

# 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](http://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/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  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
- Shallow Dish
- Lake
- Stream/River
- Seasonal Pool
- Water Garden/Pond
- Butterfly Puddling Area
- Rain Garden
- Spring
- 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
- Bramble Patch
- Ground Cover
- Rock Pile/Wall
- Cave
- Roosting Box
- Dense Shrubs/Thicket
- Evergreens
- Brush/Log Pile
- Burrow
- Meadow/Prairie
- 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
- Meadow/Prairie
- Nesting Box
- Wetland
- Host Plants for Caterpillars
- Dead Trees/Snags
- Dense Shrubs/Thicket
- Water Garden/Pond
- Burrow
- 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 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 (i.e. ground cover, terraces)
- Use Mulch
- Rain Garden

**Controlling Exotic Species:**


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

**Organic Practices:**

- Eliminate Chemical Pesticides
- Eliminate Chemical Fertilizers
- Compost

**To apply, please send:**  Completed application - REQUIRED  
 \$20 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.

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