

City Nature Challenge 2026 Giveaway

FULL CONTEST RULES



Capital Regional District | March 2026

How to get involved

- Use iNaturalist to make observations of wild plants and animals in the capital region between Friday April 24- Monday April 27.
- Wild means it was not put there or cared for by humans, so pets, zoo animals, potted plants, and city trees do not count for the City Nature Challenge.
- All observations must be uploaded to iNaturalist by Sunday May 10 at 12:00PM PST to be considered.
- Five eligible winners will be selected on Monday, May 11 as follows:
 - **Most species observations:** \$30 gift card to Satinflower Nurseries
 - **Most observations overall:** \$30 gift card to the Aunty Collective
 - **More than 20 different species observations total (random draw):** Guidebook to walks and hikes of Vancouver Island (\$20 value)
 - **More than 10 observations of different birds (random draw):** \$20 gift card to the Wild Birds Unlimited Store
 - **More than 10 observations of different invertebrate species (random draw):** Bug Magnifier from Lee Valley Tools (\$20 value)
- This contest is open to residents of the Capital Regional District. Groups or organizations may not win. No purchase necessary. Odds of winning are dependent on the number of people who enter. iNaturalist use is required for this contest.
- Participants can win a maximum of one prize. If someone qualifies for two prizes, they can pick their preferred prize and the remaining prize will be offered to the second person in line.

Full contest rules

- **Read these terms and conditions carefully as they affect your legal rights.**
- The Capital Regional District (“CRD”) City Nature Challenge 2026 giveaway contest (the “Contest”) is governed by these terms and conditions. By entering, the entrant agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions. If you do not agree, do not enter the contest.
- Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may result in disqualification or nullify the entrant from participation in the Contest.

NO AFFILIATION WITH THE INATURALIST NETWORK

- This promotion is in no way sponsored, endorsed, administered by or associated with the iNaturalist network or its affiliated companies. By participating in this Contest, the entrant agrees to release the iNaturalist network and its associated entities from any legal liability, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise relating to the entrant’s participation in the Contest.

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ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

- No purchase necessary. Approximate value of the prizes from \$20-\$30. Five prizes are available.
- Chances of winning depend on the number of valid entries received.
- To be eligible to win a prize in the Contest, an individual must be 1) a legal resident of the Province of British Columbia; 2) resident within the Capital Regional District; 3) 19 years of age or older at the time of entry, subject to the age exception below; and 4) be willing and able to accept a prize as described in these terms and conditions.
- CRD employees, members of their immediate family, and individuals living in the same household or who reside at the same address are not eligible to enter this Contest.
- Notwithstanding the age requirement above, an individual under 19 years of age may enter where they have parent or guardian consent. Should this be the case, the individual's parent or guardian must comply with these terms and conditions and complete a waiver and release authorizing the minor's participation in the Contest and the parent or guardian must comply with these terms and conditions as if they were an "entrant" or a "winner" as appropriate.
- Each submission must be property of the entrant. The entrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the CRD from any and all copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property infringement claims or liability which may arise with regard to the entrant's submission.
- Entries must not include content that is unlawful, harmful, vulgar, obscene, hateful, discriminatory, or otherwise objectionable as determined by CRD, in its sole discretion. If an entrant makes any false or offensive statement in their submission or in information provided to the CRD, they will be automatically disqualified from the Contest.
- By submitting an entry for the Contest, the entrant grants the CRD a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right in perpetuity to use and reproduce the entry in any manner without further permission or remuneration.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND CONTEST DEADLINES

- The Contest will open on Friday April 24, 2026 at 12:00AM PST and close on Monday, April 27 at 11:59PM PST. Only one entry per entrant. Entries will only be considered for observations including a time-stamped photo taken between Friday, April 24 and Monday, April 27. Observations with time-stamped photos from the contest period may be uploaded until Sunday May 10 at 12:00PM PST to be considered.
- Observations uploaded after Sunday, May 10 at 12:00PM PST will not be considered entries into the Contest and will be disqualified regardless of observation time-stamp. Submissions received by any method other than iNaturalist observations will not be accepted.
- Each project participant (contest entry) in the relevant categories will be ascribed a number and entered to win using a random draw generator. On Monday, May 11, a random draw will be conducted to select one (1) winner for each relevant category.
- Winners will collect their prize in person at CRD Headquarters located at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC by Friday, June 5 at 4:30PM PST. Prizes which are not collected become the property of the CRD and may be redistributed to other entrants by random draw at the CRD's discretion. The prize shall be accepted as is and may not be substituted for an amount of money. No substitutions will be allowed. Any unused portion of a prize will become the property of the CRD. The prize is non-

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transferrable and non-assignable. Refusal to accept the prize releases the CRD from any obligation toward the selected winner.

