

University of Calgary - Zoology 435

2022 Insect Survey Report

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Executive Summary

Research findings from students enrolled in the fall 2022 Zoology 435 – Entomology - course at the University of Calgary. Students enrolled in this course conducted a biodiversity survey of insects throughout The City of Calgary. Insects were physically collected where permits and permissions were available in addition to digital observations from various localities using the iNaturalist platform from early May to mid-October, with most observations and collections occurring in September. In 2022, students observed 3045 insects in The City of Calgary on iNaturalist (4408 in the project overall) and collected 1241 physical specimens in The City of Calgary (1447 specimens overall). 854 total insect specimens were donated to the University of Calgary Teaching Collection, 666 of which were from The City of Calgary. Insects were observed and collected from 19 of the 25 parks in The City of Calgary where permits were obtained, with the most insects observed from Nose Hill Park (246), followed by Bowmont Park & Dale Hodges Park (82), Inglewood Bird Sanctuary (77), Prince's Island (71), South Glenmore Park (66), Weaselhead Flats (57), Douglasglen Park (40), and Pearce Estate (38). Our report focuses on iNaturalist observations and donated physical specimens collected in The City of Calgary.

Student identifications of physical specimens were first completed to order individually, and then donated specimens were identified to family level in teams. To estimate accuracy, we randomly selected ten specimens from each order and compared student team identifications. Consensus among student teams was reached for 70% or more of identifications across the different orders, with individual teams' accuracy at 60% or higher. Student team identification was best in Hymenoptera, where 100% of randomly selected specimens were agreed upon by students and were accurate. Coleoptera showed the lowest consensus and number of accurate identifications. iNaturalist identifications were sourced from the iNaturalist community, including specific requests for identifications from experts. For The City of Calgary observations, 275 experts provided 4815 identifications. 503 "species" were identified, and 1155 observations (26%) reached Research Grade. iNaturalist defines "species" as unique taxonomic groups, which could be species, genera, or families. To be a Research Grade observation, an observation must be identified to species level and verified by the community (at least 2 of 3 identifications to species must agree). Observations that are identified to Research Grade are automatically uploaded to the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF).

Through our 2022 survey, we observed 16 orders, 122 families, 207 genera, and 170 species in The City of Calgary. One specimen was flagged by the iNaturalist algorithm as threatened, and 23 as introduced. For observations outside of Calgary, four additional threatened species were flagged, including one COSEWIC listed threatened species, *Bombus occidentalis*, found in the Town of Okotoks. Thirty-seven total introduced species were observed by students in and outside of Calgary. Three threatened species (none in Calgary) and 18 introduced species (25 in Calgary) were not observed in 2020. iNaturalist observations from this 2022 survey represent 22% of total previously observed insect “species” diversity on iNaturalist for The City of Calgary. Continued observations of new species in The City of Calgary on iNaturalist show that our understanding of insect diversity is still improving. Student observations represent a significant number of total insect observations in The City (41% in 2022) and so play an important role in improving this knowledge.

This project was first developed in 2020 and has been successful in both improving understanding of insect diversity in The City of Calgary and providing meaningful experiences for students to learn about insects. After the 2020 offering, 57% of students continued to use iNaturalist following the course.

Permit

University of Calgary Insect Biodiversity Survey Permit #2970291

Number of observers and collectors – 63

Dates

April 1 - November 30, 2022

May 12 - October 10, 2022 (physical collections)

April 8 – October 14, 2022 (iNaturalist digital collections)

Calgary Park Permit Localities

Pearce Estate, Prince's Island, Edworthy Park, Bowmont Park and Dale Hodges, Nose Hill, McHugh Bluff, BeaverDam Flats, Carburn, North Glenmore, South Glenmore, Canyon Meadows Bee Blvd, St. Andrew's Heights/Parkdale, Murdoch Park, 12 Mile Coulee, Ralph Klein, Confluence Park & West Nose Creek, Weaselhead Flats, Memorial Drive & 14 St NW Sage Hill Natural Environment Park, Douglasglen Park, Patterson Natural Environmental Park, Coventry Pollinator Corridor Median, Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Bridgeland Naturalization, and Reader Rock Garden

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I. Introduction

Insects are the most extensive and diverse group of animals on earth and play a significant role in the function of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems (Samways, 2005). Insects are also important members of urban environments. For instance, wild pollinators have demonstrated greater ability than managed populations of pollinators to increase yield in both urban and rural agricultural settings (Ayers and Rehan, 2021). However, increasing urbanization can destroy, fragment, and reduce the habitats and resources needed to support diverse insect populations (Samways, 2007). For example, studies examining the differences between urbanized and less urbanized areas have found that the number of native species has generally decreased in more urbanized areas (Adams et al., 2020; Baldock et al., 2015). These decreases can be attributed to human impacts, such as habitat loss and fragmentation, the use of pesticides, and pathogens (Gonzalez et al., 2013; Vanbergen, 2013). Species-specific characteristics can also determine success in urban environments, with dispersal ability and how well a particular species can manage new competition as important factors (McKinney, 2006). Another important risk to urban insects is that insects are frequently dismissed as insignificant or ignored by human societies (Samways, 2007). Likewise, the public's perception of insects can be shaped by negative messages that reinforce entomophobia or people's fear of insects inhabiting their yards and homes (Kuehn, 2008).

To promote appreciation of and interest in insects while advancing understanding of insect biodiversity, many community-scientist (or citizen scientist) initiatives have been launched. Citizen volunteers have played an important role in understanding insect biodiversity through contributing observations to online communities and databases, such as iNaturalist. iNaturalist has been particularly successful in engaging community scientists to share observations of nature around the world (Nugent, 2018). iNaturalist is accessible, free, and easy to use. The increasing usage of the iNaturalist platform could be attributed to the artificial intelligence technology that iNaturalist uses, technology that helps in identifying animals and plants to the species level (Nugent, 2018). Community scientists on iNaturalist and other online platforms contribute to the discovery of new insect species, participate in monitoring a wide range of species, and contribute to conservation and management initiatives (Gardiner & Roy, 2022). In addition, some entomology-focused courses have integrated the use of the iNaturalist platform (Summers et al., 2020; Echeveria et al., 2021). Integrating citizen science into entomology-focused courses may help in collecting and recording the global distribution of species, as well as to promote an appreciation and understanding of biodiversity among students (Paradise & Bartkovich, 2021). Most importantly, it has been found that students' data in these projects is highly verifiable, which makes these data potentially useful for biodiversity research (Aristeidou et al., 2021). Taken together, the contributions of students, amateur, and community (or citizen) volunteers are helping to increase the knowledge available on insects (Fontaine, Fontaine & Prevot, 2021). However, only a few studies (Aristeidou et al., 2021) have investigated the participation patterns of participants and, to our knowledge, none have done longitudinal studies using students' data on urban insect diversity.

The first City of Calgary insect biodiversity survey (Summers et al. 2021) was completed by students enrolled in an Entomology course (ZOOL 435) in fall 2020. This survey identified 18 orders, 113 families, 183 genera, and 207 species, including 23 species introduced to the city, and seven threatened species, including *Bombus occidentalis*. In terms of student experience, students overall expressed positive experiences and outcomes from this research project. Students were surprised by the extent of insect biodiversity they encountered and experienced in their neighborhoods. They reflected on the role of habitat in insect biodiversity, both on a small scale, such as different habitats in their own backyards or nearby parks, and the larger implications of Albertan habitats. Also, students enjoyed learning more about insects through experience and found their collaboration with other students in the course to be rewarding. Additionally, many students positively discussed their experience of sharing the importance of studying insects with members of the community who saw the project being carried out. Lastly, students enjoyed engaging their family members in the project, especially during a time of isolation due to COVID-19. For example, students shared stories of using the project to teach family members about their interests, share words of different languages for their findings, and be active and outside together. Given the success of the 2020 project, both in terms of increasing understanding of insect biodiversity in The City of Calgary, as well as students' positive feelings and increasing appreciation of insects, we repeated our study in the 2022 offering of this course.

II. 2022 summary: iNaturalist observations and physical collection

Sixty-three students enrolled in Zoology 435, as well as two staff, two graduate teaching assistants, and two graduate research coaches, observed and collected insects as part of a course-based research project. Insects were observed and collected in various ways: some specimens were only physically collected; some were observed on iNaturalist only; while others were both physically collected and included as observations in iNaturalist. Students were also encouraged to add their observations to ongoing iNaturalist projects, with points being awarded to observations added to the [Calgary Pollinators](#) project. Physical specimens were collected following ethical sampling guidelines. Students were only allowed to collect in The City of Calgary parks from which permits had been obtained or on private property with the owner's consent. Each student was only allowed to collect up to 50 physical specimens, and no duplicates were allowed to avoid oversampling.

Students were invited to donate part or all of their physical collection to the University of Calgary Teaching Collection for future student use in courses and research projects. A summary of the total number of digital observations, physical collections, and donations for 2022 are provided with a comparison to the 2020 project in **Table 1**. Of the total collection, 69% of iNaturalist digital collection (3045 observations) and 78% of the donated physical collection (854 specimens) were from The City of Calgary, which will be the focus of this report. Despite fewer students in 2022 (63 vs 92 in 2020) and an updated assessment to require fewer observations and collections, more observations were contributed to iNaturalist for both the project overall (29.8% increase) and The City of Calgary (34.5% increase). The number of physically collected insects was 79% percent lower for the project overall and 74.1% lower for The City of Calgary.

Table 1. Physical and digital observations of insects made in 2022 Zoology 435 collection (63 enrolled students) compared to previous 2020 collection (90 enrolled students).

	The City of Calgary 2020	Total Survey 2020	The City of Calgary 2022	Total Survey 2022
Observations made on iNaturalist	2264	3396	3045	4408
Physical specimens collected	4795	6900	1241	1447
Physical specimens donated to the University of Calgary teaching collection	1397	3474	666	854

Students observed and collected insects from April 8th to October 14th, 2022 (**Figure 1**). iNaturalist observations were highest during and just preceding the start of the Fall term, peaking in September (2003 observations), with the next highest being in October (901 observations) and the third highest in August (589). The average number of iNaturalist observations per student in 2022 was 70.16 (median 47; mode 48), with a range of 1-256 observations. In 2020, the average was 36.55 (median 33; mode 41) with a range of 3-142. The average number of physical insect donations per student in 2022 was 25.12 (median 22.5; mode 22), and 36.56 in 2022 (median 33, mode 1). In 2020, 50.3% of specimens were donated to the University of Calgary teaching collection and in 2022, 59% of specimens were donated. In 2020, students were invited to engage in physical collection of insects associated with plants, while in 2022 they were encouraged to participate in digital observations of pollinating insects through the Calgary pollinator project. Students and staff contributed 2288 physical specimens to the 2020 project and 779 iNaturalist observations to the Calgary Pollinator project in 2022.

