



# Experience sharing on BioBlitz and other forms of citizen science

**Cost Action Conserve Plants**

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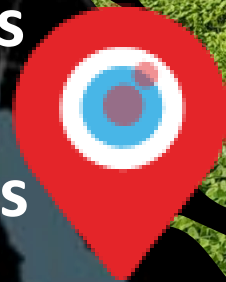
**What is a Bioblitz?**

**Where can it take place?**

**Who can be involved?**

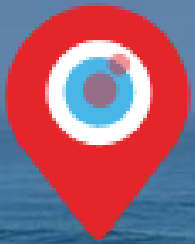
# Experiences

- Bioblitz Akrotiri, in Cyprus, 2019
- Alien bingo Tivoli, Park in Slovenia, 2019
- Bioblitz Costa Nova, Ilhavo in Portugal, 2022
- Alien CSI Bioblitz, a 3-days event across Europe, 2022
- Planning the Alien CSI Bioblitz, a 3-days event across Europe, 2023



**Alien CSI**  
**BIOBLITZ**





# Alien CSI

## BIOBLITZ



**Everyone participated voluntarily.**

**Dissemination materials (e.g. species identification cards, T-shirt etc.)**

**The local organizer had a little money for coffee, soft drinks and finger food to offer to the participants.**

## Resources



## PLAN A BIOBLITZ

- Set up a bioblitz project on platforms like iNaturalist.
- Create a BioBlitz Observation Guide, Species Identification Cards, etc.
- Use social media to advertise the event.
- Collect observation data using the iNaturalist app or other apps, or on paper using data sheets



## PLAN A — BIOBLITZ

**Organize a post-bioblitz gathering.**

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**Be sure to remind observers to upload their observations, photo or sound records when they get home.**

***P.S.* Encourage observers to focus on recording independently verifiable observations (*i.e.* observations with good photos) rather than worry too much about making field identifications.**

# Challenges in doing citizen science/bioblitz

Observing isn't hard, but it might be hard to get people familiar with observation apps (e.g. iNaturalist app, FIT count app) during the bioblitz.

- **Help observers to get familiar with posting observations before the bioblitz starts**
- **Remember to report back to bioblitz participants by communicating the results. This is a great way to thank the participants!!!**



# HEALTH & SAFETY

**The safety of volunteers and the public should always come first.**

- **Assign a person to be responsible for health & safety at your event.**
- **Do a risk assessment.**
- **Define and implement precautionary measures that will remove or reduce any hazards.**

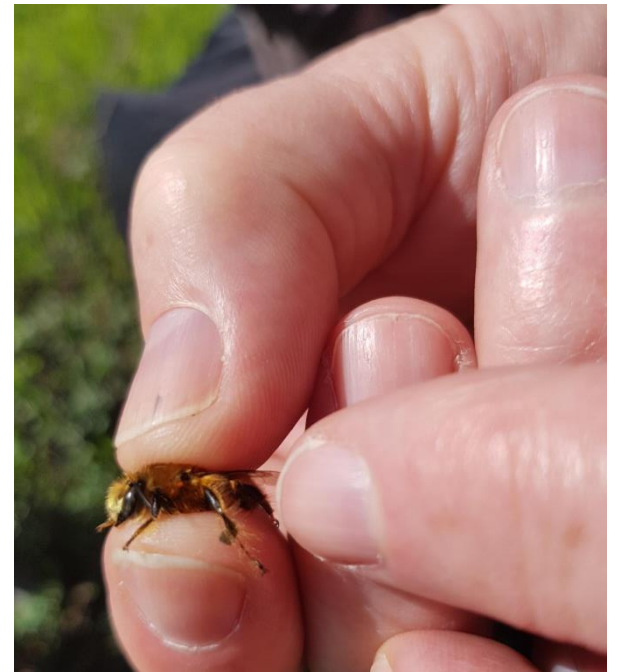




# Multiple benefits of a BioBlitz

- **Citizen science offers a unique opportunity to expand knowledge by mobilising local knowledge and it can promote public awareness and engagement.**

