

# Habitat Certification Application

By using this form, you will certify with National Wildlife Federation, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Northwest Zoo and Aquarium Alliance as being a wildlife friendly yard, school, or area in your community. If your habitat meets the requirements, you'll receive; NWF personalized certificate and become an NWF member for one year AND WDFW certificate and yard sign. Additionally you are eligible to purchase one of four yard signs from NWF available at [www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife](http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife). For questions call 1-800-822-9919.



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  
 Business/ Corporation  Park/Community Garden  
 Farm  Place of Worship  
 School/ University/ College  
 Nature Center/ 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)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birdbath      | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Dish  | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Puddling Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Garden             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream/River  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> 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)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded Area    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bramble Patch  | <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreens           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cover   | <input type="checkbox"/> Brush/Log Pile       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pile/Wall | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cave           | <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow/Prairie       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roosting Box   | <input type="checkbox"/> 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)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mature Trees                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dead Trees/Snags     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow/Prairie               | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nesting Box                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host Plants for Caterpillars | <input type="checkbox"/> 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  
 \$25 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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