






## Backyard Habitat Recognition and Certification Programs Summary Sheet

	<b>Audubon Mid-Atlantic: Bird Friendly Habitat</b>
<b>Emphasis</b>	Safe and healthy habitat for birds.
<b>Requirements</b>	Demographic data on property: size, rural, suburban, etc. Four categories of habitat are listed: Food, Shelter, Water, Nesting -- At least 2 items in food and one each in shelter, water and nesting An additional 19 question survey asks for percentages for Bird-Friendly characteristics but it is not clear how these questions impact your acceptance.
<b>Benefits</b>	Audubon has many downloadable and interactive resources including Plants for Birds – a customizable database for native plants for your location with high bird value. The Audubon name is instantly recognizable.
<b>Costs</b>	\$25 application fee includes cost of yard sign.

	<b>Homegrown National Park</b>
<b>Emphasis</b>	Creating habitat for wildlife one yard at a time
<b>Requirements</b>	Use the link to register and then begin to add plantings of native plants for your map.
<b>Benefits</b>	Native plant and other resources; put your property on the map; create and track native plant goals.
<b>Costs</b>	Free registration, free downloadable sign for printing.

	<b>Monarch Watch – Monarch Waystations Program</b>
<b>Emphasis</b>	Replacing lost habitat for Monarch Butterflies
<b>Requirements</b>	The application requires one or more plants or practices in the following categories: shelter-plant density, host plants for Monarchs, nectar plants - annuals or biennials, nectar plants - perennials, sustainable management practices
<b>Benefits</b>	Certificate, garden placed on map, access to resources for Monarchs
<b>Costs</b>	Application fee is \$16; signs are available for \$24.95

	<b>National Wildlife Federation</b>
<b>Emphasis</b>	Safe backyard habitat for all wildlife
<b>Requirements</b>	Habitat needs: three of the listed sources of food, one of the listed sources of water, two of the listed places to find shelter and two places of the listed features to nest and raise young. Additionally two out of three categories of soil and water conservation, controlling exotic species and organic practices.
<b>Benefits</b>	Garden for Wildlife e-newsletter, 1yr subscription to National Wildlife magazine, 10% off catalog merchandise, plant suggestions, certificate, membership card, eligible for yard sign.
<b>Costs</b>	Certification \$20, Yard Sign \$30 + tax and shipping

	<b>National Pollinator Garden Network</b>
<b>Emphasis</b>	Bees, birds, bats and other pollinators.
<b>Requirements</b>	Guidelines are provided for pollinator gardens, native and non-invasive pollen and nectar plants are permissible, a picture of the garden is requested.
<b>Benefits</b>	Your garden becomes part of the network with a dot on the map.
<b>Costs</b>	Free!