



California is the most biodiverse state in the U.S. and one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet. But that biodiversity is disappearing at a high rate, and it will take direct action to reverse that trend.

We hope you will join us in celebrating **California Biodiversity Day on Sept. 7, 2019**. This annual event promotes the state's exceptional biodiversity and encourages actions to protect it.

Much of our economy depends on California's diversity and the services it supports, such as pollination, clean water, open space, recreation, scenic beauty and tourism. Protecting that biological richness and abundance requires information on where biodiversity is found, and that's where all Californians can help.

On Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8, we are encouraging Californians to get out and explore nature, including by attending one of several "biodiversity open houses" at state parks, wildlife refuges and ecological reserves. We're also inviting folks to help document our biodiversity by taking pictures of plants and wildlife using the popular iNaturalist app, developed by the California Academy of Sciences in partnership with National Geographic.

Here's How You Can Participate:

- Visit one of several "biodiversity open houses" at state parks, wildlife areas and ecological reserves around the state on September 7. Check out the list [here](#).
- Help document California's rich plant and animal life using iNaturalist, a popular nature app created by the California Academy of Sciences in partnership with National Geographic. Get more info [here](#).
- Share information on Biodiversity Day on social media using #CABiodiversityDay. Get our social media toolkit [here](#).
- Spread the word with your colleagues.
- Join California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot and an expert panel for a lively discussion on California's biodiversity challenge on September 5. Get more information [here](#).

More details can be found at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/biodiversity>. We hope you'll join us!