

Wildlife Habitat



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This type of yard encourages a healthy and diverse wildlife population. Here are some steps you can take to help the wildlife survive and flourish.

Tips for your yard

- **Food: Plants are the best food source for wildlife. Feeders can be used as a supplemental source of food, especially during the winter.**

- **Plant Foods:**

1. Seeds
2. Berries
3. Fruits
4. Foliage
5. Sap
6. Flowers
7. Nuts
8. Nectar
9. Pollen

- **Feeder Types:**

1. Tube
2. Suet
3. Platform
4. Squirrel
5. Butterfly
6. Hummingbird

- **Water: Wildlife needs a clean source for drinking and bathing.**

- **Sources of Water:**

1. Birdbath
2. Lakefront
3. Stream
4. Water Garden/Pond

Cover: Wildlife needs places to find shelter from the weather and from predators. They also need shelter in which to raise their young.

- **Sources of Cover:**

1. Brush Pile
2. Meadow Prairie
3. Dead Trees/Snags
4. Bat Houses
5. Vines
6. Evergreen Trees
7. Deciduous Shrubs
8. Bird Houses
9. Rock Pile
10. Nestling Platforms
11. Host Plants
12. Log Pile
13. Dense Shrubs/Thicket
14. Water Garden/Pond