



In a few easy steps, you can make a big difference for local wildlife. Transform any outdoor space into a *Certified Wildlife Habitat*® which offers resources that wildlife, such as pollinators and songbirds, need to survive, thrive, and reproduce.

#### HELP YOURSELF:

Pick up a trowel, plant some natives and reduce stress!

#### HELP POLLINATORS:

One out of every three bites of food we eat is thanks to pollinators like birds, bats, and bees. A native garden is a great way to say “Thank You” for their hard work.

#### HELP THE ENVIRONMENT:

Garden to reduce the spread of non-native, invasive plants; control stormwater runoff and increase soil and water quality.

# get started:

- 1 FOOD** | Native plants provide pollen, nectar, fruit, and seed throughout the year. Enhance the garden with feeders that provide nuts, seeds, and sugar water.
- 2 WATER** | A bird bath or water drip allows our feathered friends to drink and bathe. A shallow dish filled with water provides a watering hole for pollinators such as butterflies and bumble bees.
- 3 COVER** | Provide protection from weather, people, and predators by creating a rock wall, building a log pile, converting lawn to meadow, or planting native evergreens.
- 4 PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG** | Mature trees for nesting, native host plants for caterpillars, a pond for amphibians, or dead trees for cavity dwellers all provide a space for young wildlife to grow.
- 5 USE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES** | Eliminate chemical pesticides and fertilizers, irrigate with drip hose, use mulch, compost organic matter, and remove invasives from your garden.

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A *Certified Wildlife Habitat*® can be created anywhere! From an apartment balcony to a large farm, from a place of worship to a schoolyard, from a corporate campus to a backyard, the possibilities of supporting wildlife are abundant.



THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITATS® IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND THE LIST KEEPS GROWING! WILL YOU GROW WITH US?

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