

# WILDLIFE TREE PROJECT

*Support snags in your neighborhood!*

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- Dead and dying trees, also called snags, are categorized as wildlife trees.
- These important habitat features are a normal part of the aging and development of trees found in urban and suburban forests, greenbelts, and other wooded areas.
- Snags are created through a number of processes, such as old age, disease, mechanical damage, insect infestation, and purposeful creation by citizenry when desired.
- Snags are ecologically significant to a wide range of native wildlife species, including beneficial insects, woodpeckers, and other cavity-nesting songbirds, hawks, owls, and many small mammals like squirrels and bats.
- Unfortunately, wildlife trees are limited in number in many urban and suburban landscapes due to a lack of understanding regarding the important role they provide for wildlife. Wildlife trees in human dominated environments are many times considered dangerous and an eyesore.
- However, there are measures that can be taken to allow wildlife trees to persist on one's property without risk of damage. Wildlife trees should be allowed to persist, when possible, so as to support the critical role they play in the basic ecology of wildlife found in developed landscapes.





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## SIGNAGE AND BROCHURE ORDERING INFORMATION

Be a snag manager! Promote snags as a valuable wildlife habitat feature by displaying a Wildlife Tree Project all-weather sign on or around your snag habitat in order to educate your local community on the importance of this habitat feature and why it should be promoted.

### Sign cost

- \$10.00 for your first sign
- \$5.00 for each additional sign

Send a check for your sign, payable to WDFW, along with a return address and a letter requesting your sign, to:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Attn: Wildlife Tree  
PO Box 84254  
Seattle, WA 98124-5554

***Dead wood brings new life!***