Silver City CNC 2026 is hosted by:

BEAR ALLIANCE
Silver City WATERSHED KEEPERS
ARC Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy

City Nature Challenge
Silver City, NM
April 24-27, 2026

Join the world's largest community biodiversity survey!

Acorn woodpecker photo - Leif Beebe

Scan the QR code for event details and updates

Schedule of Guided Events:

Friday, April 17
Introduction to iNaturalist | Silver City Library, 2–4pm | *Learn more about community science, the global City Nature Challenge event, and the iNaturalist app.*

Friday, April 24th
Gila Valley Pollinator Gardens | Gila Valley Public Library, 12–2pm | *Kid-friendly event exploring the diversity of wildlife that benefit from pollinator gardens.*

Dragonfly Trail Hike | Dragonfly Trailhead, 4–6pm | *View desert wildflowers, birds, insects, and mammals that gather along streams on this classic local trail.*

Open Space Welcome | Open Space Brewing, 6:30pm–onward | *Meet fellow community scientists to share your observations and challenges from the first day of CNC 2026.*

Bootheel Bioblitz | Continental Divide Trail near Hachita, 5–7pm | *Explore the county's bootheel to find rare reptile species like Gila monsters and a diversity of blooming cacti.*

Saturday, April 25th
San Vicente Creek Outing | Hudson St. Bridge Trailhead, 8–10am | *Visit the heart of our urban watershed to listen for riparian birdsong and spring wildflowers in full bloom.*

Bayard Biodiversity Fest | Bayard Public Library, 9–11am | *View the birds, bees, and other bugs surrounding the birdfeeders and native plants in Bayard Public Library's garden.*

Little Cherry Creek Trail Hike | Little Cherry Creek Trailhead, 11am–2pm | *Enjoy the smell of pine needles and the sounds of a mountain stream as you seek out canyon tree frogs.*

Sunday, April 26th
Explore Silva Creek Botanical Garden & Waterworks | Silva Creek Botanical Garden, 8–10am | *View the wildlife that flocks to this urban oasis. Accessible and family-friendly event.*

Monday, April 27th
iNaturalist for Photographers | Silver City Public Library, 12pm–2pm | *Learn how to upload batches photos and quickly edit metadata on the iNaturalist web platform.*

Thank you to the organizations and member-representatives who host and support events:

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WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
OPEN SPACE BREWING
BAYARD
GILA VALLEY LIBRARY

Taking part is easy!

Download the iNaturalist app to start adding observations.
Join us for guided events with local naturalists or make observations in your own backyard! *Every observation submitted in Grant County during the event dates will automatically count toward our goal!*

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