



Program

The Home River Bioblitz is an event that consists of three elements. Between the 24th and 26th of September, we all go out and EXPLORE our home river environments and their inhabitants. Between the 27st of September and 1st of October, we will IDENTIFY the observed species with the support of the iNaturalist community. On the 4th of October we will CHAT about the worldwide observations and experiences made during an online recap of the event. In addition, we are organising several workshops around this event, to help you tell your story. More information in the guideline below.

Program Timeline

Please note the following dates in your calendars!

August 2nd, 2021 | THRB Open Call for Rivers to register your bioblitz. An online map will be posted on the event homepage to visualize the worldwide registration of events and organizers.

September 6th, 2021 | THRB Online Training Session will be hosted to help participants organize their HRB. We will run through instructions: on how to utilise the iNaturalist app, how to set-up events as an organizer, and how to make good use of the global community during the bioblitz.

September 8th, 2021 | Optional | Digital Storymap Workshop will be organised to assist you in communicating the story about your home river, community, and HRB 2021 event. We will provide you with access to the ArcGIS Storymaps platform, as well as tips and tricks to creatively tell your river stories.

September 14th, 2021 | Optional | Digital Queer Outdoors Chat where we will have a open conversation about inclusivity in outdoors settings and environmental movements.

The Home River Bioblitz | Worldwide | 24, 25th & 26th September, 2021

The worldwide Home River Bioblitz event takes place! Where organizers and participants will go out to explore their home rivers and inhabitants.

[World Rivers Day](#) | Worldwide | 26th September, 2021

Keep your eyes peeled for heaps of other events celebrating rivers world-wide on this day! Feel free to use the context of this day for your event :)

4th October, 2021 | THRB Online Recap Session will be organised to evaluate the preliminary results from the HRB events with all participants and specialists who took part. It is also an opportunity for the organisers to share and discuss their experiences. Feel free to invite anyone that joined the activity, as it's a cool way to connect people with the same passion for rivers.

TBA October, 2021 | Optional | Digital Data Visualization Workshop | We can craft impactful stories to protect our rivers through the correct use of data. In this workshop, we will learn how to select, analyze and visualize meaningful data for the protection of your river.

Workshops

We care about the reasons that you go out there on this day, as much as we care about the biodiversity you will encounter during your Home River Bioblitz. People around the world are standing up to protect and celebrate their local rivers. These stories should be told and through several workshops, we will help you do so.

One workshop focuses on the creation of a storymap (see [last year's storymap](#) here to get an impression of how this can look like). A second workshop will be all about visualizing the collected data. In addition, our team will host an open chat about the queer outdoors, where we welcome you to discuss ways forward with inclusivity in the outdoors and environmental movements. These workshops and talks are optional and you will receive official invitations in the beginning of September once registered for the Home River Bioblitz.

If you are going to lead a bioblitz, we look forward to meeting you during the online Bioblitz/iNaturalist training that will help you prepare the Bioblitz in more detail. In case the above mentioned time is inconvenient for you, please get in touch with us.

We wish you a happy Home River Bioblitz! :)

The River Collective Team