

GET OUTSIDE AND DOCUMENT WHAT YOU SEE!

Take the **City Nature Challenge 2021**

April 30–May 3



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 partnering with **The Nature Conservancy in Orlando** to host a friendly competition among several Florida metro areas and we're calling on everyone to participate!

CNC was started in 2016 by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the California Academy of Sciences as a competition between LA 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 do not need to be a professional photographer, botanist, or naturalist to be participate. All you need is a smartphone or GPS-enabled camera, a 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 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.

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LOCAL EVENTS

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

In compliance with CDC COVID-19 recommendations, please wear a face mask and maintain a social distance of six feet from others when possible.

SARASOTA COUNTY

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

9 a.m. - noon

PHILLIPPI ESTATE PARK

(5500 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota)

Hosted by: Sarasota County Parks, Recreation, & Natural Resources

No registration required.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

9 a.m. - noon

TED SPERLING PARK

SOUTH LIDO PUBLIC BEACH

(2201 Benjamin Franklin Drive, Sarasota)

Hosted by: Sarasota County Parks, Recreation, & Natural Resources

No registration required. Poison Ivy is prevalent here, so dress accordingly. Closed toed shoes, long pants, and shirt recommended. Meet at the Sarasota County tent near the playground at the end of Benjamin Franklin Drive.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

9 a.m. - noon

POTTER PARK

(8587 Potter Park Drive, Sarasota)

Hosted by: Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

No registration required.

MANATEE COUNTY

SATURDAY, MAY 1

9 - 11 a.m.

JOHNSON PRESERVE

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

Registration required through Eventbrite, as space is limited.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/150931190253>

MONDAY, MAY 3

9 a.m. - noon

RYE PRESERVE

(905 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish)

Hosted by: Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

No registration required. Meet at the pavilion.

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