

# 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.



## 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**



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.

# 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.)

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- 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

For Habitat Hints and Projects visit our website at [www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat](http://www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat)  
or call (716) 461-3092 to purchase your Backyard Wildlife Habitat Planning Packet.