

# City Nature Challenge 2021

April 30–  
May 3

## Participate in the City Nature Challenge!

The St. Louis region\* is gearing up to compete in the 4th annual [City Nature Challenge](#) and we need your participation! The City Nature Challenge (CNC) is a four-day bioblitz-style competition between 350+ cities across the globe to gather observations of nature. Run by the California Academy of Sciences and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles, the CNC offers a platform for people to engage in community science by finding and documenting local wildlife. Cities will compete to collect the most observations of nature, document the most species, and engage the most people during the four-day event. Use this Nearby Nature map to find a participating City Nature Challenge site near you! Be sure to follow each site's safety policies and procedures. If you can't get out to one of our region's unique nature sites, you can still participate in your backyard! ***Let's do this, St. Louis!***

### Participation is easy:

- 1 Download the free iNaturalist app. Visit [citynaturechallenge.org](http://citynaturechallenge.org) or find the app in the [Google Play](#) or [Apple App](#) store.
- 2 Take photos of plants, animals, insects, and other life forms April 30–May 3. You can do this anywhere across the bi-state region. This is a great chance to visit a natural space you've been waiting to explore! Use this map as a reference to find nearby nature sites.
- 3 Upload your images as observations on the [greater St. Louis region's iNaturalist page](#).

**That's it—you've helped grow the region's urban biodiversity inventory with your photos! And you've had fun along the way!**

To learn more visit: [stlouis-mo.gov/city-nature-challenge](http://stlouis-mo.gov/city-nature-challenge)

Follow the City Nature Challenge on [Facebook!](#)

*\*Counties representing the greater St. Louis region in the 2021 City Nature Challenge: Missouri—Crawford, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Warren; Illinois—Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Monroe, St. Clair.*

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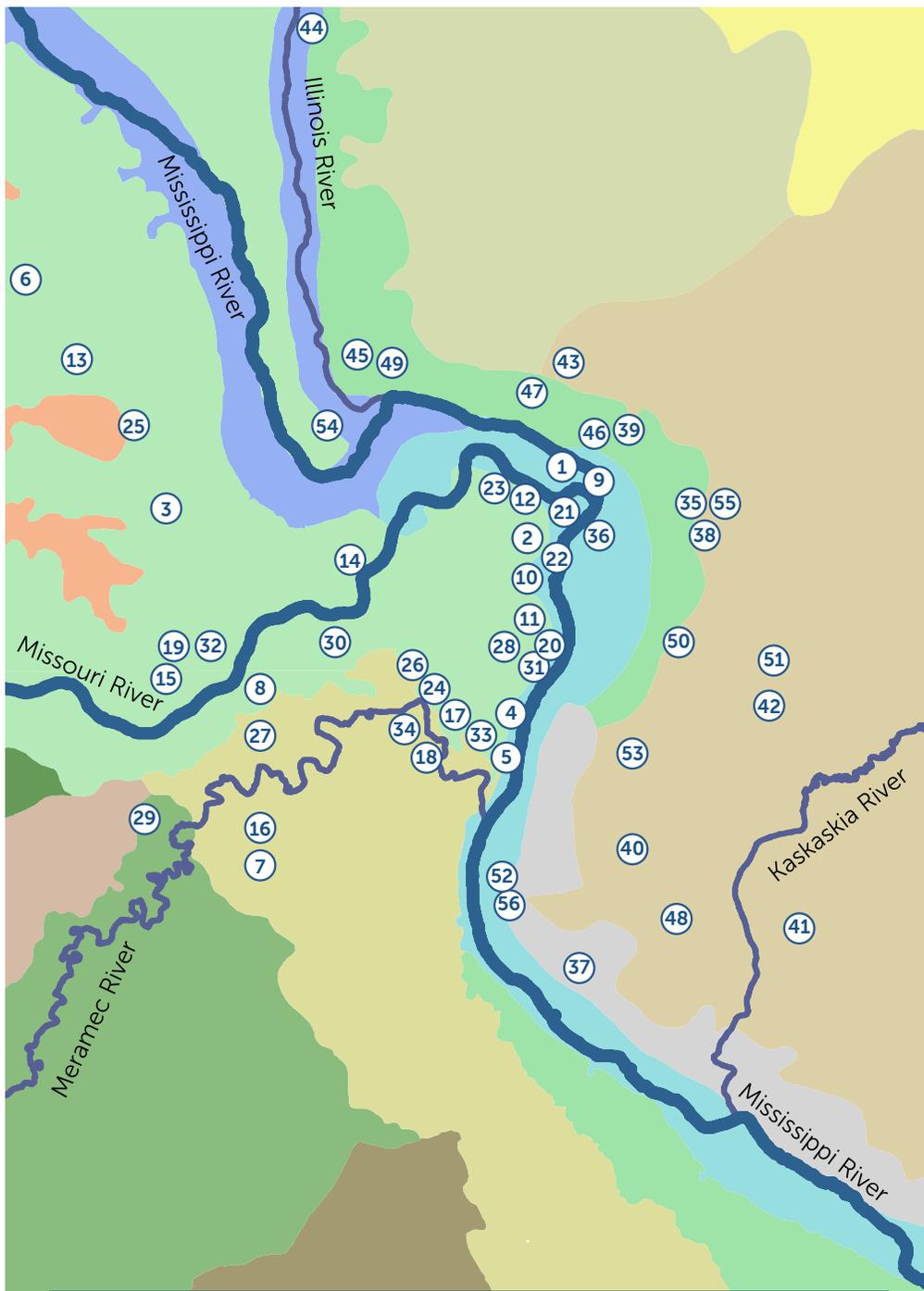


