

# 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>