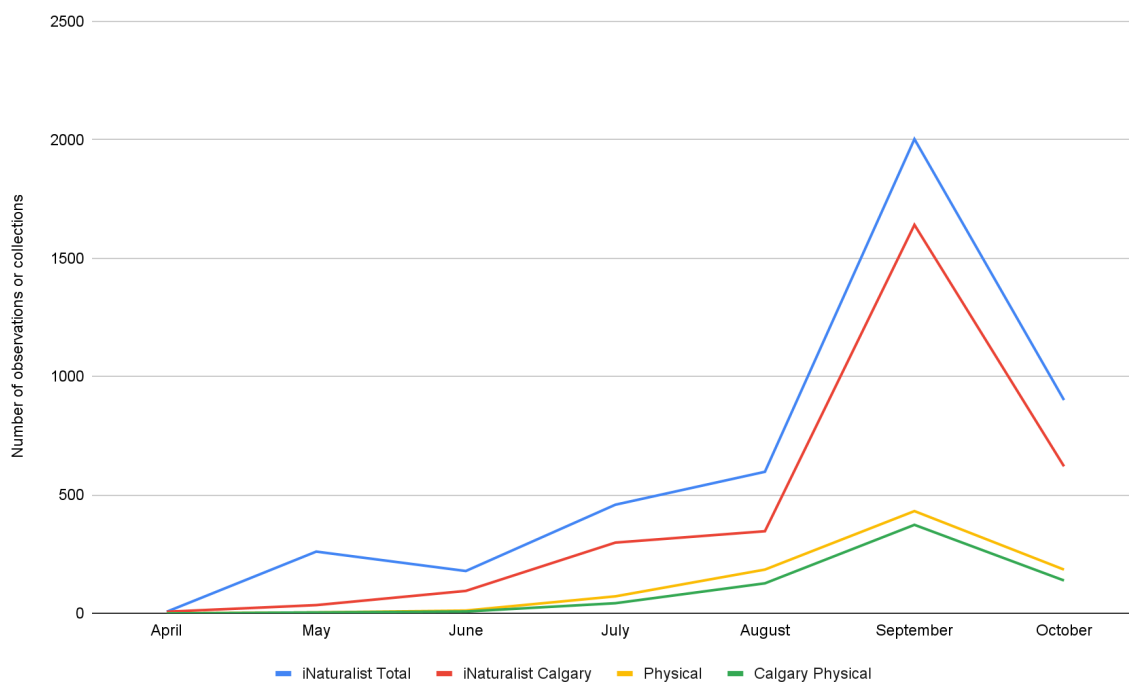


Figure 1. Total observations and physical collections per month in 2022 for both the overall project and for within The City of Calgary. The numbers for the physical collection are based only on specimens donated to the Teaching Collection.

Data availability: All observations made on iNaturalist are available in the [Zoology 435 2022 Survey](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/zool435-insect-survey-2022) (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/zool435-insect-survey-2022>). A record of all physically donated specimens will be uploaded to Canadensys to be added to the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF).

We obtained permits to physically collect at 25 sites managed by The City of Calgary Parks. Students both physically collected and observed insects at 19 of these sites (**Table 2**). Sites with the highest number of observations/collections included Nose Hill Park, Bowmont Park & Hodges Park, Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and Prince’s Island Park. iNaturalist reports the number of "species" (unique taxonomic groups, which could be species, genera, or families). The highest number of "species" was observed in Nose Hill Park (60 species), followed by Bowmont Park and Dale Hodges Park (40 species). 44% of all insects collected with a permit were donated to the teaching and research collection.

Table 2. Insects observed through iNaturalist, collected and/or donated to the teaching collection from The City of Calgary parks. iNaturalist defines "species" as unique taxonomic groups, which could be species, genera, or families.

Park	iNaturalist Observations	Physical Specimens Donated	iNaturalist No. "Species"
Nose Hill Park	246	67	60
Bowmont Park & Dale Hodges Park	82	20	40
Inglewood Bird Sanctuary	77	9	35
Prince’s Island	71	8	38
South Glenmore Park	66	1	32
Weaselhead Flats	57	7	28
Douglasglen Park	40	0	12
Pearce Estate	38	0	25
12-Mile Coulee	18	0	12
Edworthy Park	11	27	8
Reader Rock Garden	6	2	5
Carburn Park	5	24	3
North Glenmore Park	5	2	4
McHugh Bluff Park	4	4	4
Beaver Dam Flats Park	4	5	3
St. Andrew's Heights/Parkdale Hillside	2	1	2
Canyon Meadows Boulevard	1	1	1

Confluence Park & West Nose Creek	1	0	1
Ralph Klein Park	0	1	0
Murdoch Park	0	0	0
Memorial Drive & 14 St NW	0	0	0
Sage Hill Natural Environment Park	0	0	0
Patterson Natural Environmental Park	0	0	0
Coventry Pollinator Corridor Median	0	0	0
Bridgeland Naturalization	0	0	0
Totals	734	179	313

In The City of Calgary, insects were observed on iNaturalist (**Figure 2**) and physically collected (**Figure 3**) in all four quadrants, with more observations and collections occurring in the northwest.

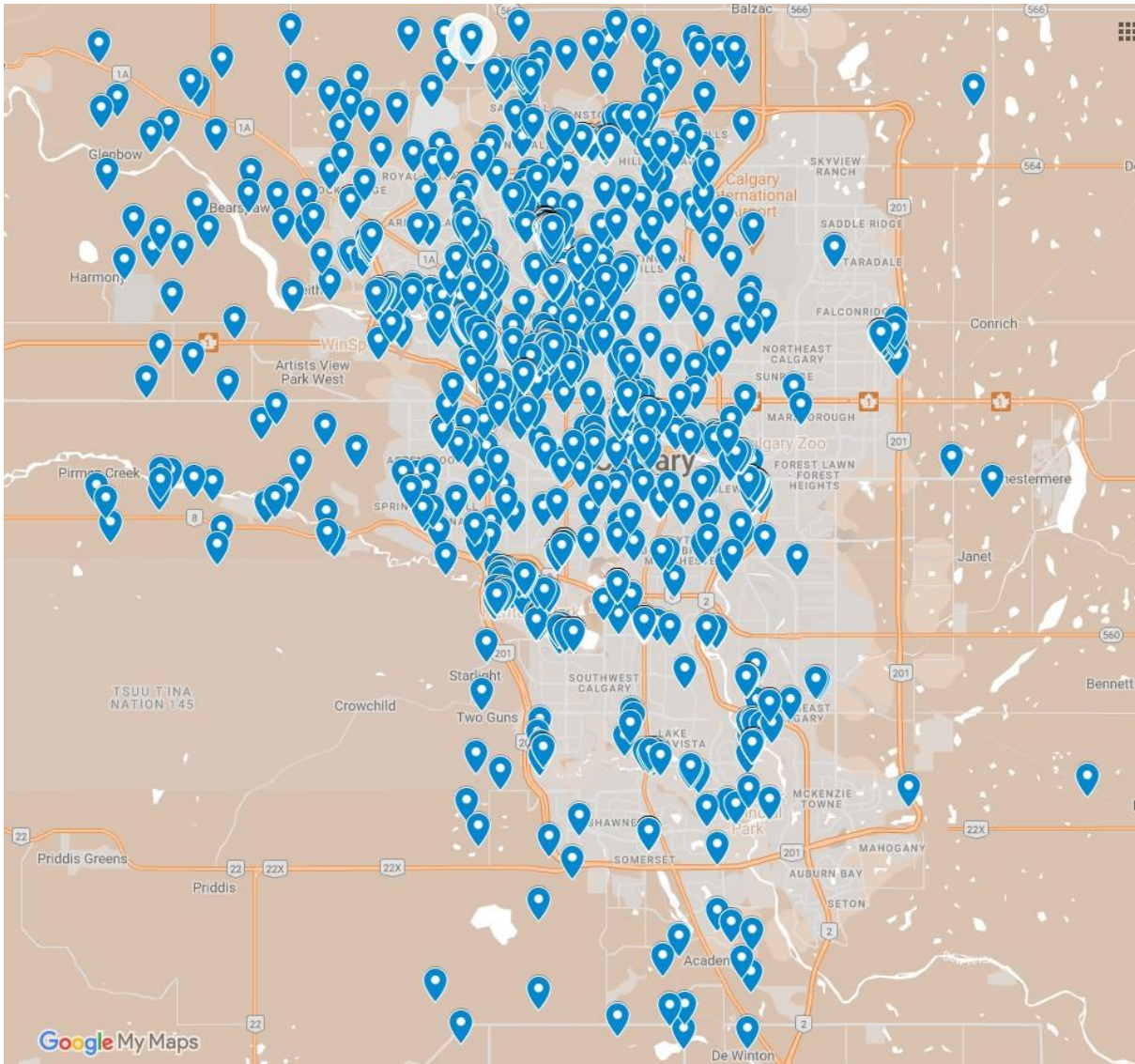


Figure 2. Zoology 435 2022 iNaturalist observation locations in The City of Calgary - interactive version [here](#).

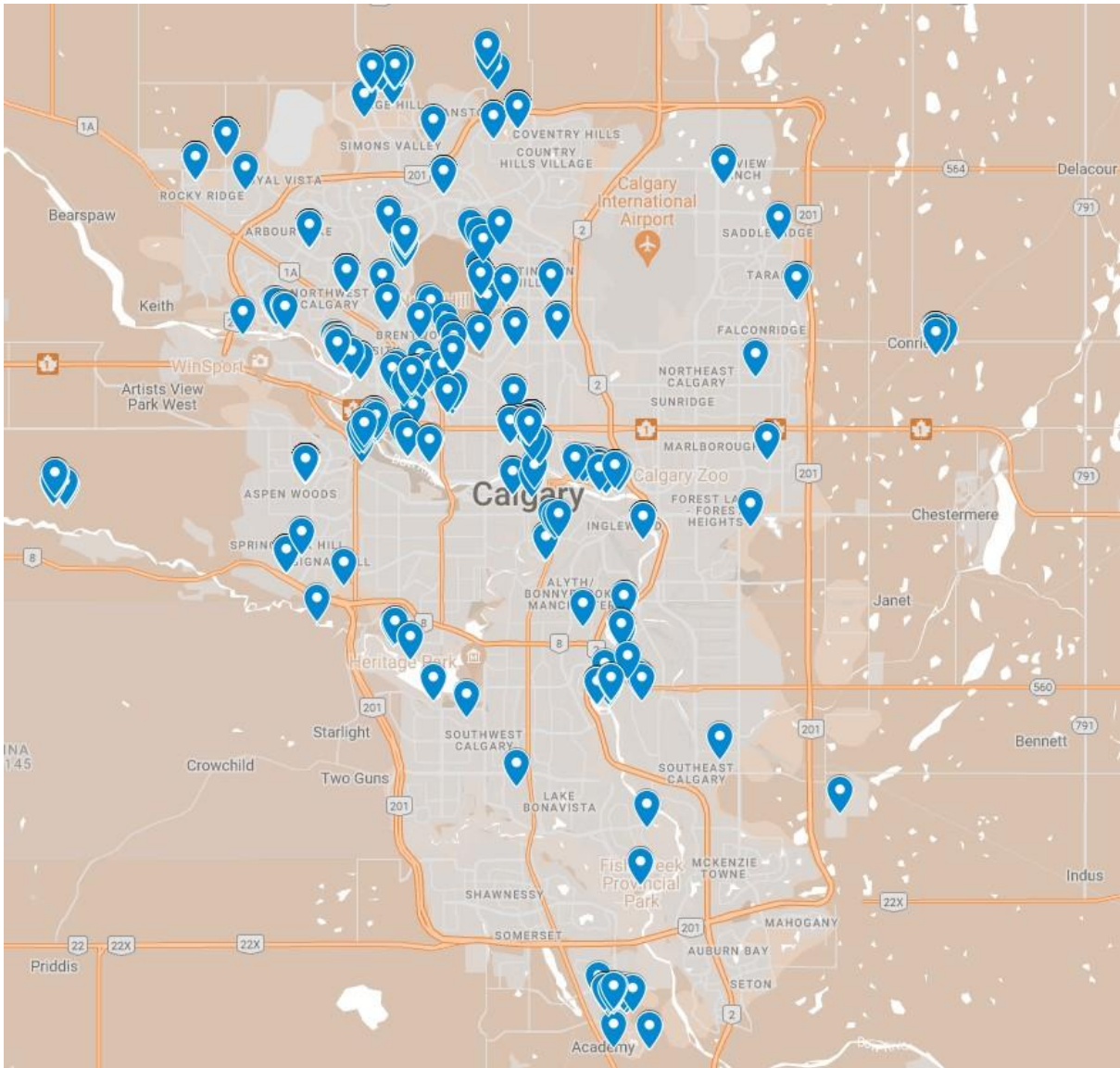


Figure 3. Zoology 435 2022 insect collection locations for donated physical specimens, zoomed in to show The City of Calgary - interactive version [here](#).

III. Insect identification

Students identified their digital and physical collections to Order individually. Students did not provide further identifications to their digital collection.

Physical collection identification

Student teams identified 460 physical specimens donated to our Teaching Collection before October 17, 2022 to family during laboratories. The instructional team reviewed student identifications, and provided identifications for any physical specimens donated later in the course. We examined the accuracy of student identifications by randomly selecting ten specimens for each major Order (equivalent to 10-43% of specimens donated in each Order), and identifying whether student teams reached consensus (66% or greater of teams agreeing on an identification), whether this consensus identification matched the instructional team’s identification, and the percentage of total correct team identifications for each order (**Table 3**). Consensus was reached for 70% or more of identifications across the different orders, with individual teams’ accuracy at 60% or higher. Student team identification was best in Hymenoptera, where 100% of randomly selected specimens were agreed upon by students and were accurate. Coleoptera showed the lowest consensus and number of accurate identifications.

Table 3. Accuracy of student team family-level (or superfamily for Coleoptera) identifications of donated physical specimens based on ten randomly selected specimens for each order. The total number of team identifications for each specimen varied depending on the number of teams in each lab. Each specimen was identified by two to four teams.

Family	Number of specimens where students reached consensus n=10	Number of Accurate Student Consensus Identifications n=10	Number of Individual Student Team Accurate Identifications
Coleoptera	9 (90%)	9 (90%)	33/37 (89%)
Diptera	7 (70%)	6 (60%)	24/39 (62%)
Hemiptera	8 (80%)	6 (60%)	29/39 (74%)
Hymenoptera	10 (100%)	10 (100%)	40/40 (100%)
Lepidoptera	9 (90%)	9 (90%)	32/37 (86%)
Odonata	8 (80%)	8 (80%)	32/40 (80%)
Orthoptera	9 (90%)	9 (90%)	34/38 (89%)

iNaturalist digital observation identification

iNaturalist identifications were improved by the iNaturalist community following student uploads to the platform. By mid-November, 397 iNaturalist experts provided 7625 identifications to student observations, identifying 446 species and 1014 Research Grade observations (23% of total). At this point, we reached out to specific experts to request additional support in identifications. We identified 12 experts that were active, somewhat local, and showed expertise in a particular order of insects or insect identification in general. All 12 experts contacted submitted at least two further identifications, with one expert providing over 373 identifications, and six experts adding over 100 identifications. Together, these 12 experts identified 21.2% of all observations in our project.

By December 1, 2022, 275 experts provided 4815 identifications in The City of Calgary, which led to 825 Research Grade observations. Observations that are identified to Research Grade are automatically uploaded to the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). To be a Research Grade observation, an observation must be identified to species level and verified by the community (at least 2 of 3 identifications to species must agree). Individual experts provided between 1 and 270 identifications. Thirteen experts provided over 100 identifications, 15 provided over 50, and 247 provided up to 50 observations.

IV. Insect diversity in The City of Calgary

The number of observations and physically collected specimens for insect orders, families, genera, and species we observed and collected in 2022 are provided in **Appendix 1**. To provide a summary of insect biodiversity in The City of Calgary, we combined and summarized results from the 2020 and 2022 Zoology 435 surveys. A summary of the number of orders, families, genera, and species, as well as number of introduced and threatened species is provided in **Table 4** and **Table 5**. A list of diversity identified by the combined 2020 and 2022 Zoology 435 insect surveys is included in section **VI - Calgary Insect Diversity Checklist**.

Table 4. Orders, families, genera, and species identified in The City of Calgary in the years 2020 and 2022 through the Zoology 435 surveys. Most of the identifications beyond family level for 2020 and beyond order level for 2022 were provided by iNaturalist experts, who are world authorities on specific taxa.

Identified number	2020 Survey	2022 Survey	ZOOL435 Combined Surveys	iNaturalist Combined Surveys
Orders	18	16	19	NA
Families	113	122	156	NA
Genera	183	207	292	NA
Species	207	170	295	1257
Species introduced	23	25	32	75
iNaturalist* threatened species list: vulnerable and endangered	7	1	7	33
COSEWIC Listed Species for Alberta	3	1	3	3

*To determine if a taxon is threatened, iNaturalist refers to a variety of databases and guides, and the source of information can be found on each species' page. See this [iNaturalist forum](#) for more information. The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada ([COSEWIC](#)) specifically assesses insects in Alberta.

Table 5. The number of families, genera, and species identified within The City of Calgary by our insect surveys in 2020 and 2022. Identifying many insects beyond order and to family, genera, and species requires expert knowledge and these identifications have been provided by experts on iNaturalist. Zeros are provided where this rank was not able to be identified for any specimens identified to the order.

Order	Number of Families	Number of Genera	Number of Species
Archaeognatha	0	0	0
Blattodea	2	2	2
Coleoptera	24	58	51
Dermaptera	1	1	1
Diptera	35	47	28
Ephemeroptera	4	3	0
Hemiptera	26	34	25
Hymenoptera	15	36	73
Lepidoptera	27	77	75
Mantodea	1	2	2
Neuroptera	2	5	4
Odonata	6	7	13
Orthoptera	5	15	18
Plecoptera	4	3	2
Psocodea	0	0	0
Siphonaptera	0	0	0
Thysanoptera	0	0	0
Trichoptera	4	2	1
Zygentoma	0	0	0

Of the species observed on iNaturalist in 2022, five were identified by iNaturalist as threatened and 37 as invasive. Three threatened species (none in Calgary) and 18 introduced species (25 in Calgary) were not observed in 2020. A list of these species is provided below.

Threatened species (Non-Calgary diversity indicated with an asterisk; new species not observed in 2020 are indicated with an ^):

iNaturalist uses different databases and guides to assign threatened species status to taxa, and the source used can be found on each species page. See this [iNaturalist forum](#) for more information. The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada ([COSEWIC](#)) provides assessments specifically for Albertan insects.

Lepidoptera

*^*Boloria alberta* (Alberta Fritillary) - vulnerable in Alberta

*^*Boloria astarte* (Astarte Fritillary) - apparently secure in Alberta; imperiled in Montana

Ochlodes sylvanoides (Woodland Skipper) - apparently secure in Alberta; imperiled (Saskatchewan)

Hymenoptera

*^*Ancistrocerus antilope* (Lobed Mason Wasp) - not assessed in Alberta; critically imperiled (Saskatchewan); vulnerable (British Columbia)

Bombus occidentalis* (Western Bumble Bee) – **COSEWIC Status: Threatened

Introduced species (Non-Calgary diversity indicated with an asterisk; new species not observed in 2020 are indicated with an ^):

Blattodea

**Blattella germanica* (German Cockroach)

*^*Periplaneta americana* (American Cockroach)

^*Periplaneta australasiae* (Australian Cockroach)

Coleoptera

Carabus granulatus (Granulated Ground Beetle)

Carabus nemoralis (Bronze Ground Beetle)

*^*Chilothorax distinctus*

Coccinella septempunctata (Seven-Spotted Ladybug)

*^*Harmonia axyridis* (Asian Lady Beetle)

^*Larinus carinae* (Canada Thistle Bud Weevil)

^*Lilioceris lili* (Lily Leaf Beetle)

Otiorhynchus raucus

*^*Phyllotreta striolata* (Striped Flea Beetle)
^*Polydrusus impressifrons* (Pale Green Weevil)
Pterostichus melanarius (Rain Beetle)
^*Romualdius scaber* (Crusted Root Weevil)
^*Sciaphilus asperatus* (Strawberry Root Weevil)
Sitona hispidulus (Clover Weevil)
*^*Sitona lineatus* (Pea Weevil)

Dermaptera

**Forficula auricularia* (European Earwig)

Diptera

*^*Eristalis arbustorum* (European Drone Fly)
Eristalis tenax (Common Drone Fly)
*^*Lucilia sericata* (Common European Greenbottle Fly)
*^*Musca autumnalis* (Face Fly)
^*Neomyia cornicina*
^*Syrirta pipiens* (Thick-legged Hoverfly)

Hemiptera

Athysanus argentarius (Silver Leafhopper)
Doratura stylata
*^*Halyomorpha halys* (Brown Marmorated Stink Bug)
Philaenus spumarius (Meadow Spittlebug)

Hymenoptera

Apis mellifera (Western Honey Bee)
Polistes dominula (European Paper Wasp)
^*Vespula germanica* (German Yellowjacket)

Lepidoptera

Leucoma salicis (White Satin Moth)
Pieris rapae (Cabbage White)
Thera juniperata (Juniper Carpet)
Thymelicus lineola (European Skipper)

Mantodea

**Mantis religiosa* (European Mantis)

V. Increasing understanding of insect biodiversity in The City of Calgary through student engagement

What is the trend in iNaturalist insect observations, and how does this compare to iNaturalist observations in the City in general?

iNaturalist observations in The City of Calgary have been increasing since launch of the platform in 2008, with particular growth following 2016. Insect observations are a smaller subset of total observations in Calgary, showing most growth following 2018. Despite a decrease in total observations in 2022 (as of December 2022), Calgary insect observations have continued to rise in 2022 (**Figure 4**).

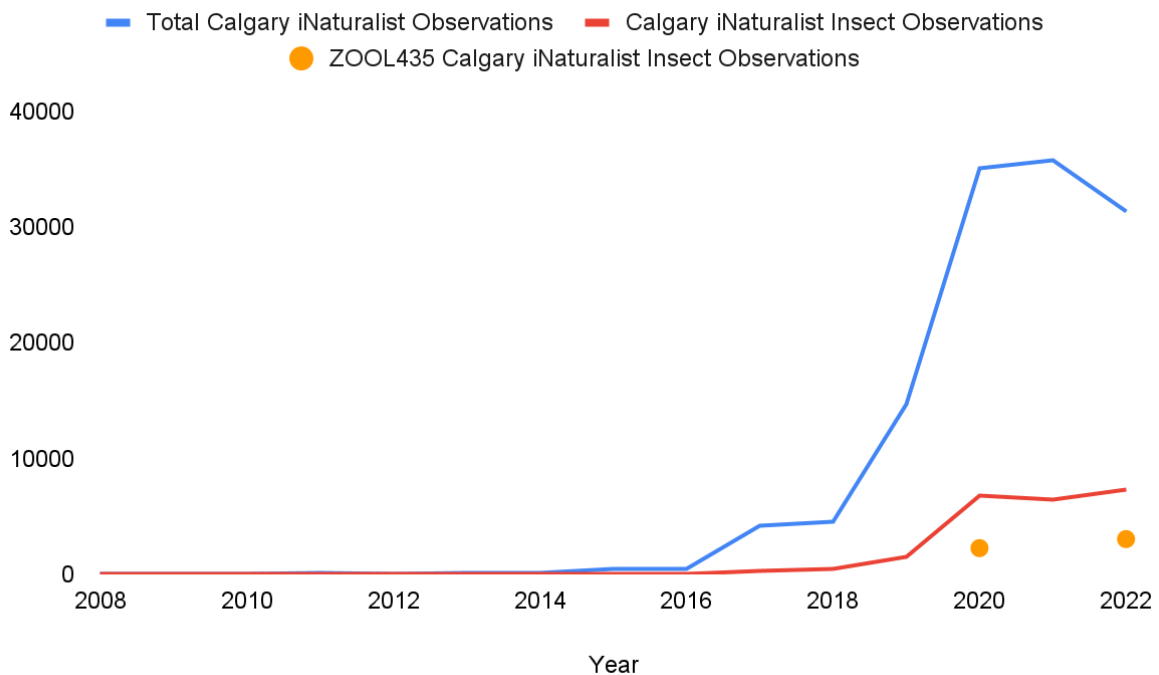


Figure 4. Total observations on iNaturalist in Calgary from 2008 to 2022 compared to observations of insects over the same period.

