



# Certified Wildlife Habitat<sup>®</sup> Application



Use this form to certify your wildlife-friendly habitat garden in your yard, school grounds, place of worship, or anywhere in your community. If the habitat meets the basic requirements, you'll join the growing movement of Wildlife Gardeners and receive a personalized certificate suitable for framing, a National Wildlife Federation membership, a subscription to the award-winning National Wildlife<sup>®</sup> magazine, a 10% discount on National Wildlife Federation catalog products, and opportunity to display a yard sign. You can also submit this application online at [nwf.org/garden](http://nwf.org/garden).

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**Property owner or organization** \_\_\_\_\_

If you are filling out this application for someone else, please write their name in the space provided above.

**If organization, contact person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) to Appear on Certificate** \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum 30 characters, spaces included. (Personalized certificates are final, all future change requests will result in a \$5 change order fee. Please apply online to preview your personalized certificate)

**Address of Habitat** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Province** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Check the option that best describes your habitat.**

- Home
- Pre-K-12 School
- Organization / Institute (Choose type below)
  - Business / Corporation
  - College / University
  - Farm
  - Roadside / Right-of-Way
  - Community Garden
  - Government Building / Property
  - Place of Worship
  - Museum
  - Nature Center / Educational Setting
  - Park / Forest / Refuge
  - Other

## Food Sources

Plants provide the basic foods for wildlife. Feeders can be used as a supplemental source of food. Remember that some creatures will become food for others in a balanced habitat. Encourage a natural diversity of wildlife in your yard to ensure a healthy ecosystem. How do you provide food for wildlife? (Minimum requirement: 3)

### PLANT FOODS:

- Seeds
- Nuts
- Pollen
- Berries
- Fruits
- Foliage/Twigs
- Nectar
- Sap

### SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDERS:

- Seed
- Suet
- Squirrel
- Butterfly
- Hummingbird

## Water Sources

Wildlife need a clean water source for drinking and bathing. How do you provide water for wildlife? (Minimum requirement: 1)

- Birdbath
- Water Garden/Pond
- Shallow Dish
- Butterfly Puddling Area
- Lake
- Rain Garden
- Stream/River
- Spring
- Seasonal Pool
- Ocean

## Places for Cover

Wildlife need shelter from bad weather and hiding places—for both predators and prey. How do you provide cover for wildlife? (Minimum requirement: 2)

- Wooded Area
- Dense Shrubs/Thicket
- Bramble Patch
- Evergreens
- Ground Cover
- Brush/Log Pile
- Rock Pile/Wall
- Burrow
- Cave
- Meadow/Prairie
- Roosting Box
- Water Garden/Pond

## Places to Raise Young

In order to provide complete habitat, you must provide places for wildlife to engage in courtship behavior and to mate, and then to bear and raise their young. How do you provide places to raise young for wildlife? (Minimum requirement: 2)

- Mature Trees
- Dead Trees/Snags
- Meadow/Prairie
- Dense Shrubs/Thicket
- Nesting Box
- Water Garden/Pond
- Wetland
- Burrow
- Host Plants for Caterpillars
- Cave

## Sustainable Gardening Practices

How you manage your garden or landscape can have an effect on the health of the soil, air, water and habitat for wildlife—as well as for the people. Some practices are more environmentally-friendly and sustainable. How do you garden sustainably?

(You need to employ practices from at least two of the three categories below to help manage your habitat in a sustainable way—to better help wildlife, we advocate employing one or more practices from each category.)

### SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

- Limit Water Use
- Collect Rain Water
- Rain Garden
- Plant Buffer Around Bodies of Water
- Xeriscape (water-wise landscaping)
- Drip or Soaker Hose for Irrigation
- Use Mulch or Ground Cover to Retain Soil Moisture and Limit Erosion
- Reduce or Eliminate Lawn

### CONTROLLING EXOTIC SPECIES

- Practice Integrated Pest Management
- Remove Invasive Exotic Species
- Keep Cats Indoors
- Use Native Plants

### ORGANIC PRACTICES

- Eliminate Chemical Pesticides
- Eliminate Chemical Fertilizers
- Create Compost Pile



## To apply, please send:

- This Completed Application - REQUIRED
  - \$20 Application Fee\* (non-refundable) - REQUIRED
- \*Applications Fee Waived for Pre-K-12 School Habitats

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Allow 4-6 weeks for processing. Please keep a copy of this application for your records.