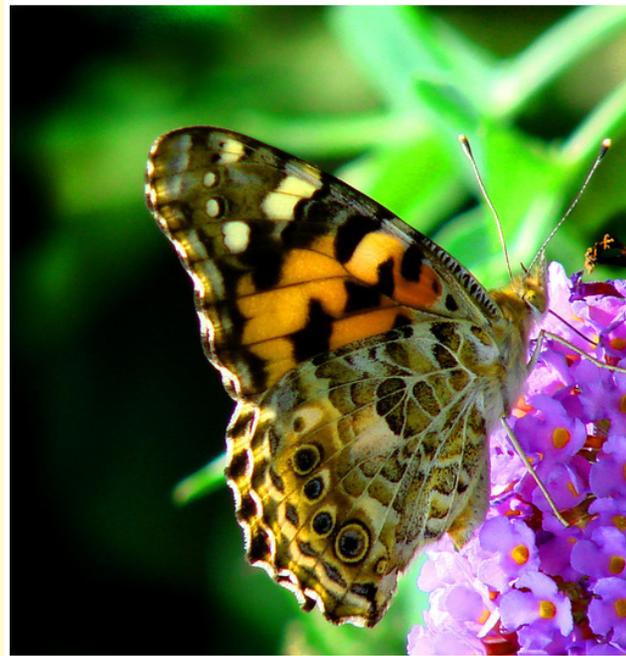


# WHY SHOULD YOU CERTIFY?

In addition to providing a lovely habitat for wildlife to thrive, when you complete your certification, you'll receive:

- a personalized certificate
- a subscription to our e-newsletter, Garden for Wildlife
- a one-year membership in the National Wildlife Federation and subscription to *National Wildlife*® magazine
- 10% off the National Wildlife Federation catalog merchandise, including nesting boxes, feeders, birdbaths and other items to enhance your wildlife garden
- an exclusive option to purchase attractive garden signs designating your garden as a Certified Wildlife Habitat® with the National Wildlife Federation



## CERTIFY YOUR BACKYARD TODAY!

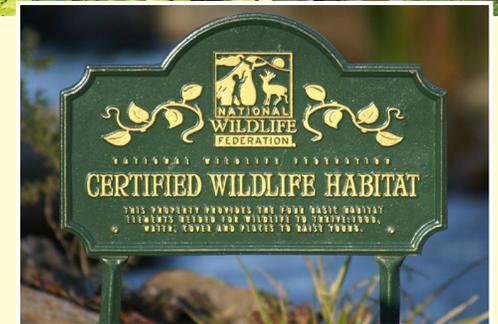
For more information, please contact Marisa Wittlinger at [mdwittlinger@annapolis.gov](mailto:mdwittlinger@annapolis.gov).

Please pass this information on to your Annapolis friends and family! We are looking forward to creating a habitat for all of our local wildlife!



# BACKYARD HABITAT CERTIFICATION

CERTIFY YOUR BACKYARD!



JOIN OUR EFFORTS!



# CERTIFY YOUR BACKYARD AS A WILDLIFE HABITAT!

The City of Annapolis is proud to be a certified National Wildlife Federation® Community WILDLIFE Habitat™. In order for the City to continue its certification requirements, additional Annapolis residents are needed to participate by certifying their own backyards, schools, places of worship, and community areas.



Certified Wildlife Habitat. Photo by Bernadette Banville



## JOIN OUR EFFORTS!

The City has been undertaking projects to become certified as a Community WILDLIFE Habitat™ including: trail clean-up, plant giveaways, tree plantings, environmental education and habitat creation to receive points towards certification. Please help us by certifying your own backyard! This simple process will allow the City to receive points for resident participation. There is an application processing fee of \$20 that supports National Wildlife Federation programs (payment made to NWF).

## CREATE YOUR WILDLIFE GARDEN

Whether you have an apartment balcony, large backyard, community shared space, or school, you can create a unique garden that attracts beautiful wildlife and helps restore habitat in commercial and residential areas.

## FOUR BASICS

By providing the four basics you not only help wildlife, but you also qualify to become an official Certified WILDLIFE Habitat™. To certify your yard, you will need to provide the following for our local wildlife:

### FOOD SOURCES



**NATIVE PLANTS, SEEDS, FRUITS, NUTS, BERRIES OR NECTAR**

### WATER SOURCES



**A BIRDBATH, A POND, A WATER GARDEN, A STREAM OR WATERWAY OF ANNAPOLIS**

### COVER



**THICKET, ROCKPILE OR BIRDHOUSE**

### PLACE TO RAISE YOUNG



**DENSE SHRUBS, VEGETATION, NESTING BOX, OR POND**



## WHO CAN HELP ANNAPOLIS RECEIVE POINTS?

Any residents in ZIP codes 21401, 21402, and 21403 are all counted!

Visit [WWW.NWF.ORG/CERTIFY](http://WWW.NWF.ORG/CERTIFY) to start your certification process!

Even if you don't think you qualify just yet, there are suggestions to help and inspire you along the way.