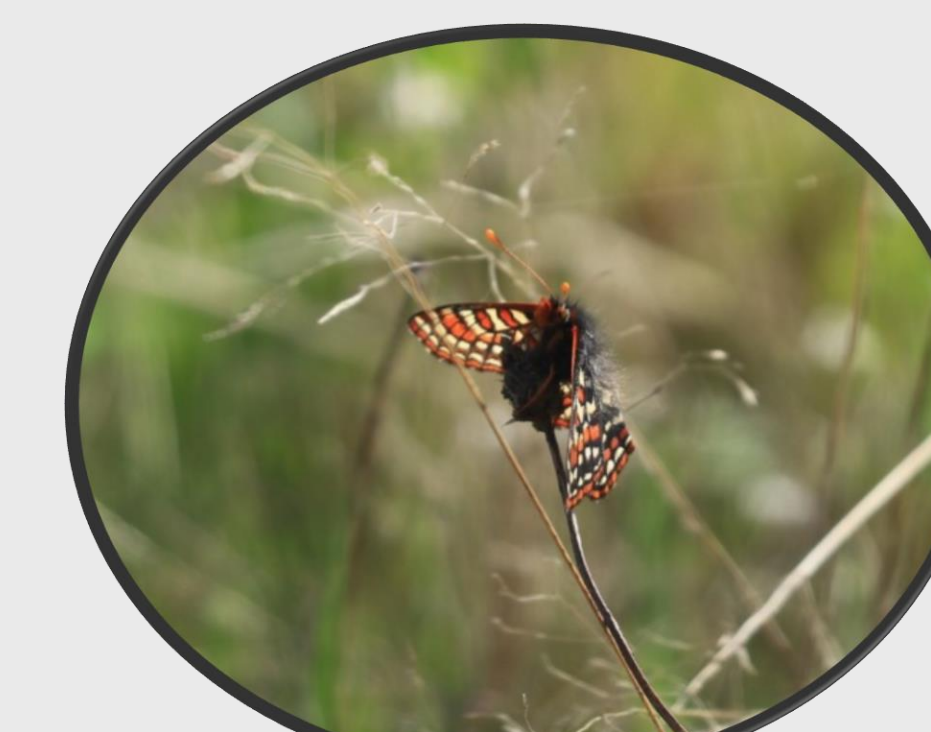


Map showing the distribution of CNC 2020 observations in the Seattle Metropolitan Area (includes Snohomish, King and Pierce counties)

NOTABLE OBSERVATIONS



Oregon forestsnail
(*Allogona townsendiana*)
observed by haida_gwaii
Photo © Corinne Helmer
<https://www.inaturalist.org/photos/82451639>



Taylor's checkerspot butterfly
(*Euphydryas editha ssp. taylori*)
observed by hawnzd
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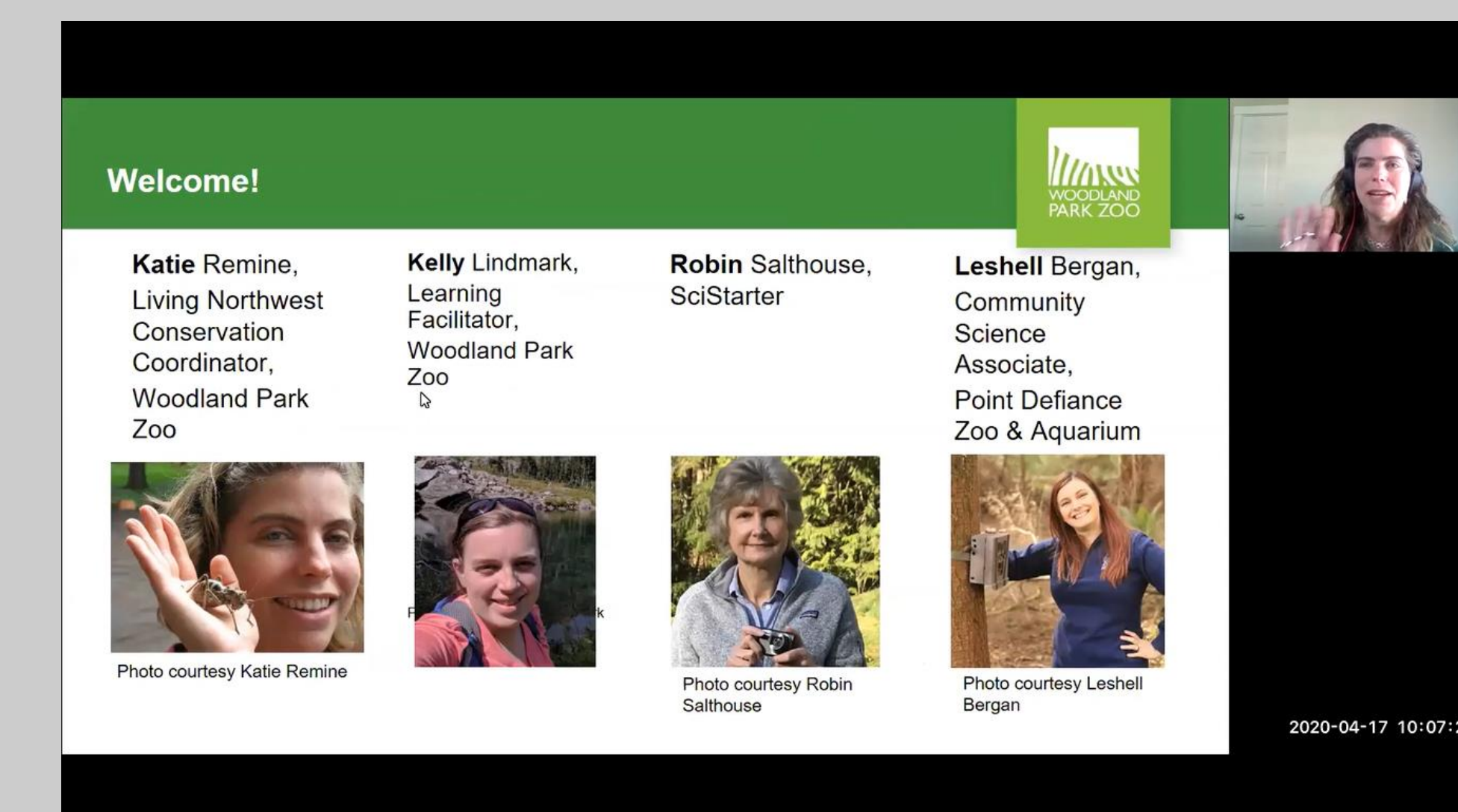
Long-tailed weasel
(*Mustela frenata*)
observed by augurapart
Photo © augurapart
<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/43406761>



Northern alligator lizard
(*Elgaria coerulea ssp. principis*)
observed by unknown
(observation submitted by email to NHMLA Community Science Program)
<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/44913327>

EVENTS

In 2020, we took our City Nature Challenge orientation and training session online! Over 50 people registered for the event.



More events and stories:

[Seattle Public Library - ShelfTalk blog post](#)

[Woodland Park Zoo - "Be a sofa scientist" blog post](#)

[Woodland Park Zoo - Earth Day blog post](#)

TOP OBSERVERS FOR SEATTLE-TACOMA

RANK	INAT USER	OBSERVATIONS	SPECIES
1	HAWNZD	525	270
2	LESHELL	386	146
3	DENDROCYGNA	296	120
4	EWRUNNING	256	149
5	BIRDNERD	195	98

Thanks to everyone who participated!



CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2021

OBSERVE! April 30 – May 3, 2021

IDENTIFY! April 30 – May 9, 2021