- **A vast volume of data can be collected in a cost-efficient manner by a large number of volunteers over a wide area or timespan (e.g. several decades).**





## DOWNLOAD INATURALIST

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### SEE IT

Find any wild plant, animal, or fungi



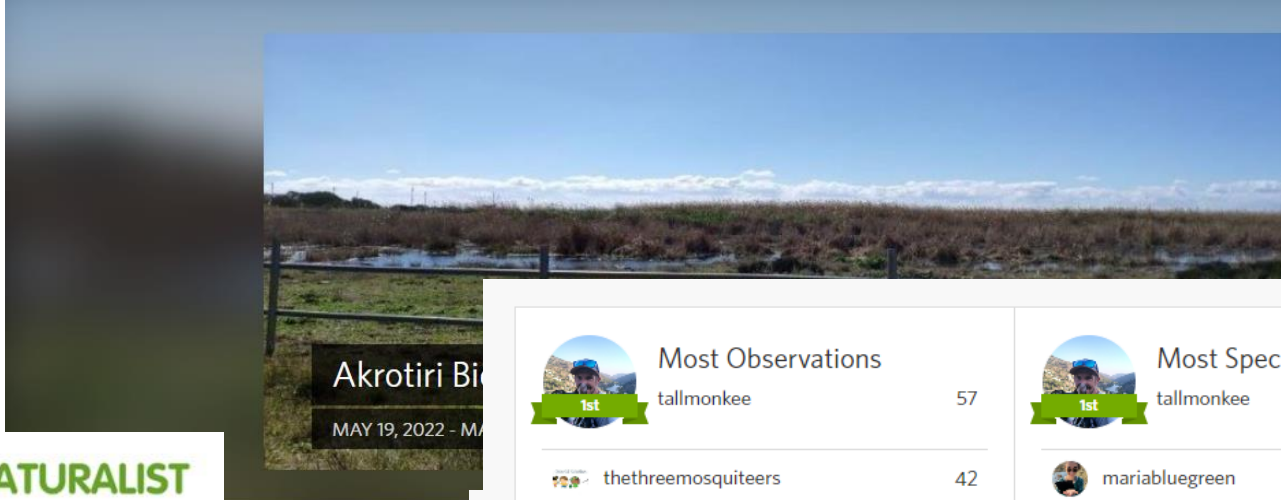
### SNAP IT

Take a photo



### SHARE IT

Share your photo on the iNaturalist app



## About

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The Akrotiri Bioblitz22, Cyprus (ABC22) is an event held as part of the Alien-CSI COST Action. It will take place for 72 hours between Friday, May 20 and Sunday, May 22, 2022.

We aim to improve knowledge of the biodiversity of the Akrotiri Peninsula, including the Akrotiri

### Most Observations

tallmonkee	57
thethreemosquiteers	42
mariabluegreen	36
alexandros_sherry	31
joanna_a	27
jakovosdemetriou	23

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### Most Species

tallmonkee	37
mariabluegreen	20
jakovosdemetriou	11
thethreemosquiteers	11
otter_space	7
alexandros_sherry	7

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### Most Observed Species

Lagoon Flies	5
Genus <i>Anoxia</i>	4
Subfamily <i>Asilinae</i>	4
Black-winged Stilt	3
Common Darter	3
Common Blue	3

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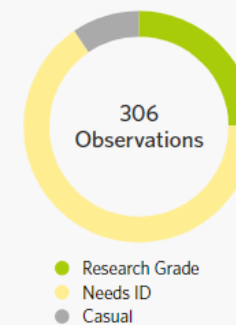
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## Project Requirements

Observations in this project must meet the following criteria:

Taxa	All taxa
Location	Akrotiri and Dhekelia
Users	Any
Projects	Any
Quality Grade	Any
Media Type	Any
Date	May 19, 2022 - 9:01 PM UTC - May 22, 2022 - 8:59 PM UTC
Establishment	Any

## Stats



## Journal

No journal posts yet

## Map of Observations





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**Thank you for your attention**