



## Native Plants are Key

Native plants have formed symbiotic relationships with native wildlife for thousands of years and therefore offer the most sustainable habitat for our native wildlife. A plant is considered native if it has occurred naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat without human introduction.

## Share

Visit WWF's website ([wyomingwildlife.org](http://wyomingwildlife.org)) to get ideas and see other Certified Gardens in Wyoming. Check back periodically for updates, plant lists and designs from other gardeners across the Cowboy State.

## Resources:

We invite you to visit the Resources listed for more details about gardening for wildlife.

- **WWF's website:** [wyomingwildlife.org](http://wyomingwildlife.org)
- **How to Create or Maintain a Garden** or information on any of the elements: <http://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife.aspx>
- **Wyoming Wildscape – How to Design, Plant, and Maintain Landscaping to Benefit People and Wildlife.**  
Available in hard copy at any Wyoming Game and Fish Department regional office or headquarters. Or contact the author: [andrea.orabona@wyo.gov](mailto:andrea.orabona@wyo.gov) Digital copy is available at <http://bit.ly/1Q53v5k>
- **Native Plants:** [www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants.aspx](http://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants.aspx)



# Garden for Wildlife

*Wildlife needs your help*



## You can make a difference...

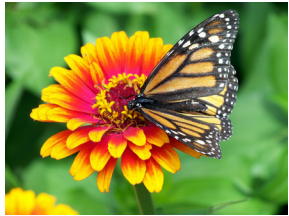
whether you have a small backyard, patio planters, a school yard, a community park, or a 20-acre farm. Wildlife can be supported when you, your school, neighborhood or business create or maintain a simple garden or a landscape with wildlife in mind. Join the larger movement to help wildlife through the Garden for Wildlife program.

## Join Us

With more humans encroaching on wildlife habitat, it is up to us to do our part to keep our wildlife healthy. Creating a garden for wildlife is a great way to do your part.

Human activities have decreased and fragmented habitat, locally and on the global scale; birds, butterflies, bats and other wildlife are pushed into ever-shrinking wilderness areas for food and cover.

WWF is proud to partner with the National Wildlife Federation to spread the word about gardening with wildlife in mind. Enjoy Wyoming-specific ideas and our outdoor gardens!



## Support Habitat for Wildlife in Wyoming

It's simple to create habitat gardens in our climate and provide many benefits.

**Attract birds** to watch, hear, and support them during the harsh winters and migrations

- Create nesting sites and provide a water source
- Provide habitat that has vertical, horizontal and structural diversity
- Place feeding stations and nest boxes in good spots

**Support pollinators** as they do all the work!

- Plant flowers for pollinators – bees, butterflies, bats, birds, and insects alike need food and then help spread the wealth
- Consider becoming a bee keeper

**Use less water** by planting native plants and mulching properly

**Dissuade large animals** from coming into urban areas

- The right plants can provide food for the birds
- Place feeders that won't attract bears
- Select deer-resistant plants

## Create or Maintain

It's easy to do. Here are five elements to include in a wildlife habitat. More detailed information on each element can be found on National Wildlife Federation's website (see Resources)

**Provide Food.** Plant the right species to support wildlife and create habitat

**Supply Water.** Add water sources like bird baths and small ponds

**Create Cover.** Plants can create shelter and hiding spaces

**Place to Raise Young.** Provide resources to reproduce and keep the species going through varying stages of life

**Maintain Healthy, Sustainable Habitat.** Practice water and soil conservation practices, go organic and keep exotic species out

## Certify your garden

We invite you to be a part of the solution. Whether you already have incorporated these elements in your garden or if you're just getting started – design and maintain it with wildlife in mind and certify your garden today!

## Benefits

Join the effort to support wildlife at the local level through habitat gardening. Certify your garden and you'll receive these benefits:

- A personalized Certified Wildlife Habitat certificate to show your neighbors and encourage others to join in the effort
- One-year membership to Wyoming Wildlife Federation plus National Wildlife Federation
- One-year subscription to WWF's *Pronghorn* newsletter – for statewide updates on Wyoming's wildlife, public lands issues and more. You'll also receive *National Wildlife*, by the National Wildlife Federation
- Monthly *Garden for Wildlife* e-newsletter
- A 10% discount off the NWF catalog

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