

# Garden Habitat Certification

## APPLICATION FORM

## Certify your Wildlife-friendly Garden

Can one person make a difference for wildlife? Absolutely! Whether you have formal garden beds, a patio with containers, or a veggie garden, your outdoor space can be both beautiful and beneficial. By providing water, a natural source of food and shelter and by maintaining your property with earth-friendly methods (in particular, avoiding pesticides) you are supporting local and migratory wildlife with a safe place to live or visit. No matter your property size, budget or lifestyle needs, you can make a real difference in the lives of our birds, beneficial insects and other wildlife.

And together, we're better. As more land is developed for human activities, each wildlife-friendly garden is a haven that can act as a stepping stone or corridor between these properties and larger areas of habitat.

### Garden Habitat Certification

The Canadian Wildlife Federation's Garden Habitat Certification acknowledges the commitment and efforts of Canadians who are making their home, school, business or community garden beneficial for wildlife by certifying the space as "wildlife-friendly habitat".

### Benefits of Certifying

You will:

- Receive official recognition from the Canadian Wildlife Federation with a signed certificate
- Receive our quarterly *Grow Wild* e-newsletter and be among the first to learn about new garden content and opportunities
- Be able to celebrate your accomplishments with an exclusive garden sign (available for purchase). By purchasing and displaying a sign, you can raise awareness in your community, possibly inspire others while also supporting CWF's conservation programs.
- Help CWF visually demonstrate our collective impact, as we'll add your wildlife-friendly outdoor space to CWF's national map



For information and guidance on creating wildlife-friendly habitat, visit [CanadianWildlifeFederation.ca/Gardening](https://CanadianWildlifeFederation.ca/Gardening).

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Landscaping/business/company: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mailing address:

Civic number & street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s)/organization to appear on certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDRESS OF PROPERTY (Complete only if different from applicant information)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Civic number & street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

- Home                       Business/organization                       Group/club  
 School                       Park                       Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOOD (Must select at least three. Check all that apply.)

- Nectar/pollen                       Seeds left on plants                       Nuts  
 Fruit/berries                       Foliage/twigs                       Supplemental feeders

## WATER (Must select at least one. Check all that apply.)

- Bird bath                       Pond/recirculating stream                       Wetland/seasonal pool  
 Shallow dish with perching stones                       Water garden                       Stream/spring/river/lake  
 Butterfly mud puddling dish/area                       Rain garden

## SHELTER (Must select at least three. Check all that apply.)

- Potted plants                       Hollow plant stems                       Cave  
 Ground cover                       Evergreen trees/shrubs                       Bug hotel  
 Leaf litter                       Deciduous trees/shrubs                       Bird nesting/roosting box  
 Dense area of grasses/perennials                       Rock pile                       Bat house  
 Vines                       Brush pile/log                       Snag  
 Meadow/prairie                       Open sunny ground for solitary bees  
 Host plants for caterpillars                       Burrow

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## GREEN GARDENING (Must select at least two. Check all that apply.)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain barrel         | <input type="checkbox"/> Using leaves as mulch or in composter         | <input type="checkbox"/> Composter       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited water use   | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass clippings left on lawn or used as mulch | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian buffer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drip or soaker hose | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain garden                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Xeriscaping     |

## SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES (Check any that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Practicing integrated pest management | <input type="checkbox"/> Using native plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Removing invasive plants              | <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing lawn areas |

## APPROXIMATE SIZE OF PROPERTY/LAND YOU ARE MANAGING.

\_\_\_\_\_ in  square feet or  acres.

## EARTH-FRIENDLY GARDENING

- Eliminate chemical pesticides

## ANIMAL LIST (List wildlife you have seen on your property.)

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Also available online at [CanadianWildlifeFederation.ca/Certification](https://CanadianWildlifeFederation.ca/Certification)  
or mail the completed application form to:



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Disclaimer: Please be advised that this Garden Habitat Certification does not provide any legal rights or protections to the certified property. The owner of the certificate, and related certified property, must adhere to the laws, by-laws and regulations governing their respective municipality and province.