

Do More Biodiversewise

Our backyard wildlife is in peril and you can help by creating habitat!

What do they need? A place to live!

- Their needs are our needs: food, water, and shelter to nest or rest and shelter for all seasons

What can we do? Create habitat!

- **Plant natives including:**
 - flowers that have different colors, shapes and overlapping bloom times,
 - native shrubs and trees of differing sizes and heights
- **Remove invasive plants**
 - Remove and replace non-native plants
 - Reduce turf
- **Create cover**
 - Wildlife uses dense vegetation to hide, rest, nest, and raise young
 - Brush or stone piles, hollow twigs or stems, and rotten logs provide protection or places to over winter.
 - Leave bare ground and avoid weed cloth so insects can nest or lay eggs.
 - Leave leaves!
- **Provide** a shallow clean water source
- **Do no harm**
 - Avoid pesticides or herbicides
 - Turn off outdoor lights at night
- **Reconnect** with Nature
- **Spend** time outside observing
- **Involve** a young person
- **Share** with your neighbors!

Know More

General References

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