

The Living Desert: *Desert Backyard Habitat Certification* Worksheet

Participant Name : _____

Note: Be sure to record the class date.

ClassID	Class Name	Hrs.	Hrs.	Hrs.	Hrs.	Date Taken
REQUIRED CLASSES						
NS 2	Creating Your Desert Backyard Habitat Garden	3				
NS 20	Wildlife in Your Desert Backyard Habitat	3				
NS 110 or NS109	Attracting Native Birds to Your Desert Backyard Habitat Coachella Valley Birds- An Introduction	3				
NS 201	Coachella Valley Native Plants	3				
NS 304b	Coachella Valley Native Mammals	3				
NS 304c	Coachella Valley Native Reptiles	3				
G 3	Maintaining Your Desert Backyard Habitat	3				
G 210 or NS 112	Entomology: the Natural History of Desert Insects Land of the Small: the Natural History of Desert Insects	3				
G Lab	Hands-On Desert Gardening Lab	3				

ALL LISTED CLASSES ARE REQUIRED
TO QUALIFY For Status as a
CERTIFIED DESERT BACKYARD HABITAT

SITE INSPECTION WOKSHEET

The checklist on the following page will be used by our Master Desert Gardener when certifying your Desert Backyard Habitat

Have you had a habitat certified previously? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, by who and when: _____

If 'yes', was it for this property? Yes _____ No _____ If 'no', where? _____

Name _____ Organization (if applicable) _____

Name(s) to Appear on Certificate (if different from above) _____

Maximum 30 characters, spaces included.

Address of Habitat _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

D E S E R T
B A C K Y A R D
H A B I T A T



In what type of area is your property?

Urban Suburban Rural

Check the option that best describes your habitat.

Home Apartment/Rooftop Garden

Workplace Community Garden/Park

Farm Place of Worship

Educational Setting/School

WILDLIFE: Please check the types of wildlife that your habitat supports.

Insects/invertebrates

Fish

Amphibians

Reptiles

Mammals

Birds

COVER: Wildlife need places to find shelter from the weather and from predators. How do you provide cover for wildlife? (Minimum requirement: 2)

Wooded Area Dense Shrubs/Thicket

Bramble Patch Evergreens

Ground Cover Brush Pile

Log Pile Rock Pile/Wall

Roosting Box Water Garden/Pond

Burrows Other

FOOD: Plants are the best food source for wildlife. Feeders can be used as a supplemental source of food. Remember that some creatures will become food for others in a balanced habitat. Encourage a natural diversity of wildlife in your yard to ensure a healthy ecosystem. How do you provide food for wildlife? (Minimum requirement: 3 at least one in each category)

Plant Foods: Seeds Nuts
 Berries Fruits
 Nectar Sap
 Foliage/Twigs Pollen

Feeder Types: Tube Platform
 Suet Squirrel
 Hummingbird Butterfly

WATER: Wildlife need a clean water source for drinking and bathing. How do you provide water for wildlife? (Minimum requirement: 1)

Birdbath Water Garden/Pond

Puddling Area Spring

Other

PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG: In order to provide complete habitat, you must provide places for wildlife to engage in courtship behavior and to mate, and then to bear and raise their young. How do you provide places to raise young for wildlife? (Minimum requirement: 2)

Mature Trees

Dead Trees/Snags

Meadow

Dense Shrubs/Thicket

Nesting Box

Water Garden/Pond

Host Plants for Caterpillars to Live on

Burrows

PLANT LIST: Plant communities form the foundation of habitat for all wildlife. Plants that are native to your region are best. Please check the plant types that grow in your habitat. You may also list as many species as you can identify in the space provided or attach a list to this application.

Evergreen trees Deciduous trees

Evergreen shrubs Deciduous shrubs

Vines Wildflowers

Grasses and grass-like plants

Aquatic plants Cacti/succulents

Other

Plant Species: _____

SUSTAINABLE GARDENING PRACTICES: How you manage your garden or landscape can have an effect on the health of the soil, air, water and habitat for native wildlife – as well as the human community. What sustainable gardening techniques do you employ to help conserve resources? (Minimum requirement: 2)

Water Conservation:

Vegetative Buffer Zone Around Water Feature

Capture Rain Water from Roof

Xeriscape

Drip or Soaker Hose for Irrigation

Reducing Lawn Areas

Reducing Erosion

Eliminating Chemical Pesticides

Eliminating Chemical Fertilizers

Mulching

Soil Conservation:

Mulching

Reducing Erosion

Composting

Eliminating Chemical Pesticides

Eliminating Chemical Fertilizers

Controlling Exotic Species:

Monitor Nesting Boxes

Keeping Your Cat Indoors

Removing Invasive Plants

Restoring Native Plants

Reducing Lawn Areas

Organic Practices:

Eliminating Chemical Pesticides

Eliminating Chemical Fertilizers

Encouraging Pest Predators

Composting