



"Conservation of Natural Heritage for Life in Ukraine"
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First All Ukrainian Bioblitz - Press Release

Historic citizen science event - First All-Ukrainian Bioblitz - engaged hundreds of nature enthusiasts in Ukraine

From May 19 to June 8, 2025, Ukraine hosted its first nationwide Bioblitz, a large-scale citizen science event for nature lovers, students, professionals in ecology, and education institutions across the country.

A bioblitz is a national nature observation competition where participants photograph and document wild plants, animals, fungi, and other living organisms. In Ukraine, this initiative was organized within the *"Conservation of Natural Heritage for LIFE in Ukraine" project (LIFE23-PRE-CZ-ConNaturLIFE Ukraine) co-funded by the European Union and the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic.*

During the three-week event, 731 active observers uploaded their findings using the iNaturalist app. Their efforts were supported by 1,595 experts identifiers from all over the world who helped determine species. During the bioblitz, participants contributed a record 105,000 new observations to Ukraine's wildlife monitoring, with over half reaching research-grade level (can be used in scientific research).

Participants observed 5,279 species, including numerous rare and protected organisms. Plants and insects dominated, making up 36% and 41% of all species respectively. In addition, more than 5,000 records of 155 non-native species were identified in the wild, which shows the need in proper nature management.

This bioblitz alone generated about 6% of all Ukrainian observations which have been ever uploaded to iNaturalist since 2016. This means an impressive 11 times increase in activity of the app users in the country.

Awards & Winners

As a competition, the Bioblitz awarded participants in several categories:

- Top 10 by total number of observations
- Top 10 by total number of species found
- Most active contributors in each of Ukraine's regions

Winners will receive practical prizes and special certificates, and all the rest of participants can request a certificate of participation for their contribution.

More than just data — a contribution to science

Each observation uploaded is now available to professional biologists worldwide, helping expand global knowledge about Ukraine's unique biodiversity and supporting its conservation.

The organizers emphasize that nature observations should not stop when the competition ends — every uploaded photo contributes to the nature conservation for now and for future generations.



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Educational activities

In preparation for the Bioblitz a series of webinars with experts from Ukraine, Czechia, and beyond were hosted, covering such topics as citizen science, modern nature conservation practices, and tips for using iNaturalist. Recordings and community updates remain available on the Facebook page of the NGO Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group.

Next Steps

The organisers kindly ask all participants to complete a short questionnaire. This will help them better understand who is interested in such events and plan future activities more effectively. You can find the questionnaire here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyoTEVkt2Y8inT6PNwaOQ_K7N3TBCGFBgRHMQocRjtRYnicg/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=115044440834383250594

More information & results:

[Bioblitz Project on iNaturalist](#)

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