

The Wild Yards Manual

The Wild Yards Manual will help you learn more about the needs of wildlife and how to improve wildlife habitat in your yard. The manual includes information on:

- Habitat components
- West Virginia native plants
- Butterfly gardens
- Bat boxes
- Bird feeders
- City gardens
- Wildlife landscape planning
- And much more!

You can download a copy of the Wild Yards Manual at WVDnr.gov/conservation-education. You may also request a printed copy by contacting the WVDNR Wildlife Diversity Program.



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West Virginia Wild Yards Program

The West Virginia Wild Yards Program was started in 1998 and is designed to recognize the efforts of backyard landscapers to create and maintain wildlife habitat across the state.

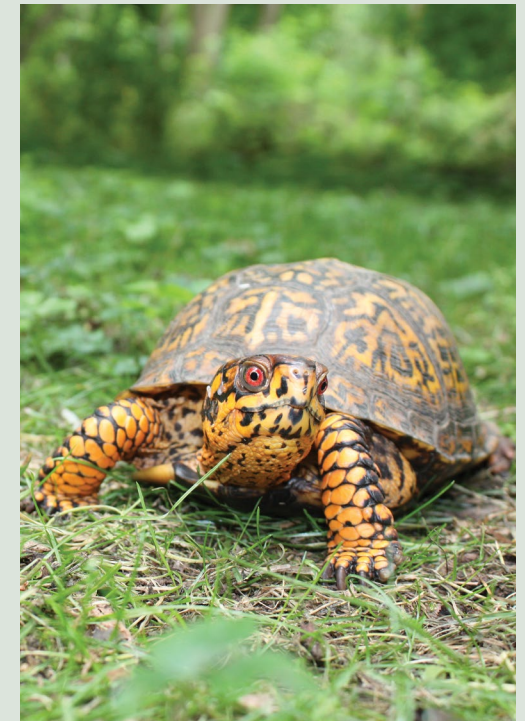
Applicants who demonstrate that their property meets the needs of wildlife will receive a certificate and sign to place in their backyard habitat to let everyone know the area is part of a statewide network of West Virginia Wild Yards.



Why Go Wild?

Native plants are a great addition to your property. Not only do they enhance the appearance of your yard, they provide many additional benefits. In general, native plants

- Need less maintenance once established
- Provide year-round beauty
- Help save money on your heating, cooling and water bills
- Support rare wildlife in your area



Bring Nature to Your Backyard!

If you want to make your yard a welcoming environment for wildlife, make sure you provide these four necessary components:

1. Food
2. Water
3. Cover
4. Places to raise young

You can start small by adding milkweed for butterflies to your garden or providing feeders, birdbaths and nest boxes for a few backyard songbirds. You can also dream big and restore a native meadow for dozens of species. Whether you live on a quarter-acre suburban lot, a five-acre townhouse development or in a city apartment, you can provide habitat for wildlife right where you are.