

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association's Sustainable Habitat Garden Registration



Thank you for helping to support our native plants and animals! Please visit <http://bit.ly/HabitatGarden> to complete the below form, and an Extension Master Gardener will follow up with you soon with your certificate, an invitation to our iNaturalist project if you'd like to join, and additional information. Find gardening resources and a list of other registered gardens on our website at www.nsvmga.org.

SPACE to seek a mate, breed, feed, and rear offspring. *Minimum 2 elements*

- Mature Trees
- Host Plants for Caterpillars
- Nesting Box
- Native Bee House
- Brush Pile
- Water Garden or Pond
- Dense Shrubs or Thicket
- Bird House
- Bat House
- Snags (Standing Dead Trees)
- Cave
- Other:

COVER for protection from elements and predators. *Minimum 2 elements*

- Ground Cover
- Evergreens
- Bramble Patch
- Rock Pile / Wall
- Water Garden or Pond
- Bat House
- Dense Shrubs or Hedge
- Wooded Area
- Brush or Log Piles
- Meadow
- Bird House
- Other:

FOOD available throughout the year. *Minimum 3 elements*

- Nectar
- Seeds
- Nuts
- Foliage, Twigs, and Bark
- Bird Feeder / Suet
- Hummingbird Feeder
- Snags (Standing Dead Trees)
- Pollen
- Berries / Fruits
- Sap
- Butterfly Host Plants
- Squirrel Feeder
- Butterfly Feeder
- Other:

WATER that is accessible. *Minimum 1 element*

- Birdbath
- Water Garden
- Pond
- Stream / Creek
- Spring
- Puddling Stone / Area
- Rain Garden
- River
- Lake
- Other:

SUSTAINABILITY to protect ecological balance and natural resources. *Minimum 2 elements*

- Use rain barrels for roof runoff
- Decrease turf
- Keep soil bare for native bees
- Grow native plants
- Add drought-tolerant plants
- Follow pesticide/ fertilizer label instructions
- Only use fertilizer if needed
- Add a rain garden
- Limit water use
- Compost
- Use leaf mulch
- Remove invasive non-native plants
- Prevent/minimize erosion
- Avoid synthetic chemical pesticides/ fertilizers
- Install riparian buffer
- Other:

Count Your Selections.

Total Elements in Your Habitat Garden

Minimum 10 elements required: _____

Your Name, Garden Name, and/or Farm Name for Registration Certificate: _____

Your County: _____

Your Email for Us to Send Your Certificate: _____

If you do not have email, make your selections above and mail form to NSVMGA Habitat Garden, c/o Lynn Hoffmann, PO Box 411, Capon Springs, WV 26823

Your Mailing Address (Only if You Do Not Have Email): _____



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