

# Backyard Habitat Certification Application Form Please print clearly

Mr.  Ms.  Mrs. Name of individual \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Province / Territory \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) to appear on certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Property description (attach additional sheets to this form if more space is needed):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate size of property: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft \_\_\_\_\_ acres \_\_\_\_\_ hectares

Check off the best description(s) of your property location:  Urban  Suburban  Rural  Shoreline  
Briefly describe your garden project and how it benefits wildlife:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been working on this project? \_\_\_\_\_

List some of the wildlife that currently visit your property:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Check off the applicable response and give further information where indicated.

Please provide as complete a plant list as possible. Please use additional paper if more space is required.

### **My garden provides wildlife with food through the following:**

Fruit-bearing shrubs, trees and vines, type/species: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Flowering trees, shrubs and perennials for pollinators, type/species: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nut or seed-bearing trees and shrubs, type/species: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Seed-bearing perennials left through the winter, type/species: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Feeders, type(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**My garden provides wildlife with water through the following:**

- Pond with sloped sides and/or perches for wildlife
- Bird bath
- Recirculating stream
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**My garden provides wildlife with shelter through the following:**

- Evergreen trees or shrubs, type/species: \_\_\_\_\_
- Deciduous trees or shrubs, type/species: \_\_\_\_\_
- "Wild" area of tall grass
- Brush piles
- Snag (standing dead tree)
- Logs
- Rock piles
- Nesting boxes
- Bat house
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**My garden provides wildlife with space through a diversity of vegetation:**

- Grass
- Flowers
- Shrubs
- Small trees
- Tall trees

**My garden is safe for wildlife because of the following reason:**

- I don't use chemical insecticides or herbicides

**My garden is Earth-friendly because of the following reasons:**

- I use a rain barrel
- I use natural soil amendments (such as compost or well-aged manure)
- I have my own composter
- I water my lawn no more than once per week (if necessary)
- I leave grass clippings on my lawn
- I use fall leaves to mulch beds or as compost
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

I have included the following trees, shrubs or perennials that are **native** to my region. Please list species names, scientific if possible, so that we can verify (e.g. eastern white cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*) instead of just cedar, or sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) instead of just maple. Please note: hosta, peony (except *Paeonia brownii*), daylily and lily-of-the-valley (*Convallaria majalis*) are not native. (For ideas on what is native to your region see our Plant Encyclopedia at [WildAboutGardening.org](http://WildAboutGardening.org).)

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I have left wild or am naturalizing extensive areas of my property as the following:  Forest  Meadow

Other \_\_\_\_\_ Size of area: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include:**  A sketch of your garden indicating the general layout  Photographs of key features

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I authorize CWF to use the information and photographs provided in the above-mentioned resources. Photography credits should be given to \_\_\_\_\_

I do not want my project featured in any resources. **Please note:** *Photographs cannot be returned.*

**How did you hear about our Certification Program?**

- CWF E-Newsletter
- Project CHIRP
- Event (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Website (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out our online form at [WildAboutGardening.org](http://WildAboutGardening.org) or mail the completed form, along with sketches and photographs to:



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