

# 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  
Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary  
PO Box 84254  
Seattle, WA 98124-5554

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.

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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

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>