



National Wildlife Federation's GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE™

Garden Certification Walk-through Checklist

It's easier than you think to create your own wildlife garden! Use this walk-through checklist to confirm you have all the elements necessary to be certified:

FOOD: Your habitat needs three of the following types of plants or supplemental feeders:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seeds from a plant | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Feeder | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Feeder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berries | <input type="checkbox"/> Sap | <input type="checkbox"/> Squirrel Feeder | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nectar | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollen | <input type="checkbox"/> Hummingbird Feeder | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foliage/Twigs | <input type="checkbox"/> Suet | | |

WATER: Your habitat needs one of the following sources to provide clean water for wildlife to drink and bathe:

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

COVER: Wildlife needs at least two places to find shelter from the weather and predators:

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

PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG: You need at least two places for wildlife to engage in courtship behavior, mate and then bear and raise their young:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mature Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland | <input type="checkbox"/> Dead Trees or Snags | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow or Prairie | <input type="checkbox"/> Cave | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket | <input type="checkbox"/> Host Plants for Caterpillars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nesting Box | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow | | |

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES: You need to employ practices from at least two of the three categories below to help manage your habitat in a sustainable way- *to better help wildlife, we advocate employing one or more practices from each category:*

Soil and Water Conservation:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Riparian Buffer</i>• <i>Capture Rain Water from Roof</i>• <i>Xeriscape (water-wise landscaping)</i>• <i>Drip or Soaker Hose for Irrigation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Limit Water Use</i>• <i>Reduce Erosion</i>• <i>Use Mulch</i>• <i>Rain Garden</i> |
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Controlling Exotic Species:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Practice Integrated Pest Management</i>• <i>Remove Non-Native Plants and Animals</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Use Native Plants</i>• <i>Reduce Lawn Areas</i> |
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Organic Practices:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Eliminate Chemical Pesticides</i>• <i>Eliminate Chemical Fertilizers</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Compost</i> |
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