What is the contribution of Zoology 435 students to insect observations in Calgary?

Zoology 435 students have had a significant impact on insect observations in The City of Calgary, representing 33% of the total number of insect observations in 2020 and 41% of the total insect observations in 2022. Compared to other insect observers in Calgary, Zoology 435 students observe a large number of insects as they only make up 15% (2020) and 10% (2022) of the total number of observers (**Table 6**).

Table 6. Number of iNaturalist insect observations in Calgary, and the contribution of Zoology 435 students in 2020 and 2022.

	2020	2022		2020	2022
ZOOL435 Calgary iNaturalist insect observations	2264	3045	ZOOL435 Calgary insect observers	90	63
Total Calgary iNaturalist insect observations	6765	7324	Calgary iNaturalist insect observers	619	624
Percent contribution	33%	41%	Percent of observers	15%	10%

Are we still discovering insects in Calgary?

Based on the total number of iNaturalist insect “species”, understanding of insect diversity in Calgary is still being improved. The number of species identified in The City of Calgary has been increasing, with particular growth following 2018 (**Figure 5**). The more observations made of insects in Calgary, the more insect species that are being identified (**Figure 6**).

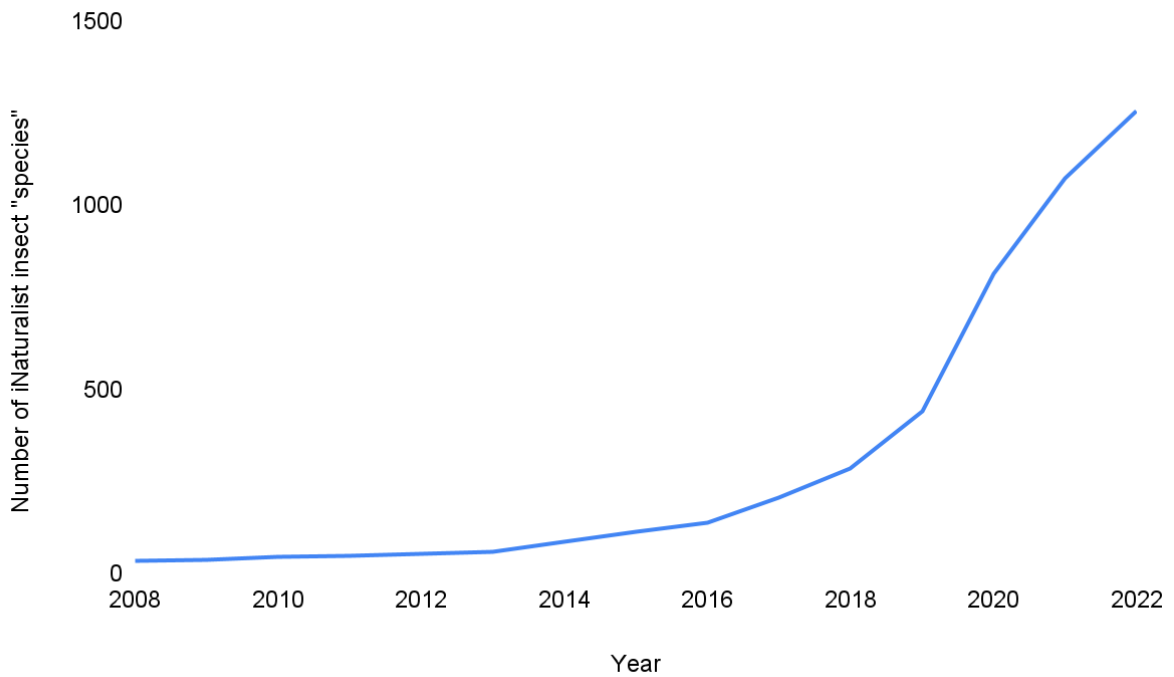


Figure 5. The cumulative number of insect “species” identified in The City of Calgary since 2008 on iNaturalist.

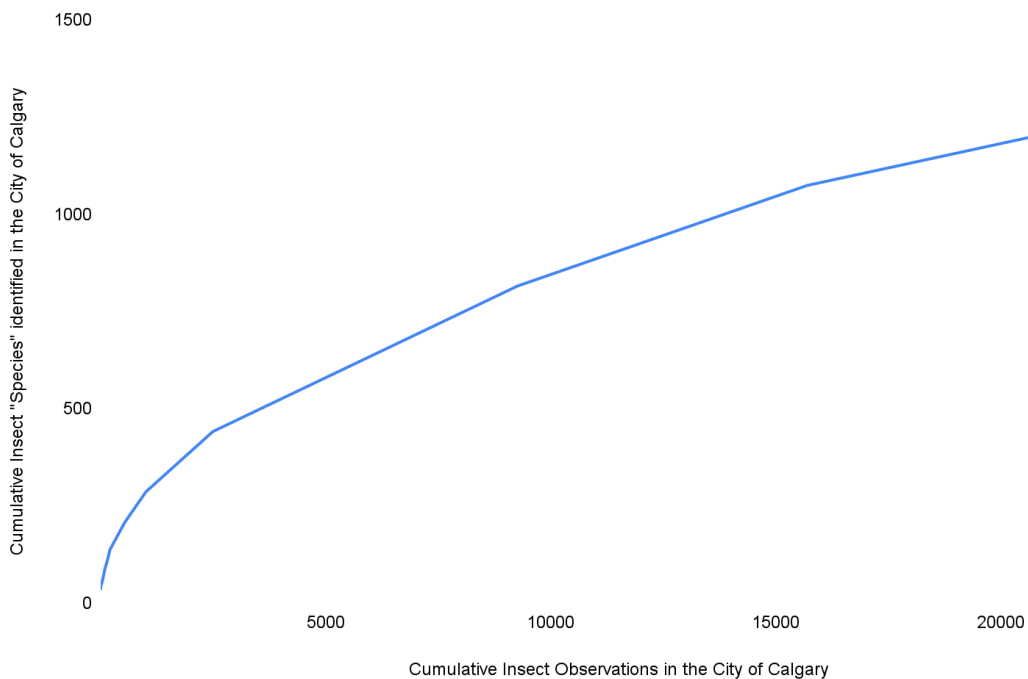


Figure 6. The cumulative number of insect “species” identified on iNaturalist as compared to cumulative number of insect observations in The City of Calgary.

Do students continue using iNaturalist after the course?

80 and 73% of students participating in the 2020 and 2022 insect surveys, respectively, were introduced to the iNaturalist platform through enrolling in ZOOL 435 - Entomology course. In 2020, 50% of students continued to use the platform after the course ended (**Table 7**).

Table 7. Undergraduate and graduate (teaching assistant or research coach) student participation on the iNaturalist platform. Continued iNaturalist use for members of the 2020 iNaturalist project examined two years after the course ended.

	Number of students	Number who continued using iNaturalist after course	Number of students
	2020	2020	2022
iNaturalist members before course	18 (20%)	12 (67%)	14 (23%)
Signed up to iNaturalist for course	72 (80%)	39 (54%)	46 (73%)
Total	90	51 (57%)	61

Overall experiences and ideas for future work with The City of Calgary and community

Students developed an increased appreciation for insect diversity in both 2020 and 2022 offerings. In 2022, the ubiquitous presence of insects in their environment was unexpected, as was how late in the year they were able to still find insects active. Students found themselves noticing insects more than they did before participating in this research project, with one commenting that “if you just look a bit closer at your surroundings, you can see so many!” Students remarked on their new skills in insect collection, including learning the best conditions in which to find insects, curation, and identification. Students were particularly proud of their new identification skills, having learned by the end of the project how to identify many insects by sight and without the need of keys or guides. Many students said their fear of insects was reduced through the process of observing insects and learning more about them.

Students expressed a desire to have more courses available that included research components on surveying local biodiversity. They highlighted the value of these course-based research experiences in fostering an appreciation for local biodiversity, which one student identified as being “an invaluable tool for understanding and conserving” the biodiversity. While collecting, students enjoyed communicating with curious members of the public about what they were doing and why, sharing their interest in insects, research, conservation and more.

Students from 2020 expressed interest in working further with The City of Calgary and community. They suggested that emphasis be placed on producing communications that could be used with a variety of community audiences, such as K-12 students, visitors to The City of Calgary parks, and for those interested in furthering citizen science. Students also suggested that The City of Calgary could support further education into particular localities, taxa, or conservation projects for interested participants.

Students from 2022 suggested engaging other schools or post-secondary institutions in the project to improve coverage of sampling in The City of Calgary, and across Alberta, to capture a clearer picture of insect biodiversity. One student proposed assigning specific parks to individuals or groups of students to ensure sampling from currently underrepresented areas of The City of Calgary and to reduce oversampling. Students also suggested that repeated or regular collecting from target areas of interest to enable assessment of insect biodiversity changes over time or before and after special projects, such as planting native flowering plants along boulevards. Some students were interested in comparing the iNaturalist observations and physical collections to investigate biases that may result from the difference in sampling method.

VI. Checklist of Calgary Insect Biodiversity

This Checklist was compiled using student observations from fall 2020 and fall 2022. Orders are written in bold; families in normal font; genera and species in italics. Common names for species from iNaturalist are provided where available. Identifying many insects beyond order and to family, genera, and species requires expert knowledge and is more possible for some groups (e.g., butterflies) based on photographs alone than others (e.g., flies). Identifications beyond the level of family were contributed and verified by iNaturalist experts.

