



# THE HOME RIVER BIIBLITZ

## Program

The Home River Bioblitz is an event that consists of three elements. Between the 23th and 25th of September, we all go out and EXPLORE our home river environments and their inhabitants. Between the 26st of September and 2nd of October, we will IDENTIFY the observed species with the support of the iNaturalist community. On the 3rd of October we will CHAT about the worldwide observations and experiences made during an online recap of the event.

### 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 and we hope this worldwide event helps to bring these people together. With the workshops, we raise awareness of the need for diversity and inclusivity in environmental movements, we work towards more impactful citizen science and we help you tell your river story. More information in the guideline below. The different workshops and talks we offer are optional and you will receive official invitations once registered for the Home River Bioblitz.

### Program Timeline

Please note the following dates in your calendars!

**July 18th, 2022 | THRB Open Call for Rivers** . Time to register your bioblitz. An online map will on [www.homeriverbioblitz.org](http://www.homeriverbioblitz.org) visualizes the worldwide registration of events.

**August 31st, 2022 | Open Call closes** so don't forget to register your bioblitz!

**September 1st, 2022 | THRB Online Training** will be hosted to help you organize your HRB. We will run through instructions: on how to utilize the iNaturalist app, how to set-up the event, and how to make good use of the global community during the bioblitz.

Two sessions, so everyone around the world can join: one at 10am (EDT) // 4pm (CET) // 9pm (Jakarta), the second at 10pm (EDT), 9am (Jakarta), 12pm +1 (AEST). Many time zones, but no worries, we will send you a calendar invite once you've registered!

**September 8th, 2022 | Optional | Science Workshop** During this workshop, we dive into the science of the event and what we can get out of the observations done during the Home River Bioblitz. We learn from some other initiatives that have focused on science protocols and discuss how we can increase the scientific significance of collected data. One session at 10am (EDT) // 4pm (CET) // 9pm (Jakarta), will be recorded.

**September 12th, 2022 | Optional | Intersectional Environmentalism Session** where we will have an open conversation about inclusivity in outdoors settings and environmental movements.

One session at 10am (EDT) // 4pm (CET) // 9pm (Jakarta), will be recorded.

**September 15th, 2022 | Optional | Storytelling Workshop** will be organized to assist you in communicating the story about your home river, community, and HRB 2022 event. The workshop introduces the power of storytelling, and then focuses on writing a press release for your local event, to help you get the story out to your local media.

One session at 10am (EDT) // 4pm (CET) // 9pm (Jakarta), will be recorded.

**The Home River Bioblitz | Worldwide | 23, 24th & 25th September, 2021**

The worldwide Home River Bioblitz event takes place! Where organizers and participants will go out to explore their home rivers and inhabitants. Keep your eyes peeled for heaps of other events celebrating rivers world-wide on this Sunday, [World Rivers Day](#)! Feel free to use the context of this day for your event :)

**3rd October, 2022 | THRB Online Recap Session** will be organized to evaluate the preliminary results from the HRB events with all participants and specialists who took part. It is also an opportunity for the organizers 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.

One session at 10am (EDT) // 4pm (CET) // 9pm (Jakarta), will be recorded.

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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**