

## Backyard Certification

Certification programs for outdoor spaces, from a balcony in an apartment building to a 10-acre yard, can provide a helpful framework for transforming your space into a haven for wildlife. While each program has a primary focus, each offers a very similar path to sustainable and wildlife-friendly yard. Explore the different programs to find one that best suits your yard and personal objectives.

Program Name	Organization	Description
Watershed Friendly Property Certification	<a href="#">Penn State Extension Master Watershed Stewards</a>	Certify a property of any size that is managed with best practices to reduce stormwater runoff, reduce water pollution, conserve water, and support wildlife.
Certified Pollinator Friendly Garden	<a href="#">Penn State Extension Master Gardeners</a>	Complete an application to certify your garden contains necessary features for pollinator health, including food and water sources, shelter, and reduced pesticide use.
Pollinator Protection Pledge	<a href="#">Xerces Society</a>	Sign an online pledge to manage your garden according to four main principles.
Pollinator Pathway	<a href="#">Pollinator Pathway</a>	Apply pollinator-friendly principles to any size property, including container gardens, with a goal of creating interconnected pollinator-friendly spaces.
Certified Wildlife Habitat	<a href="#">National Wildlife Federation</a>	Complete a checklist to certify your yard provides food, water, cover, and places to raise young for wildlife with a minimum goal of 70% native plants and no pesticide usage.
Homegrown National Park	<a href="#">Homegrown National Park, Doug Tallamy</a>	Plant native plants, remove invasive plants, and add your property to a national map.