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San Diego Public Library Joins Worldwide Biodiversity Project to Track Local Plants and Wildlife

CITY OF SAN DIEGO LIBRARIES ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO EXPLORE AND DOCUMENT DISCOVERIES IN THEIR OWN BACKYARDS

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library (SDPL) is teaming up with the San Diego Natural History Museum for the annual City Nature Challenge, which starts Friday, April 30. The City Nature Challenge is a worldwide collaboration to document as many species of plants, animals and insects as possible over a four-day period.

San Diego is one of the most biodiverse regions in the United States and there is no shortage of flora and fauna to discover. **The Challenge runs April 30 - May 9, 2021 and is open to all ages.** To participate, San Diegans can:

- Search for wildlife anywhere in San Diego County.
- Take photos of wild plants and animals.
- Share observations in the iNaturalist app. The app can be downloaded free from the App Store or Google Play.
- From May 4 – 9, use the iNaturalist app to view and help identify what you and other people around the world found.

Participants are encouraged to follow all current public health guidelines while exploring and taking photographs. For nature-themed SDPL storytimes, ideas of what to look for while exploring the outdoors and tips on taking the best nature photographs, visit the SDPL City Nature Challenge webpage. SDPL is a co-sponsor of the event.

About the San Diego Public Library
With a vision of being the place for opportunity, discovery and inspiration, the San Diego Public Library is a hub for knowledge and lifelong learning. As the largest library system in the region, it serves a population of more than 1.4 million people. Learn about events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan Λ Irwin Jacobs Common and 35

community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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