



Garden Habitat Certification

APPLICATION FORM



Any garden can provide wildlife-friendly habitat

Certify your garden. Raise awareness. Inspire others. Make it official.

**Can one person make a difference for wildlife?
Absolutely.**

A great place to start is in the garden. By garden, we mean any outdoor space that is influenced by a green (or not so green!) thumb. Everything from veggie gardens to water gardens, acres of land to containers on a patio, a meadow maintained for butterflies to a curated perennial bed, shoreline properties to urban plots – all outdoor spaces can help wildlife. No matter your location, level of experience, garden style or budget, your garden can be beautiful and beneficial for wildlife.

And together, we're better.

By joining Canadians who make their gardens wildlife-friendly, you help increase suitable habitat for local and migratory wildlife, some of which may be species at risk. As more land is developed for human activities, each wildlife-friendly garden is a haven that can act as a stepping stone between larger areas of habitat, essential for many species' survival.

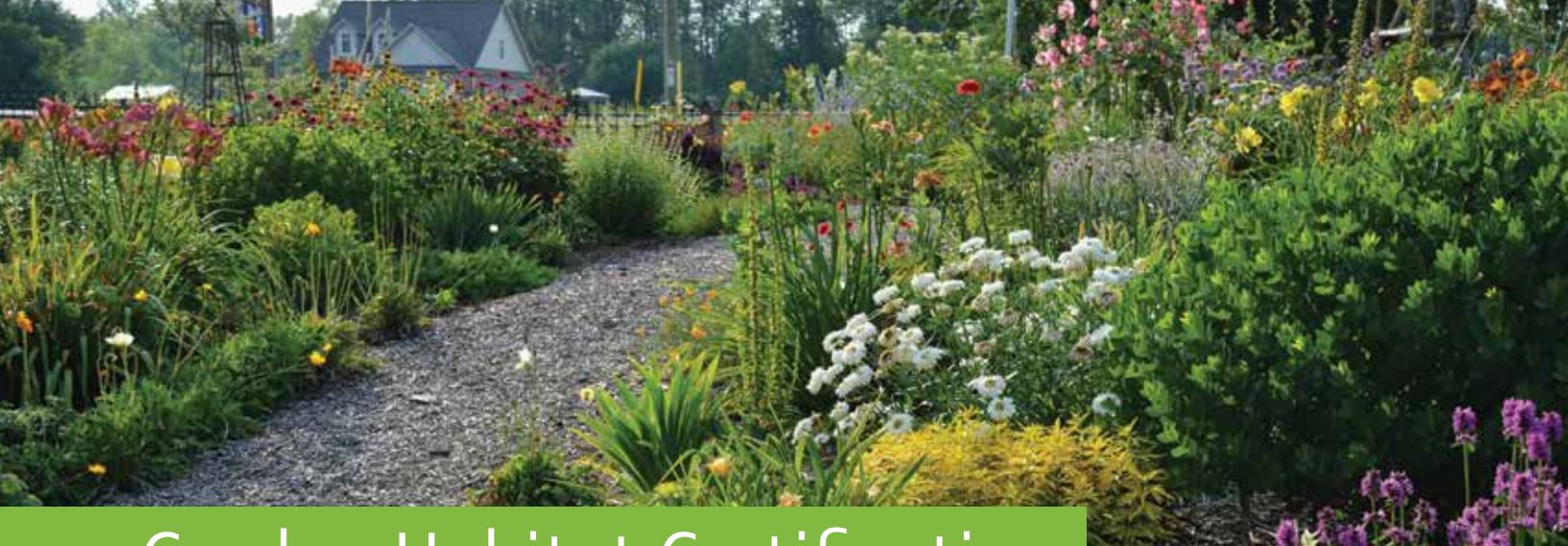


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The Canadian Wildlife Federation’s Garden Habitat Certification program recognizes Canadians who make their home, school, business or community gardens suitable for wildlife by certifying their outdoor space as a “wildlife-friendly habitat”.

There is no charge to apply for certification. Applicants who meet the criteria receive a certificate and window decal to indicate the outdoor space is “certified wildlife-friendly habitat”. They will also be eligible to purchase an exclusive garden sign. By purchasing and displaying a sign, you raise awareness and inspire others in your community while supporting CWF’s conservation education programs.

Why certify?

When you certify your garden, we’ll add your wildlife-friendly habitat to CWF’s map that shows our collective impact. Then we can all see Canada’s wildlife-friendly habitat grow! Sharing your certified garden with family, friends, neighbours or on social media platforms (using #cwfgardens) can raise awareness in your community about the importance of wildlife-friendly gardens. It can also inspire others to see real life examples of different kinds of gardens that provide wildlife-friendly habitat.

