

Wildlife Habitats

Providing food, shelter and water to pollinators and small friends



I can have wildlife habitat in my yard?

Absolutely! Wildlife habitat is a place that provides any of the things that birds, bees, pollinators, and other creatures need to thrive. Think about what you need to stay alive. Do you need food, water, cover, and a place to raise your young? So do our small friends!

Wildlife habitat can be as simple as a pile of brush left alone in a corner of your yard, or as elaborate and beautiful as a decorative birdhouse.

Here are great examples of wildlife habitats!

- Bird feeders with seeds, or nectar
- Bird and/or bat houses
- Water sources for birds to bathe in, such as bird baths, or ponds.
- Brush piles, and other habitats that animals can use for shelter.
- Trees and shrubs that provide berries, fruits and nuts to feed small animals.

Give 'em shelter!

Wildlife need places to engage in courtship behavior, mate, and then bear and raise their young. Give them as many places as possible to do so, and know that you are playing a major role in sustaining a native environment!



You can help save the Monarch Butterflies!



The Monarch butterfly is nearing levels of extinction, due to the nationwide loss of its only food source, the milkweed plant. Herbicide use and removal from the landscape are decreasing the availability of milkweed, resulting in drastically lowered levels of Monarch population in the U.S, Canada, and Mexico.

When you plant common milkweed, you are helping the Monarchs on their migration pattern and helping ensure that we keep the species alive.

Helpful Resources for Habitats and Information

- Your local hardware store
- The Dow Gardens gift shop
- Local home and garden shows



More than just the birdhouse!

When you ponder the wildlife habitat in your backyard, remember that it's not just birdhouses and pinecone feeders that count!



Pollinator Meadows

Pollinator meadows are spaces that have lots of native wildflowers that serve as food for bees, birds, bats, butterflies, moths and other insects.

Trees and Brush

Trees and shrubs that provide fruit and berries are essential for feeding wildlife. Wood piles, and loose brush give shelter, and a place for birds to forage for insects.



Water Features

Bird baths, rain gardens, ponds, and streams all make great places for birds and small animals to bathe and drink. If the water is standing, make sure to change it two or three times a week to avoid mosquito breeding.



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