

Objective 1000 @Jardin Massart

citizen science project inventory insect fauna





Botanical Garden Jean Massart

4.5 ha 1,500 plant species Natura 2000 site





situated border Brussels and Sonian forest

- 1 humid area: swamp, ponds
- 2 orchard on dry grassland
- 3 medicinal plants
- 4 arboretum
- 5 evolution garden



Objective 1000 @JardinMassart project goal

inventory of at least 1,000 species of insects & spiders

Who did it?

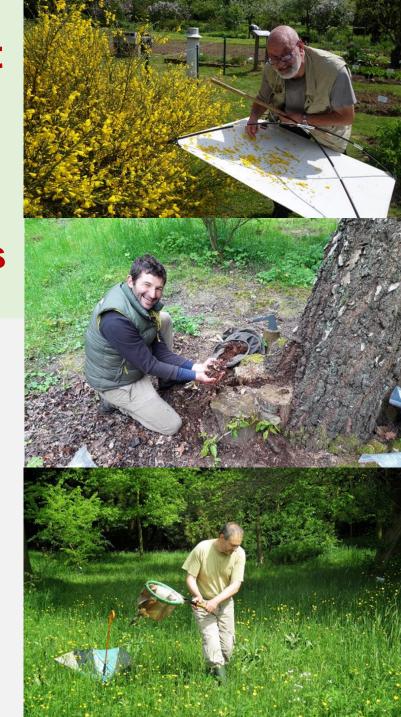
citizen scientists: entomologists researchers

 36
 57
 65

 2016
 2019
 2021

10 EU nationalities

nature photographers joined the team





Objective 1000 @JardinMassart project results

Initial goal 1,000 species but...

more than 3,000 species

1,200 > **2,800 3,417** (25 Oct) 2016 2019 2021

beetles: 1,303 species or 30% of Belgian fauna spiders: 214 species or 30% of Belgian fauna some families >30%: ladybirds (Coccinelidae) 51%

Amazing unexpected high diversity

- > 60 new species Belgian fauna
- very rare species
- new species for science

Reason high diversity?

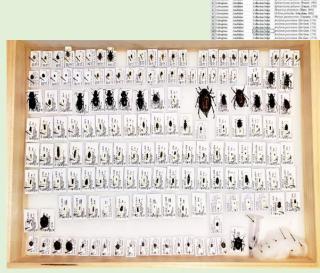
- diversity microhabitats
- management
- nest and hibernation sites insects







Objective 1000 @JardinMassart project outputs



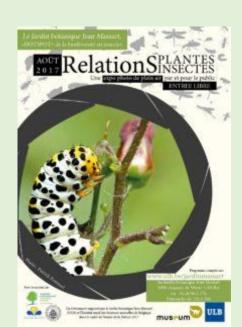
30 scientific papers

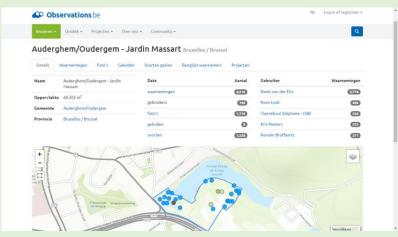
https://www.researchgate.net/project/Entomologicalsurvey-in-the-botanical-garden-Jean-Massart-Brussels-Capital-Region-Belgium#projectLog



travelling exhibition relationship plants and insects

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observations access at

https://observations.be/locations/72818/

Save the date: May 2022

Celebration of the centennial of the Botanical Garden Jean Massart





Thank you



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