Colour coding:

- Blue (found in 2020 but not in 2022)
- Orange (new in 2022)
- Black (both 2020 and 2022)

Archaeognatha (Bristletails)

Blattodea (not native; only found in dwellings)

Blattidae

Periplaneta

Periplaneta australasiae

Ectobiidae

Blattella

Blattella germanica (German Cockroach)

Coleoptera

Attelabidae

Merhynchites

Merhynchites wickhami

Buprestidae

Agrilus

Agrilus ribesi

Melanophila

Melanophila acuminata (Black Fire Beetle)

Poecilonota

Cantharidae

Carabidae (Ground Beetles)

Agonum

Agonum punctiforme

Amara

Bembidion

Carabus

Carabus granulatus (Granulated Ground Beetle)

Carabus nemoralis (Bronze Ground Beetle)

Chlaenius

Chlaenius sericeus

Cicindela

Cicindela limbalis (Common Claybank Tiger Beetle)
Dicheirotichus
Harpalus
Notiophilus
Pterostichus
Pterostichus melanarius (Rain Beetle)

Cerambycidae

Anthophylax
Anthophylax cyaneus
Batyle
Batyle suturalis
Grammoptera
Grammoptera subargentata
Monochamus
Monochamus scutellatus (White-spotted Sawyer Beetle)
Stictoleptura
Stictoleptura canadensis
Xylotrechus
Xylotrechus undulatus

Chrysomelidae

Diabrotica
Diabrotica balteata (Banded Cucumber Beetle)
Lilioceris
Lilioceris lili (Lily Leaf Beetle)

Cleridae

Trichodes
Trichodes nuttalli (Red-blue Checkered Beetle)

Coccinellidae

Adalia
Adalia bipunctata (Two-spotted Ladybug)
Anatis
Anatis mali (Eye-spotted Ladybug)
Calvia
Calvia quatuordecimguttata (Cream-spotted Ladybug)
Coccinella
Coccinella septempunctata (Seven-Spotted Ladybug)
Coccinella trifasciata (Three-banded Ladybug)
Hippodamia
Hippodamia convergens (Convergent Ladybug)
Hippodamia parenthesis (Parentheses Ladybug)
Hippodamia sinuata (Sinuate Ladybug)
Hippodamia tredecimpunctata (13-Spotted Ladybug)
Mulsantina
Mulsantina picta (Painted Ladybird)

Curculionidae

Cryptorhynchus
Cryptorhynchus lapathi (Poplar and Willow Borer)

Diaprepes

Diaprepes abbreviatus

Dorytomus

Larinus

Larinus carlinae (Canada Thistle Bud Weevil)

Otiorhynchus

Otiorhynchus ovatus (Strawberry Root Weevil)

Otiorhynchus raucus

Polydrusus

Polydrusus impressifrons (Pale Green Weevil)

Rhinocyllus

Rhinocyllus conicus (Nodding Thistle Receptacle Weevil)

Romualdius

Romualdius scaber

Sciaphilus

Sciaphilus asperatus

Sitona

Sitona hispidulus (Clover Weevil)

Tournotaris

Tournotaris bimaculatus

Dermestidae

Anthrenus

Dermestes

Dermestes lardarius

Dytiscidae (Predaceous Diving Beetles)

Dytiscus

Graphoderus

Graphoderus perplexus

Hydaticus

Hydaticus aruspex

Rhantus

Rhantus sericans

Elateridae

Aeolus

Aeolus mellillus

Selatosomus

Lampyridae

Melandryidae

Enchodes

Enchodes sericea

Meloidae (Blister Beetles)

Lytta

Lytta nuttalli

Melyridae

Malachius

Malachius aeneus

Mordellidae

Nitidulidae

Glischrochilus

Glischrochilus fasciatus (Picnic Beetle)

Orsodacnidae

Orsodacne

Orsodacne atra

Pyrochroidae

Dendroides

Scarabaeidae

Aphodius

Aphodius pedellus

Silphidae

Nicrophorus

Thanatophilus

Thanatophilus lapponicus

Staphylinidae

Aleochara

Tenebrionidae

Dermaptera

Forficulidae

Forficula

Forficula auricularia (European Earwig)

Diptera

Anisopodidae

Sylvicola

Anthomyiidae (Root-maggot Flies)

Anthomyia

Anthomyia oculifera

Anthomyia procellaris

Asilidae

Bombyliidae

Villa

Villa fulviana

Calliphoridae

Calliphora

Calliphora vicina

Cynomya

Cynomya cadaverina (Shiny Bluebottle Fly)

Lucilia

Lucilia sericata (Common European Greenbottle Fly)

Phormia

Phormia regina

Cecidomyiidae

Harmandiola

Ceratopogonidae

Chironomidae
Ablabesmyia

Chloropidae

Clusiidae

Culicidae
Aedes
Culex
Culiseta

Dixidae

Dolichopodidae
Condylostylus
Dolichopus

Drosophilidae
Drosophila
Scaptomyza

Ephydriidae

Limoniidae

Muscidae
Lispe
Musca
Musca domestica
Neomyia
Neomyia cornicina

Mycetophilidae

Palloppteridae
Toxonevra
Toxonevra superba

Phoridae

Platypezidae

Polleniidae
Pollenia

Sarcophagidae

Scathophagidae
Scathophaga

Sciaridae

Sciomyzidae
Elgiva

Sepsidae
Sepsis

Simuliidae
Simulium

Stratiomyidae
Microchrysa

Syrphidae
Blera
Dasysyrphus
Didea

Didea alneti (Triangular Lucent)

Eristalis

Eristalis dimidiata (Black-shouldered Drone Fly)

Eristalis hirta

Eristalis stipator (Yellow-shouldered Drone Fly)

Eristalis tenax (Common Drone Fly)

Eupeodes

Eupeodes fumipennis (Western Aphideater)

Eupeodes volucris (Bird Hover Fly)

Helophilus

Helophilus latifrons (Broad-headed Marsh Fly)

Lapposyrphus

Lapposyrphus lapponicus (Common Loopwing Aphideater)

Parasyrphus

Platycheirus

Scaeva

Scaeva affinis (White-bowed Smoothwing)

Sericomyia

Sericomyia militaris (Narrow-banded Pond Fly)

Sphaerophoria

Spilomyia

Spilomyia sayi

Syritta

Syritta pipiens (Thick-legged Hover Fly)

Syrphus

Syrphus opinator

Syrphus ribesii

Toxomerus

Toxomerus marginatus (Margined Calligrapher)

Tabanidae

Tachinidae (Bristle Flies)

Tephritidae

Campiglossa

Chetostoma

Chetostoma californicum

Tipulidae

Nephrotoma

Tipula

Ulidiidae

Ceroxys

Ceroxys latiusculus

Ephemeroptera

Baetidae

Callibaetis

Ephemeridae

Hexagenia

Heptageniidae
Leptohyphidae
Tricorythodes

Hemiptera

Acanthosomatidae

Elasmotethus

Elasmotethus cruciatus

Alydidae (Broad headed Bugs)

Alydus

Alydus conspersus

Alydus eurinus

Megalotomus

Megalotomus quinquespinosus

Anthocoridae

Aphididae

Aphrophoridae

Philaenus

Philaenus spumarius (Meadow Spittlebug)

Aradidae (Flat Bugs)

Aradus

Belostomatidae

Lethocerus

Lethocerus americanus (American Giant Water Bug)

Caliscelidae

Cicadellidae (Leafhoppers)

Athysanus

Athysanus argentarius (Silver Leafhopper)

Cuerna

Cuerna striata

Doratura

Doratura stylata

Draeculacephala

Draeculacephala robinsoni

Gyponana

Graphocephala

Graphocephala gothica

Kybos

Psammotettix

Cicadidae

Coreidae

Leptoglossus

Leptoglossus occidentalis

Corixidae (Water Boatmen)

Geocoridae

Geocoris

Gerridae (Water Striders)

Aquarius
Aquarius remigis

Gerris

Lygaeidae

Lygaeus

Lygaeus kalmii (Small Milkweed Bug)

Kleidocerys

Membracidae

Miridae (Plant Bugs)

Lopidea

Lygus

Lygus elisus

Lygus lineolaris

Stenodema

Stenodema trispinosum (Three-spined Grass Bug)

Nabidae

Nabis

Notonectidae (Backswimmers)

Notonecta

Pentatomidae (Stink Bugs)

Banasa

Banasa dimidiata

Chlorochroa

Cosmopepla

Cosmopepla lintneriana (Twice-stabbed Stink Bug)

Euschistus

Euschistus tristigmus

Holcostethus

Holcostethus abbreviatus

Perillus

Perillus bioculatus (Two-spotted Stink Bug)

Reduviidae

Rhopalidae

Boisea

Boisea trivittata (Eastern Boxelder Bug)

Rhyparochromidae

Saldidae (Shore Bugs)

Scutelleridae (Jewel Bugs)

Homaemus

Homaemus aeneifrons

Tingidae (Lace Bugs)

Corythucha

Corythucha cydoniae

Hymenoptera

Andrenidae

Andrena

Andrena milwaukeensis
Andrena nivalis
Andrena vicina
Panurginus
Pseudopanurgus
Pseudopanurgus parvus

Apidae

Anthophora
Anthophora bomboides
Anthophora occidentalis
Anthophora terminalis

Apis
Apis mellifera (Western Honey Bee)

Bombus
Bombus bifarius (Two-Form Bumble Bee)
Bombus bohemicus (Bohemian Cuckoo Bumble Bee)
Bombus borealis (Northern Amber Bumble Bee)
Bombus centralis (Central Bumble Bee)
Bombus cryptarum (Cryptic Bumble Bee)
Bombus flavifrons (Yellow Fronted Bumble Bee)
Bombus huntii (Hunt's Bumble Bee)
Bombus insularis (Indiscriminate Cuckoo Bumble Bee)
Bombus mixtus (Fuzzy-Horned Bumble Bee)
Bombus nevadensis (Nevada Bumble Bee)
Bombus occidentalis (Western Bumble Bee)
Bombus perplexus (Perplexing Bumble Bee)
Bombus rufocinctus (Red-belted Bumble Bee)
Bombus ternarius (Orange-belted Bumble Bee)
Bombus vagans (Half Black Bumble Bee)
Bombus vancouverensis (Vancouver Bumble Bee)

Melissodes
Melissodes confusus

Nomada
Triepeolus (Cuckoo Bee)

Braconidae

Chrysididae (Cuckoo Wasp)

Colletidae

Colletes
Hylaeus
Hylaeus affinis
Hylaeus annulatus
Hylaeus gaigei
Hylaeus illinoisensis
Hylaeus modestus

Crabronidae

Pemphredon
Philanthus (Beewolf)

Cynipidae

Diplolepis

Diplolepis polita (Spiny Leaf Gall Wasp)

Formicidae

Camponotus

Camponotus herculeanus (Hercules Carpenter Ant)

Formica

Formica argentea

Formica neoclara

Formica neorufibarbis

Formica obscuripes

Formica podzolica

Lasius

Lasius neoniger (Turgrass Ant)

Lasius pallitarsis (Subterranean Aphid-tending Ant)

Myrmica

Myrmica brevispinosa

Halictidae

Agapostemon

Agapostemon texanus

Halictus

Halictus confusus (Confusing Furrow Bee)

Halictus rubicundus

Lasioglossum

Lasioglossum leucozonium

Lasioglossum paraforbesii

Lasioglossum zonulum

Sphecodes

Ichneumonidae

Ophion

Megachilidae

Coelioxys (Cuckoo Leaf-cutter Bee)

Coelioxys funeraria

Coelioxys porterae

Coelioxys rufitarsis

Hoplitis

Hoplitis spoliata

Megachile

Megachile centuncularis

Megachile frigida

Megachile inermis

Megachile latimanus

Megachile melanophaea

Megachile perihirta

Megachile pugnata

Megachile relativa

Megachile rotundata

Osmia

Osmia simillima

Pompilidae

Sphecidae

Sceliphron

Sceliphron caementarium (Yellow-legged Mud-dauber Wasp)

Tenthredinidae

Cladius

Cladius grandis (Hairy Poplar Sawfly)