Eastern Tiger Swallowtail (*Papilio glaucus*)



Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*)

Red-Eared Slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*)



When we fade back the familiar city and county lines, our greater St. Louis region looks different—less fragmented, more connected. For this base map, we used ecoregions:

|   |  |                             |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| ● Rivers                                | ● Middle Mississippi Alluvial Plain      | ● Meramec River Hills       |
| ● River Hills                           | ● Karstic Northern Ozarkian River Bluffs | ● Central Plateau           |
| ● Western Dissected Illinois Till Plain | ● Eastern Ozark Border                   | ● Osage/Gasconade Hills     |
| ● Southern Illinois Till Plain          | ● St. Francois Knobs and Basins          | ● Claypan Prairie           |
| ● Upper Mississippi Alluvial Plain      |  | ● Illinois/Indiana Prairies |

**MISSOURI:**

1. [Audubon Center at Riverlands](#)
2. [Bellevue Cemetery and Arboretum](#)
3. [Broemmelsiek Park](#)
4. [Carondelet Park](#)
5. [Cliff Cave Park](#)
6. [Cuivre River State Park](#)
7. [Don Robison State Park](#)
8. [Dr. Edmund A. Babler State Park](#)
9. [Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park](#)
10. [Fairground Park](#)
11. [Forest Park](#)
12. [Fort Belle Fontaine](#)
13. [Indian Camp Creek Park](#)
14. [Katy Trail State Park](#)
15. [Klondike Park](#)
16. [LaBarque Creek Conservation Area](#)
17. [Laumeier Sculpture Park](#)
18. [Lone Elk Park](#)
19. [Matson Hill Park](#)
20. [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)
21. [North Riverfront Park](#)
22. [O'Fallon Park](#)
23. [Pelican Island Natural Area](#)
24. [Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center](#)
25. [Quail Ridge Park](#)
26. [Queeny Park](#)
27. [Rockwoods Reservation](#)
28. [Saint Louis Zoo](#)
29. [Shaw Nature Reserve](#)
30. [Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House](#)
31. [Tower Grove Park](#)
32. [Weldon Spring Conservation Area](#)
33. [Willmore Park](#)
34. [World Bird Sanctuary](#)

**ILLINOIS:**

35. [Bohm Woods Nature Preserve](#)
36. [Chouteau Island](#)
37. [Fults Hill Prairie Nature Preserve](#)
38. [The Gardens at SIUE](#)
39. [Heartland Prairie \(Nature Institute\)](#)
40. [Illinois Caverns State Park](#)
41. [Kaskaskia River State Fish & Wildlife Area](#)
42. [Knobeloch Woods Nature Preserve](#)
43. [Lewis & Clark Community College](#)
44. [The McCully Heritage Project](#)
45. [Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area](#)
46. [National Great Rivers Research & Education Center](#)
47. [Olin Nature Preserve \(Nature Institute\)](#)
48. [Paul Wightman Subterranean Nature Preserve](#)
49. [Pere Marquette State Park](#)
50. [Pleasant Ridge Park](#)
51. [Rock Springs Park](#)
52. [Salt Lick Point Land and Water Reserve](#)
53. [Stemler Cave Woods Nature Preserve](#)
54. [Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge](#)
55. [Watershed Nature Center](#)
56. [White Rock Nature Preserve](#)

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