



## Program

The Home River Bioblitz is an event that consists of three elements. Between the 22nd and 24th of September, we all go out and EXPLORE our home river environments and their inhabitants. Between the 25th of September and 1st of October, we will IDENTIFY the observed species with the support of the iNaturalist community. On the 5th of October we will CHAT about your experiences 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 calendar invitations once registered for the Home River Bioblitz.

### Program Timeline

**July 10th - August 31st, 2023 | THRB Open Call for Rivers.** Time to register your bioblitz. An online map will on [the website](#) visualizes the worldwide registration of events.

**July 24th, 2023 | Cosmic Networking Session** invites river lovers to share experiences from the bioblitz, but also from other river activities. It is a moment to connect to other river passionate and get excited about the activities to come. One session at 10am (EDT) // 4pm (CET) // 9pm (Jakarta) will not be recorded.

**August 31st, 2023 | THRB Online Training** will be hosted to help you organize your HRB. We run through instructions: on how to use 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). Note that this session is focused on new organisers, but of course you are welcome if you'd like to join again.

**September 11th, 2023 | Optional | Storytelling Workshop** will be organized to assist you in communicating the story about your home river, community, and HRB 2023 event. We will focus on two examples: River Rights and Socioenvironmental Justice. We will use these stories to discuss questions about: Which story we want to tell? Who tells the story? Who takes part in the story? And how and why are we telling that story? The workshop introduces the power of storytelling as an act of environmental justice. One session at 10am (EDT) // 4pm (CET) // 9pm (Jakarta), will be recorded.

**September 14th, 2023 | 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.

**The Home River Bioblitz | Worldwide | 22, 23th & 24th September, 2023** 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 :)

**5th October, 2023 | 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. We will invite an artist to create a quick impression of all the stories told during this session. 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.

**9th October, 2023 | THRB Hackathon** will be a chance to dive into the data of the Home River Bioblitz together. During the science workshop, we will have spoken about the potential uses of the bioblitz data to answer ecological questions and empower communities to make positive change. During this hackathon, we seek to collectively make sense of the data gathered by Home River Bioblitz participants around the world.

**We look forward to meeting you during the online sessions  
and wish you a happy Home River Bioblitz! :)**

**The River Collective Team**