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Cape Town City Nature Challenge

Take the City Nature Challenge



What is it?

Cape Town is participating in the 2019 City Nature Challenge. Volunteers from 170 cities worldwide will be recording their animals and plants over 4 days at the end of April. Scouts are invited to participate and help put the City of Cape Town on the Biodiversity Map.

Why?

Cape Town is one of the most biodiverse cities on earth. We need to put Cape Town on the map and make people worldwide aware of our importance. Western Cape Scouts are part of this!

What does the Scout need?

- A smartphone with camera and GPS turned on.
- A Wi-Fi connection at home or Scout hall (or data for phone - but this can be expensive).
- To install the iNaturalist app and sign up.
- To join the "Scouts South Africa" project on iNaturalist.

How to install App

- Go to Play Store (Android) or App Store (iPhone) and download and install the iNaturalist app.
- Create a username and password. Click on the hamburger icon (the three horizontal lines) and then Sign Up.
- Join the Scouts South Africa project in the iNaturalist App. Click on the hamburger icon, Projects, magnifying glass, search for Scouts South Africa, click on it and then click on Join.
- Practice submitting an observation. Click on the + button at bottom right of screen. Click on Add to Projects and add "Scouts South Africa" to each observation.

How to submit an Observation

The City Nature Challenge runs from 26-29 April 2019. During those days and nights use the app to record as many plants, animals and fungi that you find in your nature reserves, suburbs, halls and gardens. There are no limits. You can submit hundreds of observations.

Rules

- No selfies, people and pets.
- Any animal, plant or fungus growing in our cities or nature reserves will qualify.

- Take several pictures of any animal/plant to show different important features.
- Zoom in for small things - it must fill the screen and not be a dot on the picture.
- Only one species per observation. Start another observation for any other species. You can take a species more than once, if it is more than a kilometre away.

Tips

- Do not worry about identifications (teams will do that later).
- Switch on your GPS at least 2 minutes before you start to get accurate localities.
- Switch off autocomplete names and automatic upload to save data. Synchronize when you get to a Wi-Fi hotspot.

What is in it for me?

- Any Scout who submits 10 or more observations (photos) is eligible to wear the green City Nature Challenge badge pictured here on the right.
- This will help put Scouts SA Western Cape on the map. You will be contributing to worthwhile conservation project with thousands of other participants around the world. If the City of Cape Town wins a category we will share the glory.
- You will earn points for the Tonkin Trophy for your Group.



More details

City Nature Challenge 2019: <http://citynaturechallenge.org/>

Cape Town City Nature Challenge: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2019-cape-town>

Scouts South Africa project. <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/scouts-south-africa>

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