

# 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 our requirements, you'll become a member of the National Wildlife Federation and receive a beautiful, personalized certificate suitable for framing. For questions call 1-800-822-9919 or certify online at [www.nwf.org/bwh](http://www.nwf.org/bwh).



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

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

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?

0-1/8 acre  1/8-1/4 acre

1/4-1/2 acre  1/2-1 acre

1-5 acres  over 5 acres

## Check the option that best describes your habitat.

Home  Apartment/Rooftop Garden

Workplace  Community Garden/Park

Farm  Place of Worship

Educational Setting/School

## WILDLIFE: Please check the types of wildlife that your habitat supports.

Insects/invertebrates  Fish

Amphibians  Reptiles

Mammals  Birds

**FOOD:** Plants are the best food source 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

**Feeder Types:**  Tube  Platform

Suet  Squirrel

Hummingbird  Butterfly

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

Birdbath  Water Garden/Pond

Lakefront  Riverfront

Stream  Puddling Area

Seasonal Pond  Wetland

Coastal  Spring

**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 Pile
- Log Pile             Rock Pile/Wall
- Caves                 Meadow/Prairie
- Roosting Box       Water Garden/Pond
- Burrows

**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             Burrows
- Caves
- Host Plants for Caterpillars to Live on

**PLANT LIST:** Plant communities form the foundation of habitat for all wildlife. Plants that are native to your region are best. Please check the plant types that grow in your habitat. You may also list as many species as you can identify in the space provided or attach a list to this application.

- Evergreen trees     Deciduous trees
- Evergreen shrubs    Deciduous shrubs
- Vines                 Wildflowers
- Grasses and grass-like plants
- Aquatic plants      Cacti/succulents
- Ferns                 Other

**Plant Species:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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)

**Water Conservation:**

- Vegetative Buffer Zone Around Water Feature
- Rain Garden
- Capture Rain Water from Roof
- Xeriscape
- Drip or Soaker Hose for Irrigation
- Reducing Lawn Areas
- Reducing Erosion
- Eliminating Chemical Pesticides
- Eliminating Chemical Fertilizers
- Mulching

**Soil Conservation:**

- Mulching
- Reducing Erosion
- Composting
- Eliminating Chemical Pesticides
- Eliminating Chemical Fertilizers

**Controlling Exotic Species:**

- Monitor Nesting Boxes
- Keeping Your Cat Indoors
- Removing Invasive Plants
- Restoring Native Plants
- Reducing Lawn Areas

**Organic Practices:**

- Eliminating Chemical Pesticides
- Eliminating Chemical Fertilizers
- Encouraging Pest Predators
- Composting

**To apply, please send:**  Completed application - REQUIRED  
 \$15 non-refundable application fee - REQUIRED  
 Photos, sketches or other attachments - OPTIONAL \*

**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.

\* Although not required, you are encouraged to send us a simple sketch and/or photos (limit 5) of your habitat. Please include your name and address on the back of each sketch or photo. Photos and sketches will not be returned.

