

Habitat Certification Application

Use this form to certify a wildlife-friendly space in your yard, school, or anywhere in your community. Do your best to answer the questions and we'll make suggestions if something is missing. If your habitat meets the requirements, you'll receive a personalized certificate suitable for framing and become a member of National Wildlife Federation, receiving our award-winning National Wildlife® magazine and a 10% discount on all NWF catalog merchandise. For questions call 1-800-822-9919 or certify online at www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife



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 ?

Property owner or organization _____
If you are filling out this application for someone else, please write their name in the space provided above.

If organization, contact person _____

Name(s) to Appear on Certificate _____
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)**

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

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)**

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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"/> Brush/Log Pile |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pile/Wall | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cave | <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow/Prairie |
| <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:

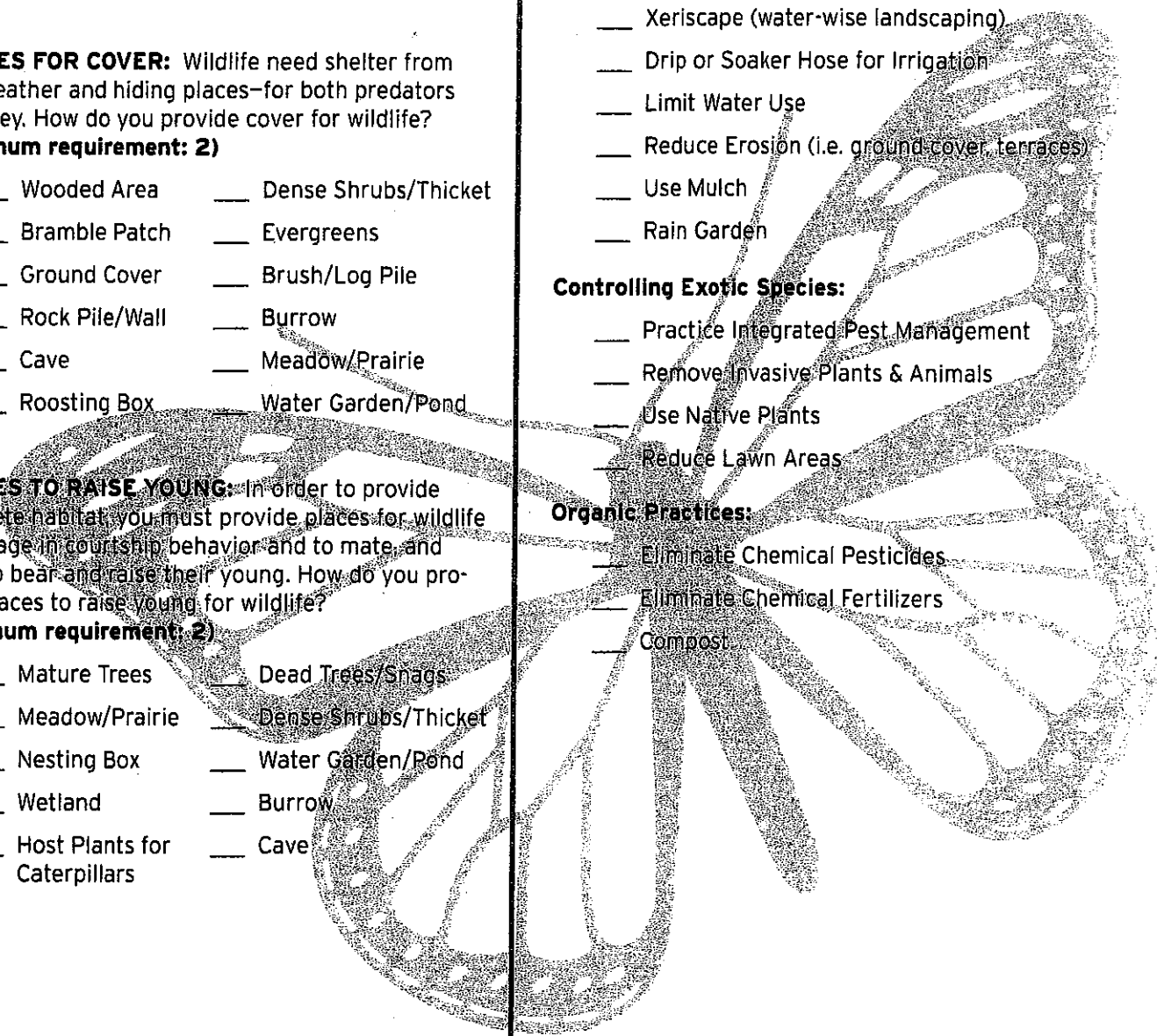
- Riparian Buffer
- Capture Rain Water from Roof
- Xeriscape (water-wise landscaping)
- Drip or Soaker Hose for Irrigation
- Limit Water Use
- Reduce Erosion (i.e. ground cover, terraces)
- Use Mulch
- Rain Garden

Controlling Exotic Species:

- Practice Integrated Pest Management
- Remove 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
 \$20 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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