Here are some more perks! You will:

- Receive official recognition from CWF, including a certificate and window decal
- Be subscribed to *Grow Wild*, our gardening e-newsletter
- Be among the first to learn about new garden content, opportunities and programs
- Be eligible to purchase an exclusive garden sign

For information and guidance on creating wildlife-friendly habitat, visit CanadianWildlifeFederation.ca/gardening.



\$15 FULL COLOUR SIGN
\$50 BRUSHED ALUMINUM SIGN
FREE CERTIFICATE
FREE DECAL

Please print clearly.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing address:

Name: _____

Civic number & street: _____

City: _____ Province/Territory: _____ Postal code: _____

Name(s)/organization to appear on certificate: _____

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Please select one:

Home School Business Group/Club
 Organization Park Other, please specify: _____

Approximate size of: property or balcony/patio: _____ in square feet or Acres.

Check off the best description(s) of your property location:

Urban Suburban Rural

Check any and all features that apply:

Shoreline – river Pond or other wetland Meadow or prairie
 Shoreline – ocean Forest or wooded area Farmland

Additional information: _____

MEETING THE NEEDS OF WILDLIFE

Below you will share how you provide the basic needs of wildlife (food, water, shelter and space that is maintained in an earth-friendly way) in your outdoor space. Check off all applicable responses and give further information where indicated. **My garden provides wildlife with...**

1. Food

Tell us how you provide food below. List native plants first using common or scientific names

Flowering plants. Examples: willow, hawthorn, bee balm, columbine, basil or thyme left to flower:

Fruit and berry producing plants. Examples: nannyberry, wild roses, mountain ash, raspberries:

Nut or seed producing plants. Examples: cedars, oaks, Echinacea and other perennials that you let go to seed:

Butterfly mud puddling area. Examples: wet sand, compost, manure, etc.:

Supplemental feeders (types):

Suet Seed Sugar water (for hummingbirds/orioles)

2. Water

Tell us how you provide water by selecting any and all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow dish with perching stones for beneficial insects | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural body of water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recirculation stream | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird bath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pond with sloped sides and/or perches for wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____ |

3. Shelter

Tell us how you provide shelter by selecting any and all that apply:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen trees and/or shrubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant stems (for nesting/overwintering insects) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deciduous trees and/or shrubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Open ground (for ground nesting insects) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host plants for caterpillars | <input type="checkbox"/> Logs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Areas of grasses, ferns, vines, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Nesting boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potted shrubs, plants, flowers (in containers) | <input type="checkbox"/> Roosting boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brush piles | <input type="checkbox"/> Bat house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock piles | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug hotel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaf litter | <input type="checkbox"/> Water body (for native aquatic animals) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snags (standing dead trees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____ |

4. Earth-friendly gardening

- I do **not** use chemical insecticides or herbicides

Tell us how you ensure your garden is an earth-friendly space by selecting any and all that apply:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I use a rain barrel | <input type="checkbox"/> I leave grass clippings on my lawn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I water my lawn no more than once per week if necessary | <input type="checkbox"/> I use fall leaves to mulch beds or as compost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I use natural soil amendments
(such as compost or well-aged manure) | <input type="checkbox"/> I have my own composter |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____ |

ANIMAL LIST

Here is a list of some wildlife species that have visited my property:

VISUALS

A picture is worth a thousand words. Visuals of key features of your property help our certification committee to come to a final conclusion. Please include the following with this application:

- Photos (maximum of five). Please include a mix of overall and close up shots of your outdoor space and its features from any season. Photos help our certification committee to come to a final conclusion.
- Photography credits should be given to: _____
To share more pictures of your wildlife-friendly garden, please do so on social media platforms using #cwfgardens.
- Optional: A sketch of your garden indicating the general layout and features. You may find it useful for planning and fun to do. It can be simple or elaborate; drawn by hand or with a computer program.

AUTHORIZATION

CWF occasionally features garden projects and quotes in our magazines, e-newsletters, other promotional materials, social media and/or on our website. I authorize CWF to use the information and photographs provided in the above mentioned resources. **Please note, photographs cannot be returned.**

- Yes No

How did you hear that CWF recognizes gardens as "Certified Wildlife-friendly Habitat?"

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|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWF e-newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media | Event, please specify: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWF website | | Other, please specify: _____ |

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Please fill out our online form at CanadianWildlifeFederation.ca/certification or mail the completed form along with photographs and your sketch to:



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