- Selected winners will be notified by iNaturalist message within 48 hours of the draw of their eligibility for a prize. The selected winners will be required to acknowledge via e-mail receipt of the notification of eligibility. If no response is received within two (2) days of initial notification, the prize will be forfeited and an alternative winner from the remaining eligible entries will be selected. Up to two redraws will be made for each prize. •
- To be declared a winner, a selected winner must, at the CRD's discretion a) confirm their identity and eligibility for the Contest, including proof of age and jurisdiction; b) sign a release releasing the CRD from all liability for any damage or loss arising from participation in this Contest or from the awarding, acceptance or use of the prize. If the selected winner fails to meet these conditions within seven (7) days of acknowledging receipt of the notification of eligibility for a prize, the prize shall become the property of the CRD. •
- The CRD's decision on all matters of fact, interpretation, eligibility, procedure and fulfillment is final in all matters related to the Contest, without appeal.
- If the prize cannot be awarded as described in these terms and conditions, the CRD reserves the right to substitute a prize or prize component with another of comparable value, as determined in its sole discretion.
- The CRD reserves the right to cancel or suspend this Contest should a virus, bug, labour dispute, act of God or other cause beyond its reasonable control corrupt the security or proper administration of the Contest. Any attempt to deliberately damage any website or to undermine the legitimate operation of this Contest is a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such an attempt be made, the CRD reserves the right to seek remedies and damages to the fullest extent permitted by law, including criminal prosecution.
- If the identity of an entrant is disputed, the authorized account holder of the iNaturalist profile submitted at the time of entry will be deemed to be the entrant. The individual assigned to the iNaturalist profile is considered the authorized account holder. A selected entrant may be required to provide proof that they are the authorized account holder of the iNaturalist profile associated with the selected entry. The sole determinant of time for the purposes of receipt of a valid entry in this Contest will be the Contest server.
- All entries that are incomplete, illegible, damaged, irregular, have been submitted through illicit means, using any robotic, automatic programmed method that artificially increases the odds of winning or do not conform to or satisfy any condition of the rules may be disqualified by the CRD.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- By participating in the Contest, the entrant agrees to release and hold harmless the CRD and its directors, officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, contractors and agents from any and all losses, damages, rights, claims and actions of any kind in connection with the Contest or resulting from the entrant's acceptance, possession, or use of any prize, including without limitation, personal injury, death, products liability, or property damage.

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- The CRD is not responsible for any loss, damage or injury, including without limitation: lost, stolen, delayed, damaged, misdirected, late, destroyed, illegible or incomplete entries; loss, theft or damage to software or computer or telephone data, including any breach of privacy; fraudulent calls; inability of any person to participate in the Contest for any reason including mistaken addresses on mail or e-mail; technical, computer or telephone malfunctions or other problems with computer on-line systems, servers, access providers, computer equipment, or software; congestion on the internet or at any website, or any combination of the foregoing; damage to any person's computer, including as a result of playing or downloading any material relating to the Contest; any delay or inability to act resulting from an event or situation beyond their control, including a strike, lockout or other labour dispute at their location or the locations of the organizations and businesses whose services are used to administer this Contest; or prizes that are lost, damaged or misdirected during shipping or pick-up.
- The CRD is not responsible for any errors or omissions in printing or advertising this Contest. It reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions or to terminate the Contest at any time without liability to any contestant.
- Winners are solely responsible for the reporting and payment of any and all taxes, if any, that may result in claiming a prize in the Contest. The Contest is void where prohibited by law.
- This Contest is subject to the laws of British Columbia and Canada, as applicable. Any dispute arising from it will be submitted to the BC Supreme Court located in Victoria, British Columbia.
- By sending in your submission, you confirm that you have read and agreed to the terms and conditions above.

The CRD is committed to protecting your privacy. Personal information submitted when entering this Contest is collected by the CRD under the authority of sections 26(c) and 26(e) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). This information is being collected for the purpose of the administration of the Contest as described above. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact Lindsey McCrank at lmccrank@crd.bc.ca.