

Application for Certification

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife looks forward to acknowledging your efforts to provide habitat for wildlife where you live or work. Do your best to fill out this application, and if there is a problem, you'll be contacted. Please allow four weeks for processing. We will send you a personalized certificate suitable for framing, a yard sign to educate others about your habitat project, and a subscription to our *Crossing Paths* electronic newsletter.



Contact Information (please TYPE or PRINT legibly)

Applicant Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Name(s) to Appear on Certificate: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ County: _____

Email Address (required for newsletter): _____

Habitat Address (if different from above): _____

Office Use
Habitat # _____
Fee Received _____
Certification Sent _____

Property Information

Property Type: Urban lot Suburban lot Rural lot – How many acres? _____

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

Have you applied for certification before? No Yes (List habitat #) _____

If yes, is this application for a New property Second property

Processing Information (please allow four weeks)

\$10.00 Application Fee enclosed

This fee covers our processing and handling costs and is non-refundable.

Make check out to: WDFW

Mail check and application to:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
600 Capitol Way N
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

I have included an additional \$5.00 for each extra outdoor sign.

Habitat Information

1. Plant List: Plant communities form the foundation of habitat for all wildlife. Plants native to your area are the best to use. Please list the major native and non-native trees, shrubs, grasses, perennials, annuals, etc. that grow in your habitat. Also indicate the approximate quantity of each species observed.

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

Feeders: Tube Platform Suet Hummingbird Other _____

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

Birdbath Water Garden / Pond Lakefront Riverfront Stream Wetland Spring / Seep

Puddling Area Year-round Coastal Other _____

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

Wooded Area Dense Shrubs / Thicket Bramble Patch Evergreens Log Pile Meadow / Scrub

Rock Pile / Wall Ground Cover Brush Pile Snags Other _____

5. Places to Raise Young: 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, or other insect / invertebrates.

Mature Trees Dense Shrubs / Thicket Water Garden / Wetland Dens Birdhouses Meadow / Scrub

Trees with cavities Plants for caterpillars to eat Snags Bathouses Other _____

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

Community conservation Keeping cats indoors Using drip irrigation Xeriscaping Filtering storm water

Capturing roof rainwater Removing invasive exotic plants Planting native plants suited to the area

Reducing or eliminating lawn areas Mulching / Composting Reducing or eliminating pesticide/chemical fertilizer use

7. Wildlife: Please list the wildlife your habitat supports.

Mammals (bats) Birds Amphibians Reptiles Insects / invertebrates Fish

Share specific species: _____

8. Attachments: Along with this application, you may send us a simple sketch and/or images of your habitat since we cannot visit in person. You can include other attachments to share additions to your plant and wildlife list or wildlife stories. All attachments must be no larger than 11x17 inches. None of the above are required for certification.

Please keep a copy of this application for your records

Visit our website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov>