

Stewardship at Home

Visit our *Living with Wildlife* webpages to learn more about the species you might see in your habitat, how to coexist with wildlife in urban, suburban, and rural places, and ways you can adapt your space to prevent conflict with wildlife.

Getting Certified

After creating your Habitat at Home, **apply** for a certification sign from WDFW so you can help raise awareness, educate others, and encourage neighbors to join in wildlife habitat creation. Our program is free and open to all.



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FISH & WILDLIFE

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is dedicated to preserving, protecting, and perpetuating the state's fish, wildlife, and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

Resources



For non-emergency wildlife conflict reports, call: **877-933-9847**



Report wildlife conflict on website: wdfw.wa.gov/get-involved/report-observations



Contact us: habitatathome@dfw.wa.gov

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Habitat at Home

This program encourages Washingtonians to **connect with nature anywhere they live, work, and play.**

Resources in this guide will help you discover fun and effective ways you can help support wildlife in any space.





What is wildlife habitat?

These four elements create places where wildlife can thrive:

- ✓ Food
- ✓ Shelter
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Space

Why is creating wildlife habitat important?

As human development continues, the places we live, work, and play can either connect or separate safe places for wildlife to live. By creating habitat at home for wildlife, you help offset the spaces lost to development in Washington.

Wildlife habitat can benefit you too! Native plants are adapted to the rainfall or drought conditions in your area and require less maintenance. Additionally, native plants help reduce stormwater runoff and can increase the diversity of wildlife in your community.

How to Get Started?



Everyone can provide food, water, shelter, and space for wildlife by choosing what they grow on their balconies, stoops, rooftops, yards, medians, or acreage. For instance, you can create shelter for different species by including low, medium, and tall growing plants in your space. Container-based gardens work too! Physical features like logs can create shelter for wildlife and places where water can collect.

Visit our website to:

- ▶ Get started in any space
- ▶ Learn about the needs of your favorite wildlife species
- ▶ Coexist with local wildlife



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Habitat for Species

Want to support your favorite type of wildlife? Get information about plants, water features, and shelter needs for common wildlife in your area such as:

- ▶ Songbirds
- ▶ Pollinators
- ▶ Bats



Habitat For All Space Sizes

▶ Small Space Wildlife Habitat:

Explore how containers and vertical gardens can bring wildlife into any space. Balconies, patios, front steps, small yards, and window boxes can be used to create important wildlife habitat. No space is too small to help build habitat, regardless of if you are in the city or in the country.

▶ Wildlife Habitat Yards:

In any size yard or property, you can provide important elements of wildlife habitat through the water features and plants you choose for your space. Visit our website to plan your habitat and bring wildlife habitat to your home.

▶ Community Wildlife Habitat:

Shared spaces like schools, neighborhoods, local greenspaces, and community gardens are important potential habitats that help wildlife. Visit our website to learn how you can engage others to build wildlife habitat in your community.

Join Pollinators at Home

Pollinators need our help! Invertebrates are essential for agriculture and wildflower pollination. Unfortunately, insect pollinator populations are in serious decline. You can help support pollinators by creating a **#HabitatAtHome**.