

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 the National Wildlife Federation (a \$15 value), receiving our award-winning *National Wildlife* magazine. For questions call 1-800-822-9919 or certify online at www.nwf.org/certify.



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 ?

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

Name _____ Organization (if applicable) _____

Name(s) to Appear on Certificate (if different from above) _____

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/Balcony
 Workplace Park/Community Garden
 Farm Place of Worship
 School/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
 Berries Fruits
 Nectar Sap
 Foliage/Twigs Pollen

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
 Lake River
 Stream Butterfly Puddling Area
 Seasonal Pool Rain Garden
 Ocean Spring

PLACES FOR COVER: Wildlife need places to find shelter from the weather and from predators. 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
- Cave
- Host Plants for Caterpillars

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 native wildlife – as well as the human community. What sustainable gardening techniques do you employ to help conserve resources? (Minimum requirement: 2)

Soil and Water Conservation:

- Riparian Buffer
- Capture Rain Water from Roof
- Xeriscape (water-wise landscaping)
- Drip or Soaker Hose for Irrigation
- Limit Water Use
- Reduce Erosion (ie. ground cover, terraces)
- Use Mulch
- Rain Garden

Controlling Exotic Species:

- Practice Integrated Pest Management
- Remove Non-native Plants & Animals
- Use Native Plants
- Reduce Lawn Areas

Organic Practices:

- Eliminate Chemical Pesticides
- Eliminate Chemical Fertilizers
- Compost



To apply, please send: Completed application - REQUIRED
 \$15 non-refundable application fee - REQUIRED

TO: NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION* • P. O. Box 1583 • Merrifield, VA 22116-1583

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

