

Application for Certification

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Take heart, you needn't be a zoologist or botanist to fill out this application. The National Wildlife Federation looks forward to acknowledging your efforts in providing habitat for wildlife where you live or work. Do your best to fill out this application, and if there are problems, we'll get back to you with some suggestions. Within 6-8 weeks of receiving your application, we'll send you a beautiful personalized certificate suitable for framing and you have the option of purchasing a yard sign to educate others about your project.



BACKYARD WILDLIFE
HABITAT[™]
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CONTACT INFORMATION *(Please TYPE or PRINT legibly)*

Applicant Name _____

Organization Name (if applicable) _____

Name(s) to Appear on Certificate _____

Address of Habitat _____

City _____ County _____

State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

Office Use:

Habitat # _____

Fee Rcvd. _____

Certified _____

Cert. Sent _____

BWH Type _____

If you are applying for someone else, please provide your contact information:

Contact Name _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Size (approx. acres) _____

Have you ever applied for certification before? Yes No If yes, list Habitat # _____

If yes, is this application for New Property (\$15 fee waived if you are certifying a new property) Second Property

Is your property Urban Suburban Rural

How long have you been gardening for wildlife at this property? _____

Did a Habitat Steward or Host assist you? No Yes - Name of Steward or Host _____

PROCESSING INFORMATION *(Allow 6-8 Weeks for Processing)*

\$15 Application Fee enclosed

This fee covers our processing and handling costs and is non-refundable. Make checks out to:

**National Wildlife Federation
Backyard Wildlife Habitat Applications
11100 Wildlife Center Drive
Reston, VA 20190-5362
(703) 438-6434**



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I want an additional certificate. I've included an additional \$5 for each extra copy of the certificate.

Please keep a copy of this application for your records.

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or call (716) 461-3092 to purchase your Backyard Wildlife Habitat Planning Packet.

HABITAT INFORMATION

- 1. Plant List:** Plant communities form the foundation of habitat for all wildlife. Plants that are native to your region are best. Please try to list the trees, shrubs, grasses, perennials, annuals, ferns, cacti, etc. that grow in your habitat. Also indicate an approximate quantity of each species. (Attachments welcome – see #8.)

- 2. Food:** Plants are the best food source for wildlife. Feeders can be used as a supplemental source of food. Remember some creatures will become food for others in a balanced habitat. Be sure to encourage a diversity of wildlife in your yard to ensure a healthy ecosystem. Tell us how you provide food:

Plant Foods: Seeds Nuts Berries Fruits Nectar Foliage/Twigs Sap Pollen
Feeder Type: Tube Platform Suet Hummingbird Other _____

- 3. Water:** Wildlife needs a clean water source for drinking and bathing. Tell us how you provide water:

Birdbath Water Garden/Pond Lakefront Riverfront Stream Wetland Vernal Pool
 Puddling Area Coastal Spring/Seep Other _____

- 4. Cover:** Wildlife needs places to find shelter from the weather and predators. Tell us how you provide cover:

Wooded Area Dense Shrubs/Thicket Bramble Patch Evergreens Ground Cover Brush Pile
 Log Pile Rock Pile/Wall Meadow/Scrub/Prairie Other _____

- 5. Places to Raise Young:** In order to provide complete habitat, you must provide places for wildlife to raise young. Tell us how you provide a place to raise young for nesting birds, denning mammals, egg-laying amphibians, reptiles, fish, butterflies, and other insects and invertebrates:

Mature Trees Dense Shrubs/Thicket Meadow/Scrub/Prairie Water Garden/Wetland
 Trees with Cavities Dens in the Ground Plants for Caterpillars to Eat Other _____

- 6. Resource Conservation:** Tell us how you are conserving resources for people and wildlife:

Establishing a rain garden or buffer to filter storm water Capturing roof rain water Mulching
 Xeriscape Using drip soaker hose instead of sprinkler Removing invasive exotics Composting
 Planting native plants suited to the area Reducing or eliminating pesticide and chemical fertilizer use
 Reducing or eliminating lawn areas Keeping your cat indoors

- 7. Wildlife:** Please list the wildlife that your habitat supports.

Insects/invertebrates Fish Amphibians Reptiles Birds Mammals

Share specific species: _____

- 8. Attachments:** Along with this application, please send us a simple sketch and/or photos of your habitat since we cannot visit it in person. Good quality photos and sketches may be selected for our website, but cannot be returned. Feel free to include other attachments to share additions to your plant and wildlife list or wildlife stories. All attachments must be no larger than 11" x 17." **Be sure to include your name and address on the back of all attachments, including each photo.**

Photos enclosed (no more than five, please)
 Sketch enclosed

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