

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION®

Certified WILDLIFE Habitat™

Attracting Wildlife

National Wildlife Federation can help you make your garden a haven for wildlife with its Certified Wildlife Habitat™ program. Just provide the things that animals need most. It's that simple!



Components of Habitat

There are four basic elements of a Certified Wildlife Habitat™:

Food

Native plants provide wildlife with nectar, seeds and berries used by an exciting variety of wildlife. Feeders can supplement natural food sources.

Water

All animals need water to survive and some need it for bathing or breeding as well.

Cover

Wildlife need shelter from bad weather and hiding places—for both predators and prey.

Places to Raise Young

Wildlife need special habitat for bearing and raising young.



Visit www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife for more great tips on attracting wildlife!

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Campaign Connects Children and Families with Nature

NWF's Be Out There inspires caregivers to spend daily time outside with the children in their lives. Studies show more time in nature may be the best kind of nurture. Find outdoor activities and events online at www.beoutthere.org



Already Certified?

Neighbors, friends and wildlife will easily recognize your yard as animal-friendly with these handsome signs. The \$30 classic sign is weatherproof and made from recycled aluminum.



Durable and environmentally-friendly, the decorative plaque is made from rust-free recycled aluminum and is available in green with gold lettering in your choice of wall mount \$89 or lawn mount \$99. To learn more or to place an order, please visit www.nwf.org/certifiedsign



Get Certified!

National Wildlife Federation® has been helping people nurture wildlife for nearly 40 years. Once you provide the basic elements of habitat, you can submit your garden for official certification!

Who Can Certify?

Any site can be recognized as a certified habitat, regardless of size. Whether it's your backyard, local park, schoolyard, rooftop garden or corporate landscape, National Wildlife Federation® wants to recognize all efforts to restore habitats for wildlife.

Certifying a site is as simple as providing the four habitat components – food, water, cover, places to raise young – and practicing sustainable gardening techniques such as eliminating pesticides, conserving water and planting native species.



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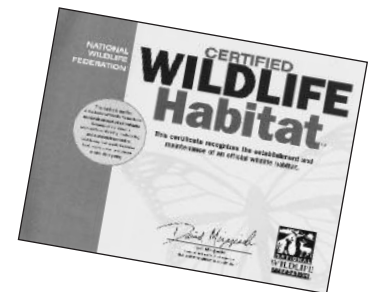
Why Certify?

Aside from offering wildlife a wonderful place to thrive, you'll be eligible for the following benefits, including:

- A certificate for your wildlife habitat
- A free one-year membership to NWF which includes a subscription to **National Wildlife**® magazine and a 10% discount on all NWF catalog merchandise
- A subscription to *Wildlife Online* – Habitats edition e-newsletter
- An optional press release for your local newspaper announcing your certification
- Inclusion in NWF's National Registry of Habitats
- Eligibility to purchase and post an attractive yard sign to display your commitment to wildlife conservation and the environment

Ready to Certify Your Habitat?

Visit www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife where you can certify your wildlife habitat directly online. Before you know it, your yard or garden space will be a thriving habitat, enjoyed by you, your family and wildlife!



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Habitat Certification Application

Use this form to certify a wildlife-friendly space in your yard, school, or anywhere in your community. Do your best to answer the questions and we'll make suggestions if something is missing. If your habitat meets the requirements, you'll receive a personalized certificate suitable for framing and become a member of National Wildlife Federation, receiving our award-winning National Wildlife® magazine and a 10% discount on all NWF catalog merchandise. For questions call 1-800-822-9919 or certify online at www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife



Have you ever certified before? Yes No If yes, what is your habitat # _____?

If yes, have you moved _____ or is this for a second property _____?

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.

Address of Habitat _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

In what type of area is your property?

Urban Suburban Rural

What is the size of your property?

< 1/8 acre 1/8 - 1/4 acre

1/4 - 1 acre 1 - 5 acres

5 - 10 acres > 10 acres

Check the option that best describes your habitat.

Home

Apartment

Business/ Corporation

Park/Community Garden

Farm

Place of Worship

School/ University/ College

Nature Center/ Educational Setting

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/
 ___ Nectar ___ Sap Twigs

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

To apply, please send: Completed application - REQUIRED
 \$20 non-refundable application fee - REQUIRED

TO: NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION w P.O. Box 1583 w Merrifield, VA 22116-1583
 Allow 4-6 weeks for processing. Please keep a copy of this application for your records.

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