Habitat Certification Application

Use this form to certify a wildlife friendly space in your yard, school, or anywhere in your community. If your habitat meets the requirements, you'll receive a personalized certificate suitable for framing and become a member of the National Wildlife Federation. This form has been specially designed so you will also be certifying with the Northwest Zoo and Aquarium Alliance and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (at the same time). For questions call 1-800-822-9919.

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Have you ever certified before? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, what is your habitat # _____?

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If yes, have you moved ____ or is this for a second property ____?

If you are filling out this application for someone else, please write their name in the space provided below:

Name _____ Organization (if applicable) _____

Name(s) to Appear on Certificate (if different from above) _____

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/Balcony

___ Workplace ___ Park/Community Garden

___ Farm ___ Place of Worship

___ School/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)

___ Birdbath
___ Lake
___ Stream
___ Seasonal Pool
___ Ocean
___ Water Garden/Pond
___ River
___ Butterfly Puddling Area
___ Rain Garden
___ Spring

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)

___ Wooded Area
___ Bramble Patch
___ Ground Cover
___ Rock Pile/Wall
___ Cave
___ Roosting Box
___ Dense Shrubs/Thicket
___ Evergreens
___ Brush/Log Pile
___ Burrow
___ Meadow/Prairie
___ 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)

___ Mature Trees
___ Meadow/Prairie
___ Nesting Box
___ Wetland
___ Host Plants for Caterpillars
___ Dead Trees/Snags
___ Dense Shrubs/Thicket
___ Water Garden/Pond
___ Burrow
___ 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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