



2024 Program 5th River Anniversary :)

This fifth edition of the Home River Bioblitz is a moment to reflect on our past events. What have we learned from the previous events? Where do our joys and losses lie in this time of global crisis? At the same time, we aim to look ahead and envision how our rivers will look in fifty years. Which multispecies relationships will endure, and which new interactions will arise? How are our actions at present shaping the future of our riverhoods?

We invite you to organize your own Home River Bioblitz. We have curated a program with several online sessions and workshops to help you get the most out of your event!

Workshops

We care about the reasons 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 create space to learn from each other, we discuss ways to protect rivers and we dive into ways to have an impact with your Home River Bioblitz data. 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 15th - August 31st, 2023 | THRB Open Call for Rivers. Time to register your bioblitz. An online map on [the website](#) visualizes the worldwide registration of events.

August 26th, 2024 | Digital Confluences Session invites river enthusiasts to share their experiences from the Bioblitz and other river-related actions. This session is a moment to connect with fellow river lovers around the world, flowing together through digital waterways. It is an opportunity to be inspired by the profound work of others and to reflect on the future of our rivers. We begin our discussion by envisioning how our rivers will look in fifty years. Which relationships will endure, and what new interactions will emerge? How will our present actions shape the future of these lifelines? Join us for a session at 10am (EDT) // 4pm (CET) // 9pm (Jakarta), which will not be recorded, allowing for an open and intimate exchange.

September 2nd, 2024 | 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 9th, 2023 | Optional | Data and 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 use citizen science data for policy change and discuss how we can increase the scientific significance of the collected data. One session at 10am (EDT) // 4pm (CET) // 9pm (Jakarta), will be recorded.

September 16th, 2024 | Optional | River Justice Session will be hosted to create space for a discussion on river protection and solidarities. Many fights for rivers urgently focus on stopping dams or pollution, but how can we protect rivers on the long term? Can our river bioblitzes contribute to environmental justice initiatives? Is the growing movement of Rights for Rivers something you can apply to your home river? Various river advocates will join this session to find parallel stories. One session at 10am (EDT) // 4pm (CET) // 9pm (Jakarta), will be recorded.

20th, 21st & 22nd of September, 2024 | Worldwide | The Home River Bioblitz The worldwide Home River Bioblitz event takes place! Where organizers and participants will go out to explore their home rivers and inhabitants.

October 3rd, 2024 | 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 who 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.

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

The River Collective Team