

Application for Certification

Take Heart, you needn't be a zoologist to fill out this application!

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife looks forward to acknowledging your efforts to provide habitat for wildlife where you live or work. Do your best to fill out this application, and if there is a problem, you'll be contacted. Within two weeks of receiving your application, we'll send you a personalized certificate suitable for framing, a yard sign to educate others about your habitat project, and a subscription to our "Crossing Paths" electronic newsletter.



Contact Information - (please TYPE or PRINT legibly)

Applicant Name _____

Organization Name _____

Name(s) to Appear on Certificate _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ County _____

E-mail address (required for newsletter) _____

Habitat Address (if different from above): _____

Office Use

Habitat # _____

Fee Rcvd. _____

Cert. Sent _____

Property information

Is your property a Urban lot Suburban lot Rural lot - How many acres? _____

How long have you been gardening for wildlife at this property? _____

Have you applied for certification before? Yes No - If yes, list habitat # _____

If yes, is this application for a New property Second property

Processing Information (allow two weeks)

\$5.00 Application Fee enclosed.

This fee covers our processing and handling costs and is non-refundable.

Make check out to: **WDFW**

Mail check and application to: Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Western WA BWS Program
16018 Mill Creek Boulevard
Mill Creek, WA 98012-1296

Eastern WA BWS Program
2315 North Discovery Place
Spokane, WA 99216-1001

I've included an additional \$4 for each extra outdoor sign.

Habitat Information

1. Plant List: Plant communities form the foundation of habitat for all wildlife. Plants that are native to your area are best. Please try to list the major native and non-native trees, shrubs, grasses, perennials, annuals, etc. that grow in your habitat. Also indicate approximate quantity of each species observed.

2. Food: Plants are the best food source for wildlife. Feeders can be used as a supplemental source of food. Remember some creatures will become food for others in a balanced habitat. Be sure to encourage a diversity of wildlife in your yard to ensure a healthy ecosystem. Tell us how you provide food:

Plant Foods: Seeds Nuts Berries Fruits Nectar Foliage/Twigs
 Sap Pollen

Feeders: Tube Platform Suet Hummingbird Other _____

3. Water: Wildlife need a clean water source for drinking and bathing. Tell us how you provide water:

Birdbath Water Garden/Pond Lakefront Riverfront Stream Wetland
 Spring/Seep Puddling Area Year-round Coastal Other _____

4. Cover: Wildlife need places to find shelter from the weather and predators. Please tell us how you provide cover:

Wooded Area Dense Shrubs/Thicket Bramble Patch Evergreens Log Pile
 Meadow/Scrub Rock Pile/Wall Ground Cover Brush Pile Snags
 Other _____

5. Places to Raise Young: To provide complete habitat, you must provide places for wildlife to raise young. Tell us how you provide a place to raise young for nesting birds, denning mammals, egg-laying amphibians, reptiles, fish, butterflies, or other insects/invertebrates:

Mature Trees Dense Shrubs/Thicket Water Garden/Wetland Dens Birdhouses
 Meadow/Scrub Trees with Cavities Plants for Caterpillars to Eat Snags Bathhouses
 Other _____

6. Resource Conservation: Tell us how you are conserving resources for people and wildlife:

Community conservation Capturing roof rain water Xeriscaping Removing invasive exotic plants
 Keeping cats indoors Mulching/Composting Reducing or eliminating lawn areas
 Using drip irrigation Planting native plants suited to the area
 Filtering storm water Reducing or eliminating pesticide/chemical fertilizer use

7. Wildlife: Please list the wildlife that your habitat supports.

Mammals (Bats) Birds Amphibians Reptiles Insects/invertebrates Fish
Share specific species: _____

8. Attachments: Along with this application, you may send us a simple sketch and/or images of your habitat since we cannot visit in person. Feel free to include other attachments to share additions to your plant and wildlife list or wildlife stories. All attachments must be no larger than 11x17 inches. None of the above are required for certification.

Please keep a copy of this application for your records.

Visit our website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov>