

## Great Canadian Bioblitz Grants

The Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) invites naturalists to partake in the 2026 Great Canadian Bioblitz. From September 18 to 27, participants can help map out Canada's immense biodiversity and document some of Canada's most elusive species. The Canadian Wildlife Federation is offering grants to help individuals and groups organize regional bioblitzes during the Great Canadian Bioblitz, and for naturalists seeking to undertake surveys targeting underrepresented species in iNaturalist.

*Deadline to applying for all grant streams: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 23:59 EST.*

### Stream 1: Community Bioblitz Event Funding

CWF is offering five grants of up to \$2,000 to support individuals and organizations to plan and execute a bioblitz during the 2026 Great Canadian Bioblitz. There is also one additional flagship grant (up to \$5,000) available for one group to plan a collaborative community bioblitz with CWF staff. Please note in your application if you'd like to be considered for the flagship grant in addition to being considered for the Stream 1 community bioblitz funding.

#### Requirements:

- Applicants must commit to using iNaturalist to collect all bioblitz observations
- Applicants must recognize CWF at their event and on promotional materials (logos will be provided)
- The event must take place during the observation period of the Great Canadian Bioblitz (September 18 to 27, 2026)
- Observations must be uploaded to iNaturalist before the end of the identification period of the Great Canadian Bioblitz (by the end of the day October 4, 2026)
- For the flagship grant, additional requirements include:
  - Applicants must commit to having CWF staff host a table or booth at the event
  - Communications and advertising would be cobranded with CWF
  - Applicants must be confident of a large community participation in your event
  - A robust communications plan
- Successful applicants must provide a one-to-two-page summary to CWF no later than the end of the identification period, outlining the following:
  - Any interesting finds or outcomes from the event, and links to the iNaturalist observation(s)
  - Number of participants
  - Minimum of one testimonial/quote from an organizer, expert, or participant
  - How CWF was recognized at the event
  - Any relevant photos from the event (participants, species/observations, event setup, etc.)

#### Eligible expenses:

- Equipment needed for the bioblitz
- Honorariums, contract for species experts or event delivery
- Travel expenses

- Rentals and other related costs of hosting your event

Submission requirements:

- A paragraph about the planned event
- Information about the applicant/organization's ability, skills, or experience to deliver the event
- Location, date, and anticipated number of participants
- Identify any partners and organizations involved in the event
- A communications plan, including how the event will be advertised and promoted in the community and/or on social media
- A detailed budget, breaking down and clearly outlining expenses
- To be considered for the flagship bioblitz funding, in addition to the above requirements, please also include:
  - A paragraph or two as to how your event would benefit from CWF staff presence
  - Any hyperlinks or articles related to past bioblitz events, iNaturalist projects, or other relevant information explaining your experience with medium-large scale community events

## **Stream 2: Species Survey Funding**

CWF is offering 10 grants of up to \$1,000 each to support researchers, or small groups of species experts/naturalists with expertise to survey for underrepresented species in iNaturalist during the Great Canadian Bioblitz.

Requirements:

- Applicants must commit to using iNaturalist to collect all bioblitz observations
- The event must take place during the observation period of the Great Canadian Bioblitz (September 18 to 27, 2026)
- Priority will be given to surveys targeting one or more species from CWF's [priority species list](#), but applicants can propose a species not on the list, provided they justify the importance and relevance
- Observations must be uploaded to iNaturalist before the end of the identification period of the Great Canadian Bioblitz (by the end of the day on October 4, 2026)
- Successful applicants must provide a one-to-two-page summary to CWF no later than the end of the identification period, outlining:
  - Survey results, including number of target species and links to exemplary iNaturalist observations
  - Interesting finds of non-target species and links to the iNaturalist observations
  - Any relevant photos (ex. field team, species, equipment setup, etc.)
  - Stories from the event are also encouraged!

Eligible expenses:

- Equipment needed for the surveys
- Travel expenses and accommodation costs
- Rentals and other related field work costs
- Honorarium, contract or stipend for species specialist

Submission requirements:

- A paragraph regarding the location and/or target species and why it is important to collect additional survey data
- Information about the applicant's ability, skills, or experience to survey for the target species
- iNaturalist profiles for the applicant, and other individuals involved if applicable (optional)
- Location, date, and anticipated number of participants
- Identify any partners and organizations involved in the event
- A detailed budget, breaking down and clearly outlining expenses

### **Additional information for all grant streams**

For all streams, ineligible expenses include: administration costs, and non-specific overhead costs. Funds will be provided to successful applicants after the event is held and upon submission of a complete report along with an invoice detailing the expenses.

### **Application submission**

To apply, please send in your application as a single PDF document to [inaturalist@cwf-fcf.org](mailto:inaturalist@cwf-fcf.org) with "Great Canadian Bioblitz Grant Application" in the subject line, and please indicate which stream(s) you are applying for within the body of the e-mail.

### **Notification of decision**

All applicants will receive a letter of notification once a decision has been reached. Should you have any questions regarding your application or the application process, please contact [inaturalist@cwf-fcf.org](mailto:inaturalist@cwf-fcf.org).