

# 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 become a member of National Wildlife Federation and receive a certificate suitable for framing. This form has been specially designed so you will also be certifying with the North Carolina Wildlife Federation (at the same time). **To jointly certify with both organization cost \$25.** Check should be attached to the form and made out to National Wildlife Federation. For questions call 1-800-822-9919 or certify online at [www.nwf.org/bwh](http://www.nwf.org/bwh).



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

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

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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/  
 Nectar  Sap  Twigs

**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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birdbath      | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake          | <input type="checkbox"/> River                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream        | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Puddling Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Garden             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean         | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring                  |

**PLACES FOR COVER:** Wildlife need places to find shelter from the weather and from predators. How do you provide cover for wildlife? (Minimum requirement: 2)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded Area       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bramble Patch     | <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreens           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cover      | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pile/Wall       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow            | <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow/Prairie       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cave              | <input type="checkbox"/> Roosting Box         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mature Trees                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dead Trees/Snags     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow/Prairie               | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nesting Box                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host Plants for Caterpillars | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Non-native Plants & Animals
- Use Native Plants
- Reduce Lawn Areas

**Organic Practices:**

- Eliminate Chemical Pesticides
- Eliminate Chemical Fertilizers
- Compost

**To apply, please send the completed application to:**

*NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION w P.O. Box 1583 w Merrifield, VA 22116-1583*

*Joint certification: \$25; Make checks payable to National Wildlife Federation.*

Allow 4-6 weeks for processing. Please keep a copy of this application for your records.

