

Biodiversity Challenge – Join the Bioblitz!

What is a 'Bioblitz'?

A Bioblitz is a challenge to find as many different species as possible within a given time, in a given area. These can be mammals or plants, but also insects, frogs, aquatic animals, soil fauna, mosses, fungi, etc. All you need is an Observation.org account and a mobile phone. You don't need any species knowledge but be ware: only wild species count. This way, everyone can learn about the nature around them and we collect valuable data about the species on our grounds.

How can I participate in the Bioblitz?

Taking part in the Bioblitz is easy. Anyone can contribute, whether you know a little or a lot about species, as we use an app that can identify species through photographs. The score will be kept through the waarneming.nl platform (observation.org). Every observation entered on waarneming.nl between 22 May and 22 June, within the boundaries of the Wageningen BioBlitz, will automatically count towards the final result.

Step 1: Log in or create an account

If you want to submit your observation through the website or one of the apps, you will need a waarneming.nl or observation.org account. Sign up: <https://waarneming.nl/accounts/signup/>

Step 2: Add your observation

Whether you are an experienced observer or a novice: everyone can join! It's easy and it's fun.

a) Identifying and submitting through mobile apps

Install the **ObsIdentify** app. You can find more information on and downloads of these apps on <https://waarneming.nl/apps/obsidentify/> or in the Apple Store/Play Store.

The benefit of using an app is that you can enter observations right away. Are you unsure about what it is that you see? ObsIdentify allows you to take a picture, after which the app will tell you what species it (most likely) is. Then you can upload it to waarneming.nl directly. Your observation will be checked by a validator of waarneming.nl to verify it is the correct species.

The app automatically saves the coordinates of your observations, so there is no need to select your position on a map. Other details such as age, stadium or behaviour can be added along with sound recordings and photos, if you like. If you don't use a phone, you can add your observations manually on your observation.org account (see b).

b) On Waarneming.nl

Go to waarneming.nl and log in to your account. Click 'Add' in the top left corner and then click 'Observation'. Now, you will see a screen in which you can enter the time and location of the

observation, which species, how many and you can add photos. Click 'Save' to add the observation to the Bioblitz.

Submit observation

Add photos or sounds. Date, time and location will be extracted from multimedia if possible. Upload

Date **Time**

Species

Number of individuals **Sex** unknown male female

Certain (uncheck if you are not sure about the identification)

Show all options Remember options below for next observation

Where can I keep track of the score?

On [our Bioblitz page on waarneming.nl](https://www.waarneming.nl), the score of all observations is kept. You can see which species have been found, where and by whom.

Let's go outside and explore!