



**FortWhyte Alive**  
HUMAN. NATURE.  
**Naturescape**  
bringing biodiversity home



Certifying your piece of the planet is as simple as completing this check list. Encouraging biodiversity is a fun and educational way to support this world that ultimately sustains us.

## 1. Clean, Fresh Water

Provide at least 2 sources listed below:

- Bird-bath
- Backyard pond
- Drippers, spitters, or decorative pots and barrel containing water
- Damp spot for butterflies



## 2. Food for all Seasons

Provide at least 5 sources of food from the list below:

### Spring/Summer:

- Nectar feeder for hummingbirds, orioles or butterflies
- 3 types of nectar plants (tree sap or wildflowers)
- Flowering trees, shrubs, and perennials for pollinators
- Fruit-bearing shrubs, trees, and vines
- Rotting fruit feeder for birds and butterflies
- Organic garden, a food source for your family!

### Fall/Winter:

- Bird feeder
- Suet or peanut feeder
- Seed or nut bearing trees and shrubs
- Seed bearing perennials left through the winter
- Tree, shrub or vine that retains its fruit/berries into the winter months
- Vines such as Virginia creeper and riverbank grape

### Year-round:

- Compost bin (food source for decomposers)
- An area of undisturbed leaf litter under trees or shrubs

## 3. Shelter, A Place to Call Home

Allow for 1 of the following:

- Plant a native tree or two
- Layered planting ( Tree layer, shrub layer, ground layer)
- Thicket (tangled cluster of tall and medium height shrubs)

PLUS 2 additional sources of shelter from the list below:

- Evergreen tree
- Hedge
- Nesting cavity in a tree
- Wood or brush pile
- Rock pile or open stone wall
- Nest box or nesting platform
- Old log or snag (standing dead tree)
- Winter roosting box for birds
- Bat roosting box



## 4. Open Space

- Open, pesticide-free space

## 5. Size

What is the approximate size of your habitat?

\_\_\_\_\_sq ft X \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft



Please mail in your check list and 3 photos\* of your yard to:

Attention: Naturescape Coordinator  
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\* Digital photos can be emailed to: [naturescape@fortwhyte.org](mailto:naturescape@fortwhyte.org)  
Be sure to specify your name and address in the email.

# Certification Checklist