

City Nature Challenge 2022: Overstrand



**Do you love our unique environment?
Do you want to help make our biodiversity world famous?**

The Overstrand is participating in the City Nature Challenge for the first time this year, an international competition to determine which region globally boasts the greatest species diversity.

What do you need?

Love of nature, a camera (a cellphone is also good!) and access to the internet. Take photos of any living things from 29 April to 2 May and upload the photos on www.iNaturalist.org or use the free iNaturalist app.

What do you take photos of?

Plants, mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, marine life, fungi, etc. that live within the boundaries of Overstrand Municipality. Start in your home and garden (species do not have to be native), and then go hiking in the area (sidewalks, vacant lots, mountain, sea). Remember to look in the air and under the ground too.

What is the purpose of the challenge?

To list all the species that occur around the world on iNaturalist.org. We want to share our fantastic biodiversity with the world (and of course win!) Your data becomes part of our collective knowledge of what occurs here and where, and can be useful to scientists in many ways.

Photos

- Try to take clear photos - this helps the experts with identification.
- Take photos from different angles.
- Plants: take photos of flowers, leaves and fruits or seeds, growth habit and habitat.
- Insects: as much as possible of the whole body. Take from above and from the side. Extra detail like the antennae, eyes and legs also help. Look at what your bug is sitting on and what he is doing.

How to participate and who to contact

Register on iNat. Follow the link below. Click on "Join" at the top of the green "About" box.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2022-overstrand>

Do you still have questions? Are you looking for more information? Contact Jenny Parsons at jennyparsons.63@gmail.com



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