



Naturescape Yard Checklist

There are so many ways you can create habitat in your outdoor spaces. It can take as little or as much space and effort as you like – from an apartment patio to a rural farm. This checklist is a handy way to support biodiversity, which ultimately sustains us.

1. Water Sources

– aim for 2 sources

I have a: I plan to add:

bird bath

pond

flowing stream (natural or constructed/circulating)

natural or constructed wetland

raingarden

muddy/ damp spot for birds, butterflies & other insects

other: _____

2. Food for All Seasons

– aim for at least 5 sources

I have a: I plan to add:

Spring/Summer

nectar plants

flowering trees, shrubs, plants (especially native)

berry/ fruit producing trees/ shrubs (especially native)

other: _____

Fall/Winter

seed/nut bearing trees/ shrubs

seed bearing plants left to overwinter, including grass

bird feeder (seeds & nuts)

suet bird feeder

other: _____

Year-Round

hummingbird feeder (Anna's Hummingbird overwinters)

undisturbed leaf litter

rotting log(s)

grass mowed high

other: _____

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3. Shelter

I have a:

I plan to add:

native shrubs and trees

overlapping heights of trees, shrubs, & ground cover

thicket/ hedge (dense area of medium to tall shrubs)

wildlife tree (standing, dead /dying, topped for safety)

rotting log

brush pile

rock pile or open stone wall

bird nest box(es)

bat roosting box

Mason bee box/ pollinator shelter

leaf piles or leaves under shrubs

other: _____

4. Sustainable Practices

I have a:

I plan to add:

pesticide-free space

reduced water use (water-wise landscaping)

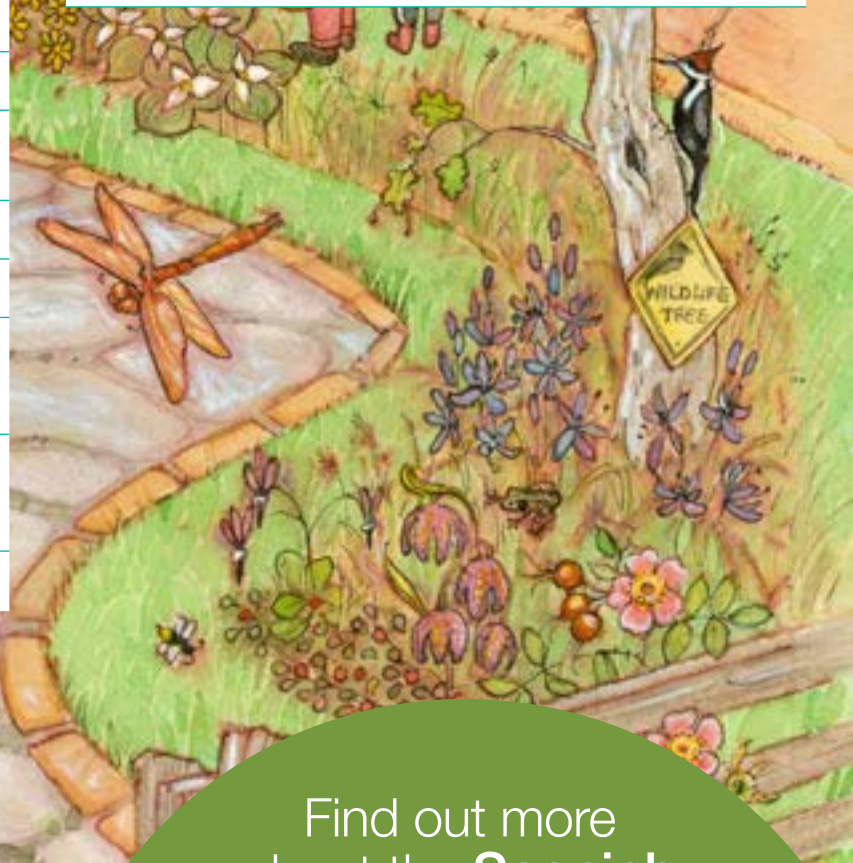
reduced lawn

removed invasive plants

composting

rainwater capture

other: _____



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