

'Capability Brown's Wimbledon Park'  
19th Century Water Colour Circa 1870 by an Unknown Artist

# Nature Weekend in Heritage Wimbledon Park SW19 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019



As part of the London team [City Nature Challenge](#)  
Enter wildlife observations from Heritage Wimbledon Park between 26 and 29 April 2019.

## Nature & Heritage Walk

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Led by Dave Dawson

Start 14:00 Wimbledon Park Road entrance and doing a circuit of the public park taking in exotic trees, water life and poking into corners.

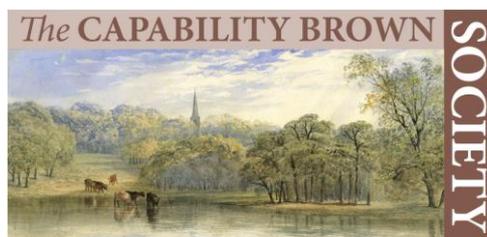
## Bat Walk

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Led by Alison Fure

Sunset is 20:20 so rendezvous at 20:00 on the dam by the water sports centre.  
*A collection will be taken at conclusion of walk*



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## What is the City Nature Challenge?

- 1) **London is competing** with over 160 cities worldwide to find and record the most wildlife across the city between 26-29 April 2019, and this Nature Weekend is part of the London effort. Join the Challenge and help make London one of the winning cities for 2019!
- 2) **Background**
- 3) The first City Nature Challenge in 2016 was launched by California Academy of Sciences and the Natural History Museum Los Angeles and was an eight-day competition between Los Angeles and San Francisco, engaging residents and visitors in documenting nature to better understand urban biodiversity. Over 20,000 observations were made by more than 1000 people, cataloguing approximately 1600 species in each city including new records for both areas. It expanded in 2017 to include 16 competing cities and in 2018 over 60 cities participated.
- 4) This year more than 160 cities worldwide will compete to record the most wildlife, and involve the greatest number of people in that effort, over the course of four days, 26- 29 April 2019 April. This year challenge will involve seven UK cities: London, Bristol & Bath, Leicester, Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle, and Glasgow.
- 5) The [City Nature Challenge](#) is a **BioBlitz** event, where individuals and groups attempt to find, identify and record as many species of living things as possible within an area, in a set period of time. You'll not only get outdoors and enjoy nature, but your observations will also help scientists collect data on the diversity of nature in our city, to better protect it in the future.
- 6) Led by citizen science staff at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and California Academy of Sciences, the City Nature Challenge is a playful concept to encourage people to explore and record the wildlife found in cities across the globe. It's a bioblitz-style competition where cities are in a contest against each other to see who can make the most observations of nature, who can find the most species, and who can engage the most people in recording wildlife over a four day period.
- 7) **How?**
- 8) Download the iNaturalist app from the [AppStore](#) or [Google Play](#) and set up your account. Enter wildlife observations from Heritage Wimbledon Park between 26-29 April 2019. You can also take part using the [iNaturalist website](#).
- 9) Observations made in iNat across the Greater London area over 26-29 April 2019 will automatically be added to the species count for London (you do not have to join the project).
- 10) We want to encourage the public to take photos of **WILD** plants & animals to make observations. If they're not wild, they should mark them as captive/cultivated!
- 11) Captive/cultivated observations will still be accepted but observations of wild organisms are preferred. If the public are unsure if an organism is wild/captive/cultivated they can also mark the observation as 'unknown' in iNaturalist.
- 12) **What happens to the data gathered as part of the Challenge?**
- 13) From 30 April to 5 May, observations submitted will be identified and verified, to arrive at our final species count for our city, and the statistics provided to the City Nature Challenge organisers to determine which city has won!
- 14) **Results will be announced on Monday 6 May.**



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