Tenthredo

Vespidae

Ancistrocerus

Dolichovespula

Dolichovespula albida (Arctic Aerial Yellowjacket)

Dolichovespula arenaria (Common Aerial Yellowjacket)

Dolichovespula maculata (Bald-faced Hornet)

Polistes

Polistes dominula (European Paper Wasp)

Pseudepipona

Pseudepipona herrichii ssp. *aldrichi*

Stenodynerus

Stenodynerus anormis

Vespula

Vespula alascensis (Alaskan Yellowjacket)

Vespula atropilosa (Prairie Yellowjacket)

Vespula consobrina (Blackjacket)

Vespula germanica (German Yellowjacket)

Vespula pennsylvanica (Western Yellowjacket)

Lepidoptera

Alucitidae

Alucita

Alucita montana

Argyresthiidae

Argyresthia

Coleophoridae

Coleophora

Cossidae

Crambidae

Agriphila

Chrysoteuchia

Chrysoteuchia topiarius (Topiary Grass-Veneer)

Loxostege

Loxostege munroalis

Depressariidae

Erebidae

Caenurgina

Catocala
Catocala unijuga (Once-married Underwing)

Gnophaela
Gnophaela vermiculata (Police Car Moth)

Leucoma
Leucoma salicis (White Satin Moth)

Lophocampa
Lophocampa maculata

Zale

Gelechiidae

Geometridae

Alsophila
Alsophila pometaria (Fall Cankerworm Moth)

Aplocera

Dysstroma

Ennomos
Ennomos magnaria (Maple Spanworm Moth)

Erannis
Erannis tiliaria (Linden Looper Moth)

Eulithis
Eulithis testata (Chevron Moth)

Eupithecia

Hesperumia
Hesperumia sulphuraria

Horisme
Horisme intestinata

Plemyria
Plemyria georgii (George's Carpet Moth)

Scopula
Scopula junctaria

Thera
Thera juniperata (Juniper Carpet)

Gracillariidae

Caloptilia
Caloptilia fraxinella

Phyllocnistis
Phyllocnistis populiella

Hepialidae

Sthenopsis
Sthenopsis purpurascens (Four-spotted Ghost Moth)

Hesperiidae

Ochlodes
Ochlodes sylvanoides (Woodland Skipper) - Endangered

Polites
Polites mystic (Long Dash)

Thymelicus
Thymelicus lineola (European Skipper)

Lasiocampidae

Malacosoma

Malacosoma disstria (Forest Tent Caterpillar Moth)

Lycaenidae

Glaucopsyche

Glaucopsyche lygdamus (Silvery Blue)

Icaricia

Icaricia saepiolus (Greenish Blue)

Plebejus

Plebejus idas (Northern Blue)

Plebejus melissa (Melissa Blue)

Tharsalea

Tharsalea helloides

Noctuidae

Actebia

Actebia fennica (Finnish Dart)

Anagrapha

Anagrapha falcifera (Celery Looper Moth)

Apamea

Apamea niveivenosa (Snowy-veined Apamea Moth)

Autographa

Autographa californica (Alfalfa Looper)

Caradrina

Caradrina montana

Dargida

Dargida procinctus (Girdler Moth)

Enargia

Enargia decolor (Pale Enargia)

Euxoa

Euxoa messoria (Reaper Dart)

Feltia

Feltia jaculifera (Dingy Cutworm Moth)

Mythimna

Mythimna unipuncta (Armyworm Moth)

Nephelodes

Nephelodes minians

Noctua

Xylena

Nymphalidae

Aglais

Aglais milberti (Milbert's Tortoiseshell)

Caligo

Caligo telamonius

Cercyonis

Cercyonis pegala (Common Wood-Nymph)

Coenonympha

Coenonympha californica

Coenonympha tullia (Common Ringlet)
Danaus
Danaus plexippus (Monarch Butterfly)
Euphydryas
Euphydryas anicia
Euptoieta
Euptoieta claudia (Variegated Fritillary)
Limenitis
Limenitis arthemis (Red-spotted Admiral)
Limenitis arthemis ssp. rubrofasciata (Western White Admiral)
Nymphalis
Nymphalis antiopa (Mourning Cloak)
Nymphalis l-album
Phyciodes
Phyciodes cocyta
Polygonia
Polygonia faunus
Polygonia gracilis
Polygonia satyrus
Speyeria
Speyeria cybele
Speyeria hesperis (Northwestern Fritillary)
Vanessa
Vanessa atalanta (Red Admiral)
Vanessa cardui (Painted lady)

Oecophoridae
Brymblia
Brymblia quadrimaculella

Papilionidae
Papilio
Papilio canadensis (Canadian Tiger Swallowtail)
Papilio zelicaon

Pieridae
Colias
Colias eurytheme (Orange Sulfur)
Colias philodice (Clouded Sulfur)
Pieris
Pieris rapae (Cabbage White)
Pontia
Pontia occidentalis (Western White)

Plutellidae
Plutella
Plutella xylostella

Psychidae
Dahlica
Dahlica triquetrella (Narrow Lichen Case-Bearer)

Pterophoridae

Pyralidae

Dioryctria

Satyridae

Sphingidae

Ceratomia

Ceratomia undulosa (Waved Sphinx)

Hyles

Hyles gallii (Bedstraw Hawkmoth)

Smerinthus

Smerinthus jamaicensis (Twin-spotted Sphinx)

Sphinx

Tineidae

Tortricidae

Acleris

Acleris fuscana (Small Aspen Leaf-tier Moth)

Choristoneura

Choristoneura fumiferana

Epinotia

Epinotia radicana

Pelochrista

Pelochrista derelicta (Derelict Pelochrista Moth)

Mantodea

Mantidae

Mantis

Mantis religiosa (European Mantis)

Tenodera

Tenodera sinensis

Neuroptera

Chrysopidae (Green Lacewings)

Chrysopa

Chrysopa chi

Chrysopa coloradensis

Chrysopa nigricornis

Chrysopa oculata

Chrysoperla

Hemerobiidae (Brown Lacewings)

Hemerobius

Micromus

Wesmaelius

Odonata

Aeshnidae (Darners)

Aeshna

Aeshna eremita

Aeshna interrupta (Variable Darner)

Aeshna palmata

Aeshna umbrosa (Shadow Darner)
 Coenagrinoidea (Narrow-winged/Pond Damselfly)
 Enallagma (Bluets)
 Cordullidae (Emerald dragonflies)
 Epithea (Baskettails)
 Gomphidae (Clubtails)
 Ophiogomphus
 Ophiogomphus severus (Pale Snaketail)
 Lestidae (Spreadwings)
 Lestes
 Lestes congener (Spotted Spreadwing)
 Libellulidae (Skimmers)
 Libellula
 Libellula pulchella (Twelve-spotted Skimmer)
 Libellula quadrimaculata (Four-spotted Skimmer)
 Sympetrum
 Sympetrum corruptum (Variegated Meadowhawk)
 Sympetrum costiferum (Saffron-winged Meadowhawk)
 Sympetrum danae (Black Meadowhawk)
 Sympetrum internum
 Sympetrum semicinctum (Band-winged Meadowhawk)

Orthoptera

Acrididae
 Arphia
 Arphia conspersa
 Camnula
 Camnula pellucida (Clear-winged Grasshopper)
 Chloealtis
 Chloealtis abdominalis
 Chloealtis conspersa (Sprinkled Locust)
 Chortophaga
 Chortophaga viridifasciata (Green-striped Grasshopper)
 Circotettix
 Circotettix rabula (Wrangler Grasshopper)
 Dissosteira
 Dissosteira carolina (Carolina Grasshopper)
 Encoptolophus
 Encoptolophus costalis (Dusky Grasshopper)
 Melanoplus
 Melanoplus bivittatus (Two-striped Grasshopper)
 Melanoplus dawsoni (Dawson's Spur-throat Grasshopper)
 Melanoplus fasciatus (Huckleberry Spur-throat Grasshopper)
 Melanoplus femurrubrum (Red-legged Grasshopper)
 Phoetaliotes
 Phoetaliotes nebrascensis (Large-headed Grasshopper)
 Pseudo Chorthippus

Pseudochorthippus curtipennis (Marsh meadow grasshopper)

Trimerotropis

Trimerotropis verruculata (Crackling Forest Grasshopper)

Gryllidae

Rhaphidophoridae

Ceuthophilus

Tettigonidae

Conocephalus

Conocephalus fasciatus (Slender Meadow Katydid)

Conocephalus saltans (Prairie Meadow Katydid)

Scudderia

Scudderia pistillata (Broad-winged Bush Katydid)

Trigonidiidae

Allonemobius

Plecoptera

Chloroperlidae (Green stoneflies)

Alloperla

Leuctridae (Rolled wing stoneflies)

Perlidae

Calineuria

Calineuria californica

Claassenia

Claassenia sabulosa

Perlodidae

Psocodea

Siphonaptera

Thysanoptera

Trichoptera

Hydropsychidae

Leptoceridae

Limnephilidae

Limnephilus

Nemotaulius

Nemotaulius hostilis

Phryganeidae

Zygentoma

Threatened species in Calgary

iNaturalist uses different databases and guides to assign threatened species status to taxa, and the source used can be found on each species page. See this [iNaturalist forum](#) for more information. The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada ([COSEWIC](#)) provides assessments specifically for Albertan insects.

Hymenoptera

Bombus bohemicus (Bohemian Cuckoo Bumble Bee) – COSEWIC Status: **Endangered**
Bombus occidentalis (Western Bumble Bee) – COSEWIC Status: **Threatened**

Lepidoptera

Danaus plexippus (Monarch Butterfly) – COSEWIC Status: **Endangered**
Ochlodes sylvanoides (Woodland Skipper) - apparently secure in Alberta; imperiled (Saskatchewan)

Odonata

Libellula pulchella (Twelve-spotted Skimmer) - iNaturalist Endangered
Sympetrum corruptum (Variegated Meadowhawk) - iNaturalist Vulnerable
Sympetrum costiferum (Saffron-winged Meadowhawk) - iNaturalist Vulnerable

Introduced species in Calgary

Blattodea

Blattella germanica (German Cockroach)
Periplaneta australasiae (Australian Cockroach)

Coleoptera

Carabus granulatus (Granulated Ground Beetle)
Carabus nemoralis (Bronze Ground Beetle)
Coccinella septempunctata (Seven-Spotted Ladybug)
Diabrotica balteata (Banded Cucumber Beetle)
Hippodamia convergens (Convergent Lady Beetle)
Larinus carinae (Canada Thistle Bud Weevil)
Lilioceris lili (Lily Leaf Beetle)
Pterostichus melanarius (Rain Beetle)
Polydrusus impressifrons (Pale Green Weevil)
Otiorhynchus raucus
Rhinocyllus conicus (Nodding Thistle Receptacle Weevil)
Romualdius scaber (Crusted Root Weevil)
Sciaphilus asperatus (Strawberry Root Weevil)
Sitona hispidulus (Clover Weevil)

Diptera

Eristalis tenax (Common Drone Fly)

Neomyia cornicina

Syrirta pipiens (Thick-legged Hoverfly)

Hemiptera

Athysanus argentarius (Silver Leafhopper)

Doratura stylata

Philaenus spumarius (Meadow Spittlebug)

Hymenoptera

Apis mellifera (Western Honey Bee)

Cladius grandis (Hairy Poplar Sawfly)

Polistes dominula (European Paper Wasp)

Vespula germanica (German Yellowjacket)

Lepidoptera

Dahlica triquetrella (Narrow Lichen Case-Bearer)

Leucoma salicis (White Satin Moth)

Pieris rapae (Cabbage White)

Thera juniperata (Juniper Carpet)

Thymelicus lineola (European Skipper)

Mantodea

Mantis religiosa (European Mantis)

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IX. Appendix

Total number of insect diversity observed on iNaturalist and donated in 2022, with a comparison to the 2020 project. Numbers for higher taxonomic levels (e.g., order, family, genus) are inclusive. For example, Blattodea includes two observations, one of *Periplaneta australasiae* and one one of *Blattella*.

