

Gardening

Yelm is a diverse community comprised of riparian and prairie habitat located on four watersheds and near two rivers: Deschutes River and the Nisqually River. Yelm covers 954 square miles and its latest census suggests over 6,000 residents.

Yelm Backyard Wildlife is helping to create a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat Team in Yelm and its surrounding communities.

Join us in creating, preserving, enhancing, and restoring wildlife habitat by providing food, water, shelter, and places to raise young - one yard at a time.

Join Our Habitat Team!

This project strives to gain volunteer Habitat Team partnerships with like minded individuals, organizations and businesses in Yelm. What is a Habitat Team? A volunteer Habitat Team will sponsor activities in the community to educate residents, certify habitats, organize community projects, and fulfill administrative duties. The Habitat Team moves at its own pace, addressing the Habitat Team volunteers needs and interests in the community. Many of the goals towards the certification of Yelm's Wildlife Habitat are mutually fulfilled by residents, businesses and civic organizations who are providing the four basic elements to sustain wildlife, and are offering sustainable gardening practices (organic gardening). Yelm Community Wildlife Habitat will gain points for all the great work our Habitat Team volunteer partnerships accomplish towards the certification of our community. A few of our demonstrations towards certification include community education projects, creating wildlife friendly landscapes, native plant sales, native plant restoration and family nature activities within the community. Habitat Team members are required to fill out a NWF volunteer form and image release, which can be found online. The form is a requirement in obtaining status as a Habitat Team volunteer partnership.

- •If you need assistance in filling out the volunteer partnership form call (360) 400 1527 or email <u>yelmbackyard@gmail.com</u>.
- •If you have already certified your backyard, please contact us to be included in this project.

More information about community projects such as ours can be found at the NWF website: http://www.nwf.org/community/register.cfm or http://yelmbackyard.100webspace.net/

Project encompasses all of the 98597 zipcode (Yelm).

