NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Certified Wildlife Habitat CHECKLIST

NORTHWEST STEELHEADERS Established 1960

The National Wildlife Federation is teaming up with Association of Northwest Steelheaders through their Garden for Wildlife program to **create wildlife-friendly spaces that help keep water clean for fish downstream**.
For every certification in Oregon, $5 goes towards salmon and trout conservation!

It's easier than you think! Use this walk-through checklist to confirm you have all the elements necessary to self-certify your home, school, place of worship, business, community space, natural area, etc. No $25 fee required for schools.

Note: This checklist is only a tool to prepare your garden, **please certify online** at **certifiedwildlifehabitat.nwf.org**

✓ One-time $25 fee   ✓ No size requirements   ✓ No site visit   ✓ No expiration

FOOD

Requirement: THREE or more food sources

- ☐ Seeds & Cones
- ☐ Fruits & Berries
- ☐ Nectar & Pollen
- ☐ Fresh Foliage
- ☐ Sap
- ☐ Bird Feeder
- ☐ Squirrel Feeder
- ☐ Nectar Feeder
- ☐ Nuts
- ☐ Host Plant
- ☐ Fallen Leaf Layer

WATER

Requirement: ONE or more water sources

- ☐ Bird bath
- ☐ Lake
- ☐ Stream or River
- ☐ Seasonal Pond
- ☐ Ocean
- ☐ Natural Spring
- ☐ Water Fountain
- ☐ Rain Garden
- ☐ Water Garden
- ☐ Year-Round Pond
- ☐ Puddler
- ☐ Mud Dish

COVER

Requirement: TWO or more cover sources

- ☐ Mature Trees/Snags
- ☐ 12" Hollow Stems
- ☐ Ground Cover/Leaves
- ☐ Rock Pile or Wall
- ☐ Grass, Sedge, Rush
- ☐ Roosting Box
- ☐ Evergreen Plants
- ☐ Brush or Log Pile
- ☐ Animal Burrow
- ☐ Meadow or Prairie
- ☐ Dense Shrubs/Thicket
- ☐ Water Garden/Pond

YOUNG

Requirement: TWO or more sources to raise young

- ☐ Mature Trees/Snags
- ☐ Meadow or Prairie
- ☐ Nesting/Roosting Box
- ☐ Brush or Log Pile
- ☐ Native Bee Box
- ☐ Animal Burrow
- ☐ Dead Trees/Snags
- ☐ Water Garden/Pond
- ☐ Ground Cover/Leaves
- ☐ Dense Shrubs/Thicket
- ☐ Host Plants for Caterpillars

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Requirement: THREE or more sustainable gardening practices

Soil & Water Conservation
- ☐ Reduce water usage
- ☐ Harvest Rain Water
- ☐ Install Rain Garden
- ☐ Use Drought-Tolerant Plants
- ☐ Plant Native Plants Densely
- ☐ Use Efficient Irrigation (Drip Hose)

- ☐ Use Natural Mulch (Straw/Wood)
- ☐ Leave the Leaves/Reduce Erosion

Controlling Non-Native Species
- ☐ Practice Integrated Pest Mgmt.
- ☐ Remove Non-Native Species
- ☐ Reduce Lawn Space, Plant Natives

Pollution Reduction
- ☐ Eliminate Chemical Pesticides & Fertilizers
- ☐ Eliminate Plastic Liners & Gas Use
- ☐ Compost Kitchen/Garden Waste
- ☐ Turn Off Outdoor Lights at Night

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