ZOOL 435 2022 Calgary Diversity	Number of iNaturalist Observations	Number of Donated Physical Specimens	Observed in 2020
Blattodea	2	5	yes
Blattidae	1		
<i>Periplaneta</i>	1		
<i>Periplaneta australasiae</i>	1		
Ectobiidae	1		yes
<i>Blattella</i>	1		yes
Coleoptera	379	95	yes
Attelabidae	4		
<i>Merhynchites</i>	4		
<i>Merhynchites wickhami</i>	4		
Buprestidae	4	1	yes
<i>Agrilus</i>	2		
<i>Agrilus ribesi</i>	1		
<i>Melanophila</i>	1		yes
<i>Melanophila acuminata</i>	1		yes
Cantharidae	1		
Carabidae	42	23	yes
<i>Agonum</i>	1		yes
<i>Amara</i>	4		yes
<i>Bembidion</i>	1		
<i>Carabus</i>	6		yes
<i>Carabus granulatus</i>	2		yes
<i>Carabus nemoralis</i>	4		yes
<i>Chlaenius</i>	1		
<i>Chlaenius sericeus</i>	1		
<i>Dicheirotrichus</i>	1		

<i>Harpalus</i>	1		
<i>Pterostichus</i>	18		yes
<i>Pterostichus melanarius</i>	11		yes
Cerambycidae	13	1	yes
<i>Anthophylax</i>	1		
<i>Anthophylax cyaneus</i>	1		
<i>Batyle</i>	1		
<i>Batyle suturalis</i>	1		
<i>Monochamus</i>	2		yes
<i>Monochamus scutellatus</i>	2		yes
<i>Stictoleptura</i>	1		yes
<i>Stictoleptura canadensis</i>	1		yes
<i>Xylotrechus</i>	1		
<i>Xylotrechus undulatus</i>	1		
Chrysomelidae	21		yes
<i>Lilioceris</i>	1		yes
<i>Lilioceris lili</i>	1		yes
Cleridae	2		yes
<i>Trichodes</i>	1		yes
<i>Trichodes nuttalli</i>	1		yes
Coccinellidae	205	35	yes
<i>Adalia</i>	33		yes
<i>Adalia bipunctata</i>	32		yes
<i>Anatis</i>	4		yes
<i>Anatis mali</i>	4		yes
<i>Calvia</i>	1		yes
<i>Calvia quatuordecimguttata</i>	1		yes
<i>Coccinella</i>	113		yes
<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>	113		yes
<i>Hippodamia</i>	45		yes
<i>Hippodamia convergens</i>	18		yes
<i>Hippodamia parenthesis</i>	23		yes
<i>Hippodamia sinuata</i>	1		yes
<i>Hippodamia tredecimpunctata</i>	2		yes
Curculionidae	26		yes

<i>Cryptorhynchus</i>	1		yes
<i>Cryptorhynchus lapathi</i>	1		yes
<i>Diaprepes</i>	1		
<i>Diaprepes abbreviatus</i>	1		
<i>Dorytomus</i>	1		
<i>Larinus</i>	1		yes
<i>Larinus carlinae</i>	1		yes
<i>Otiorhynchus</i>	13		yes
<i>Otiorhynchus ovatus</i>	5		yes
<i>Otiorhynchus raucus</i>	8		yes
<i>Polydrusus</i>	1		yes
<i>Polydrusus impressifrons</i>	1		yes
<i>Romualdius</i>	1		
<i>Romualdius scaber</i>	1		
<i>Sciaphilus</i>	1		
<i>Sciaphilus asperatus</i>	1		
<i>Sitona</i>	3		yes
<i>Sitona hispidulus</i>	3		yes
<i>Tournotaris</i>	1		
<i>Tournotaris bimaculatus</i>	1		
Dermestidae	9	2	yes
<i>Anthrenus</i>	4		
<i>Dermestes</i>	4		yes
<i>Dermestes lardarius</i>	4		yes
Dytiscidae	1	1	yes
<i>Rhantus</i>	1		yes
<i>Rhantus sericans</i>	1		yes
Elateridae	5		yes
<i>Selatosomus</i>	1		yes
Melandryidae	1	1	
<i>Enchodes</i>	1		
<i>Enchodes sericea</i>	1		
Meloidae	1		yes
Melyridae	1		yes
<i>Malachius</i>	0		

<i>Malachius aeneus</i>	0	1	
Orsodacnidae	3		
<i>Orsodacne</i>	3		
<i>Orsodacne atra</i>	3		
Scarabaeidae	3	2	yes
<i>Aphodius</i>	3		
<i>Aphodius pedellus</i>	1		
Silphidae	2		yes
<i>Nicrophorus</i>	1		
<i>Thanatophilus</i>	1		
<i>Thanatophilus lapponicus</i>	1		
Staphylinidae	3	1	yes
<i>Aleochara</i>	1		
Diptera	553	134	yes
Anisopodidae	5		
<i>Sylvicola</i>	3		
Anthomyiidae	19	1	yes
<i>Anthomyia</i>	1		
<i>Anthomyia oculifera</i>	1		
<i>Anthomyia procellaris</i>	0	1	
Asilidae	2		yes
Bombyliidae	5	1	yes
<i>Villa</i>	3		
<i>Villa fulviana</i>	1		
Calliphoridae	118	17	yes
<i>Calliphora</i>	18		
<i>Calliphora vicina</i>	3		
<i>Cynomya</i>	5		yes
<i>Cynomya cadaverina</i>	5		yes
<i>Lucilia</i>	88		yes
<i>Lucilia sericata</i>	49		yes
<i>Phormia</i>	2		
<i>Phormia regina</i>	2		
Cecidomyiidae	4		
<i>Harmandiola</i>	4		

Ceratopogonidae	1		
Chironomidae	30	7	yes
<i>Ablabesmyia</i>	1		
Chloropidae	4		
Clusiidae	1		
Culicidae	13	27	yes
<i>Aedes</i>	1		yes
<i>Culex</i>	1		yes
<i>Culiseta</i>	1		yes
Dixidae	1		
Dolichopodidae	3		yes
<i>Condyllostylus</i>	2		
<i>Dolichopus</i>	1		
Drosophilidae	7		yes
<i>Drosophila</i>	1		yes
<i>Scaptomyza</i>	1		
Ephydriidae	1		
Limoniidae	4		
Muscidae	37	18	yes
<i>Lispe</i>	2		
<i>Musca</i>	11		
<i>Musca domestica</i>	11		
<i>Neomyia</i>	1		yes
<i>Neomyia cornicina</i>	1		
Mycetophilidae	2		
Pallopteridae	1	1	yes
<i>Toxonevra</i>	0	1	yes
<i>Toxonevra superba</i>	0	1	
Phoridae	1		
Platypezidae	1		
Polleniidae	4		
<i>Pollenia</i>	4		
Sarcophagidae	10	10	yes
Scathophagidae	3		yes
<i>Scathophaga</i>	2		

Sciaridae	2		
Sciomyzidae	2		
<i>Elgiva</i>	1		
Sepsidae	2		
<i>Sepsis</i>	2		
Simuliidae	3		
<i>Simulium</i>	1		
Stratiomyidae	1		yes
<i>Microchrysa</i>	1		
Syrphidae	201	29	yes
<i>Blera</i>	1		
<i>Dasysyrphus</i>	1		
<i>Eristalis</i>	72		yes
<i>Eristalis hirta</i>	1		
<i>Eristalis stipator</i>	1		yes
<i>Eristalis tenax</i>	70		yes
<i>Eupeodes</i>	12		yes
<i>Eupeodes fumipennis</i>	5		yes
<i>Eupeodes volucris</i>	6		yes
<i>Lapposyrphus</i>	1		yes
<i>Lapposyrphus lapponicus</i>	1		yes
<i>Parasyrphus</i>	1		yes
<i>Platycheirus</i>	3		
<i>Scaeva</i>	24		yes
<i>Scaeva affinis</i>	24		yes
<i>Sphaerophoria</i>	6		yes
<i>Spilomyia</i>	1		
<i>Spilomyia sayi</i>	1		
<i>Syritta</i>	5		yes
<i>Syritta pipiens</i>	5		yes
<i>Syrphus</i>	43		yes
<i>Syrphus opinator</i>	11		yes
<i>Toxomerus</i>	4		yes
<i>Toxomerus marginatus</i>	4		yes
Tabanidae	0	2	yes

Tachinidae	7	2	yes
Tephritidae	0	2	yes
Tipulidae	7	2	yes
<i>Nephrotoma</i>	3		yes
<i>Tipula</i>	1		
Ulidiidae	2		yes
<i>Ceroxys</i>	1		yes
<i>Ceroxys latiusculus</i>	1		yes
Ephemeroptera	27	5	yes
Baetidae	3		yes
Ephemeridae	1		
<i>Hexagenia</i>	1		
Hemiptera	537	153	yes
Acanthosomatidae	2	1	
<i>Elasmotherus</i>	1		
<i>Elasmotherus cruciatus</i>	1		
Alydidae	9	7	yes
<i>Alydus</i>	6		yes
<i>Alydus conspersus</i>	3		yes
<i>Megalotomus</i>	1		yes
<i>Megalotomus quinquespinosus</i>	1		yes
Anthocoridae	0	2	yes
Aphididae	57	4	yes
Aphrophoridae	6	7	yes
<i>Philaenus</i>	3		yes
<i>Philaenus spumarius</i>	3		yes
Aradidae	2		yes
<i>Aradus</i>	2		yes
Caliscelidae	1		
Cicadellidae	9	20	yes
<i>Athysanus</i>	1		yes
<i>Athysanus argentarius</i>	1		yes
<i>Doratura</i>	1		yes
<i>Doratura stylata</i>	1		yes
<i>Gyponana</i>	1		

<i>Psammotettix</i>	1		
Coreidae	2	1	yes
<i>Leptoglossus</i>	2		yes
<i>Leptoglossus occidentalis</i>	2		yes
Corixidae	5	2	yes
Geocoridae	0	5	yes
Gerridae	13		yes
<i>Aquarius</i>	2		yes
<i>Aquarius remigis</i>	2		yes
<i>Gerris</i>	8		
Lygaeidae	2		yes
<i>Kleidocerys</i>	2		
Membracidae	4	1	yes
Miridae	152	44	yes
<i>Lopidea</i>	0	1	
<i>Lygus</i>	100		
<i>Lygus elisus</i>	1		
<i>Lygus lineolaris</i>	10		
Nabidae	9	14	yes
<i>Nabis</i>	4		
Notonectidae	3		yes
<i>Notonecta</i>	3		yes
Pentatomidae	16	7	yes
<i>Banasa</i>	5		yes
<i>Banasa dimidiata</i>	1		
<i>Cosmopepla</i>	1		yes
<i>Cosmopepla lintneriana</i>	1		yes
<i>Euschistus</i>	3		
<i>Euschistus tristigmus</i>	1		
<i>Holcostethus</i>	1		
<i>Holcostethus abbreviatus</i>	1		
Reduviidae	1		yes
Rhopalidae	51	12	yes
Rhyparochromidae	0	1	yes
<i>Boisea</i>	51		yes

<i>Boisea trivittata</i>	48	13	yes
Scutelleridae	3	3	yes
<i>Homaemus</i>	1		
<i>Homaemus aeneifrons</i>	1		
Tingidae	9	4	yes
<i>Corythucha</i>	2		yes
<i>Corythucha cydoniae</i>	1		
Hymenoptera	822	146	yes
Andrenidae	1		yes
Apidae	283	28	yes
<i>Apis</i>	126		yes
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	126	2	yes
<i>Bombus</i>	157		yes
<i>Bombus centralis</i>	2		yes
<i>Bombus cryptarum</i>	4		yes
<i>Bombus huntii</i>	9		yes
<i>Bombus nevadensis</i>	1		yes
<i>Bombus perplexus</i>	3		yes
<i>Bombus rufocinctus</i>	1		yes
<i>Bombus vancouverensis</i>	1		yes
Braconidae	3		
Colletidae	1		yes
<i>Hylaeus</i>	1		yes
Crabronidae	2		yes
<i>Pemphredon</i>	1		
Formicidae	152	43	yes
<i>Camponotus</i>	5		yes
<i>Camponotus herculeanus</i>	3		yes
<i>Formica</i>	96		yes
<i>Lasius</i>	14		yes
<i>Lasius neoniger</i>	2		yes
<i>Myrmica</i>	6		yes
Halictidae	11	4	yes
<i>Halictus</i>	3		yes
<i>Halictus rubicundus</i>	2		yes

<i>Lasioglossum</i>	7		yes
Ichneumonidae	7	27	yes
<i>Ophion</i>	1		yes
Megachilidae	6	1	yes
<i>Coelioxys</i>	1		yes
<i>Megachile</i>	2		yes
Sphecidae	1		yes
<i>Sceliphron</i>	1		yes
<i>Sceliphron caementarium</i>	1		yes
Vespidae	108	30	yes
<i>Ancistrocerus</i>	3		yes
<i>Dolichovespula</i>	9		yes
<i>Dolichovespula arenaria</i>	8		yes
<i>Dolichovespula maculata</i>	1		yes
<i>Polistes</i>	1		yes
<i>Polistes dominula</i>	1		yes
<i>Pseudepipona</i>	1		yes
<i>Pseudepipona herrichii</i>	1		yes
<i>Stenodynerus</i>	1		
<i>Stenodynerus anormis</i>	1		
<i>Vespula</i>	90		yes
<i>Vespula atropilosa</i>	18		yes
<i>Vespula germanica</i>	3		yes
<i>Vespula pennsylvanica</i>	65		yes
Lepidoptera	277	50	yes
Alucitidae	18	3	yes
<i>Alucita</i>	18		yes
<i>Alucita montana</i>	2		
Coleophoridae	1		
<i>Coleophora</i>	1		
Cossidae	1		
Crambidae	8		yes
<i>Agriphila</i>	2		
<i>Chrysoteuchia</i>	1		yes
<i>Chrysoteuchia topiarius</i>	1		yes

<i>Loxostege</i>	2		
<i>Loxostege munroeaalis</i>	1		
Erebidae	13		yes
<i>Caenurgina</i>	1		
<i>Gnophaela</i>	8		yes
<i>Gnophaela vermiculata</i>	8		yes
<i>Leucoma</i>	1		yes
<i>Leucoma salicis</i>	1		yes
<i>Lophocampa</i>	2		
<i>Lophocampa maculata</i>	2		
<i>Zale</i>	1		
Geometridae	14	3	yes
<i>Alsophila</i>	1		yes
<i>Alsophila pometaria</i>	1		yes
<i>Aplocera</i>	1		
<i>Erannis</i>	5		yes
<i>Erannis tiliaria</i>	4		yes
<i>Eupithecia</i>	1		
<i>Hesperumia</i>	1		
<i>Hesperumia sulphuraria</i>	1		
<i>Horisme</i>	1		
<i>Horisme intestinata</i>	1		
<i>Scopula</i>	1		
<i>Scopula junctaria</i>	1		
<i>Thera</i>	1		yes
<i>Thera juniperata</i>	1		yes
Gracillariidae	2		
<i>Caloptilia</i>	1		
<i>Caloptilia fraxinella</i>	1		
<i>Phyllocnistis</i>	1		
<i>Phyllocnistis populiella</i>	1		
Hesperiidae	29	3	yes
<i>Ochlodes</i>	17		yes
<i>Ochlodes sylvanoides</i>	17	2	yes
<i>Thymelicus</i>	9		yes

<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>	9		yes
Lasiocampidae	1		yes
<i>Malacosoma</i>	1		yes
<i>Malacosoma disstria</i>	1		yes
Lycaenidae	10	1	yes
<i>Glaucopsyche</i>	8		yes
<i>Glaucopsyche lygdamus</i>	8		yes
<i>Tharsalea</i>	1		
<i>Tharsalea helloides</i>	1		
Noctuidae	35		yes
<i>Autographa</i>	18		yes
<i>Autographa californica</i>	14		yes
<i>Caradrina</i>	2		
<i>Caradrina montana</i>	2		
<i>Dargida</i>	1		yes
<i>Dargida procinctus</i>	1		yes
<i>Feltia</i>	1		yes
<i>Feltia jaculifera</i>	1		yes
<i>Nephelodes</i>	1		
<i>Nephelodes minians</i>	1		
<i>Noctua</i>	1		
Nymphalidae	28	3	yes
<i>Aglais</i>	2		yes
<i>Aglais milberti</i>	2	2	yes
<i>Caligo</i>	1		
<i>Caligo telamonius</i>	1		
<i>Cercyonis</i>	3		yes
<i>Cercyonis pegala</i>	3		yes
<i>Coenonympha</i>	3		yes
<i>Coenonympha californica</i>	3		
<i>Euphydryas</i>	1		
<i>Euphydryas anicia</i>	1		
<i>Euptoieta</i>	1		yes
<i>Euptoieta claudia</i>	1		yes
<i>Limnitis</i>	1		yes

<i>Limenitis arthemis</i>	1	1	yes
<i>Nymphalis</i>	6		yes
<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>	5		yes
<i>Nymphalis l-album</i>	1		
<i>Phyciodes</i>	1		yes
<i>Phyciodes cocyta</i>	1		
<i>Polygonia</i>	5		yes
<i>Polygonia faunus</i>	2		
<i>Polygonia gracilis</i>	1		
<i>Polygonia satyrus</i>	2		
<i>Speyeria</i>	2		yes
<i>Speyeria cybele</i>	1		
<i>Speyeria hesperis</i>	1		yes
<i>Vanessa</i>	1		yes
<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	1		yes
Oecophoridae	1		
<i>Brymbia</i>	1		
<i>Brymbia quadrimaculella</i>	1		
Papilionidae	1		yes
<i>Papilio</i>	1		yes
<i>Papilio zelicaon</i>	1		
Pieridae	39	9	yes
<i>Colias</i>	10		yes
<i>Colias eurytheme</i>	1		yes
<i>Colias philodice</i>	6		yes
<i>Pieris</i>	16		yes
<i>Pieris rapae</i>	16		yes
<i>Pontia</i>	13		yes
<i>Pontia occidentalis</i>	13		yes
Plutellidae	12		
<i>Plutella</i>	12		
<i>Plutella xylostella</i>	11		
Pterophoridae	1		yes
Pyralidae	1		
<i>Dioryctria</i>	1		

Satyridae	0	1	
Sphingidae	6		yes
<i>Ceratomia</i>	1		yes
<i>Ceratomia undulosa</i>	1		yes
<i>Hyles</i>	5		yes
<i>Hyles gallii</i>	5		yes
Tineidae	1		
Tortricidae	7		yes
<i>Choristoneura</i>	1		
<i>Choristoneura fumiferana</i>	1		
<i>Epinotia</i>	1		
<i>Epinotia radicana</i>	1		
Mantodea	1		yes
Mantidae	1		yes
<i>Tenodera</i>	1		
<i>Tenodera sinensis</i>	1		
Neuroptera	35	13	yes
Chrysopidae	25		yes
<i>Chrysopa</i>	5		yes
<i>Chrysopa chi</i>	1		
<i>Chrysopa coloradensis</i>	2		
<i>Chrysopa nigricornis</i>	1		
<i>Chrysopa oculata</i>	1		yes
<i>Chrysoperla</i>	8		yes
Hemerobiidae	7		yes
<i>Hemerobius</i>	2		
<i>Wesmaelius</i>	1		
Odonata	157	30	yes
Aeshnidae	13		yes
<i>Aeshna</i>	8		yes
<i>Aeshna eremita</i>	1		
<i>Aeshna interrupta</i>	4		yes
<i>Aeshna palmata</i>	1		
<i>Aeshna umbrosa</i>	1		yes
Coenagrionidae	10	2	yes

<i>Enallagma</i>	8		yes
Gomphidae	2		yes
<i>Ophiogomphus</i>	2		yes
<i>Ophiogomphus severus</i>	2		yes
Lestidae	25	10	yes
<i>Lestes</i>	25		yes
<i>Lestes congener</i>	4		yes
Libellulidae	59	18	yes
<i>Sympetrum</i>	57		yes
<i>Sympetrum costiferum</i>	16		yes
<i>Sympetrum danae</i>	11		yes
<i>Sympetrum internum</i>	1		
<i>Sympetrum semicinatum</i>	8		yes
Orthoptera	201	52	yes
Acrididae	180	49	yes
<i>Arphia</i>	1		yes
<i>Arphia conspersa</i>	1		
<i>Camnula</i>	4		yes
<i>Camnula pellucida</i>	4		yes
<i>Chloealtis</i>	2		yes
<i>Chloealtis abdominalis</i>	2		
<i>Chortophaga</i>	2		yes
<i>Chortophaga viridifasciata</i>	2		yes
<i>Dissosteira</i>	11		yes
<i>Dissosteira carolina</i>	11		yes
<i>Encoptolophus</i>	3		yes
<i>Encoptolophus costalis</i>	3		yes
<i>Melanoplus</i>	126		yes
<i>Melanoplus bivittatus</i>	67		yes
<i>Melanoplus dawsoni</i>	21		yes
<i>Melanoplus fasciatus</i>	1		yes
<i>Pseudochorthippus</i>	13		yes
<i>Pseudochorthippus curtipennis</i>	13		yes
Gryllidae	0	1	yes
Rhaphidophoridae	1		yes

Tettigoniidae	3	2	yes
<i>Conocephalus</i>	3		yes
<i>Conocephalus fasciatus</i>	1		yes
<i>Conocephalus saltans</i>	2		yes
Trigonidiidae	2		yes
<i>Allonemobius</i>	2		yes
Plecoptera	7		yes
Perlidae	3		
<i>Calineuria</i>	1		
<i>Calineuria californica</i>	1		
<i>Claassenia</i>	1		
<i>Claassenia sabulosa</i>	1		
Perlodidae	2		yes
Psocodea	2	7	yes
Siphonaptera	0	1	yes
Thysanoptera	3	1	yes
Trichoptera	6	1	yes
Hydropsychidae	1		yes
Phryganeidae	1		
Zygentoma	1		