

Habitat Certifications



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Bee Campus U.S.A.

Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

Requirements:

- Online presence
- One service-learning opportunity per year
- Increase/enhance habitat
- Reduce use of pesticides
- Display signage
- Offer courses or continuing education opportunities
- Create committee
- President or chancellor approval

Fees and Processing:

- Annual fee \$400 with report on activities and data



Wildlife Habitat Certification

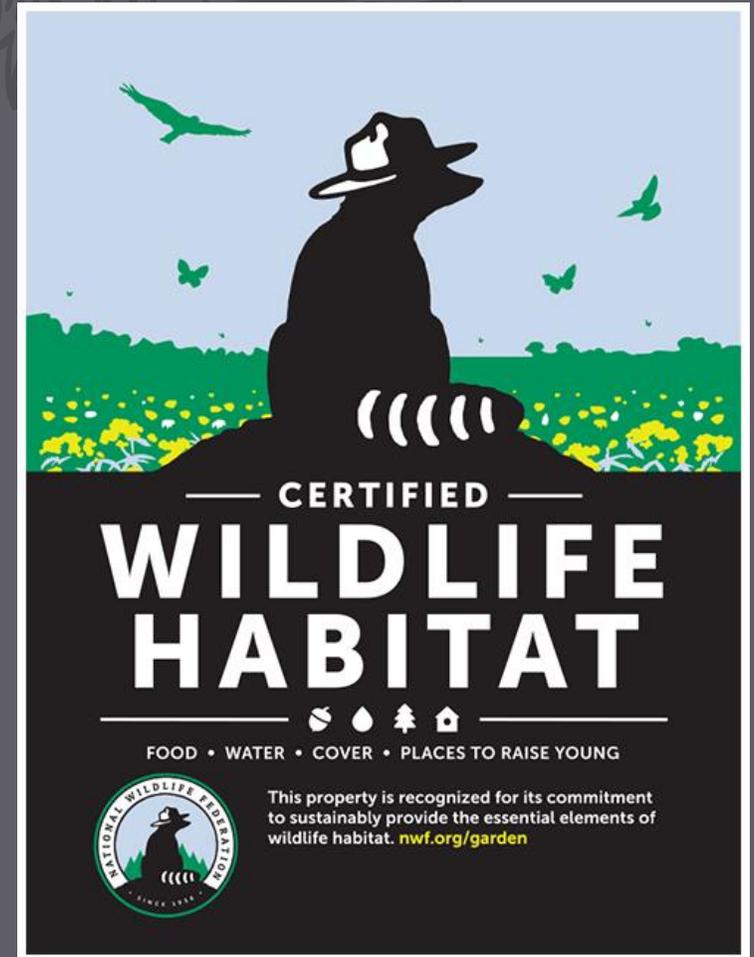
National Wildlife Federation

Requirements:

- Three types of plants or supplemental feeders for wildlife
- One source of water
- Two sources of cover/shelter
- Two places for wildlife to mate, raise young
- Two sustainable practices- soil and water conservation, controlling exotic species, organic practices

Fees and Processing:

- One time \$20 fee
- ~4-8 week processing time
- Application must list elements of habitat



Certified Butterfly Garden

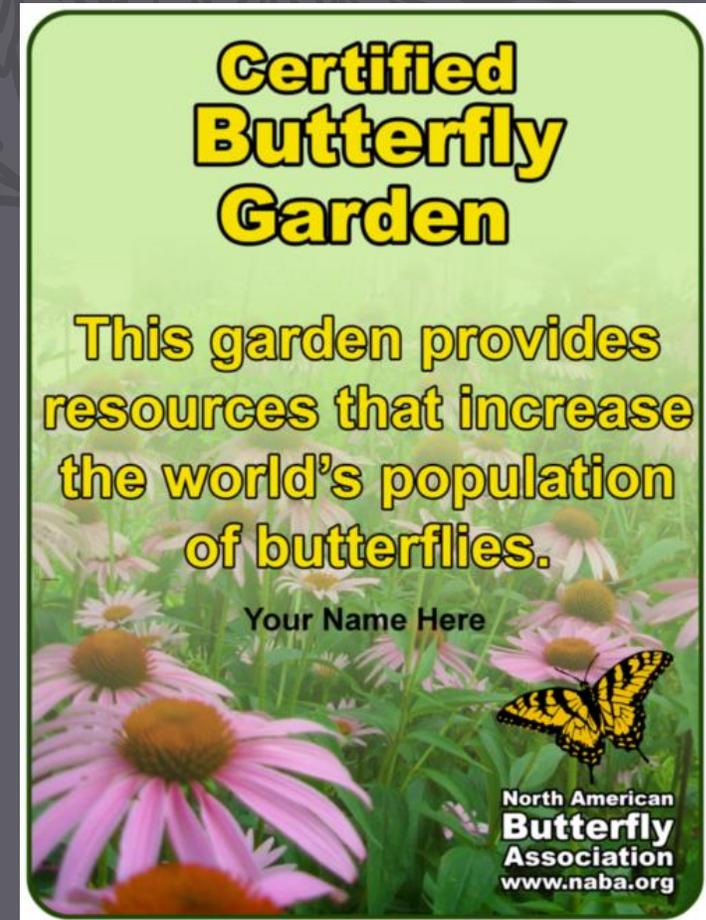
North American Butterfly Association

Requirements:

- Three butterfly nectar plants
- Three caterpillar host plants
- Use of pesticides discouraged

Fees and Processing:

- \$25 application fee
- Signs \$25 each



Monarch Waystation Certification

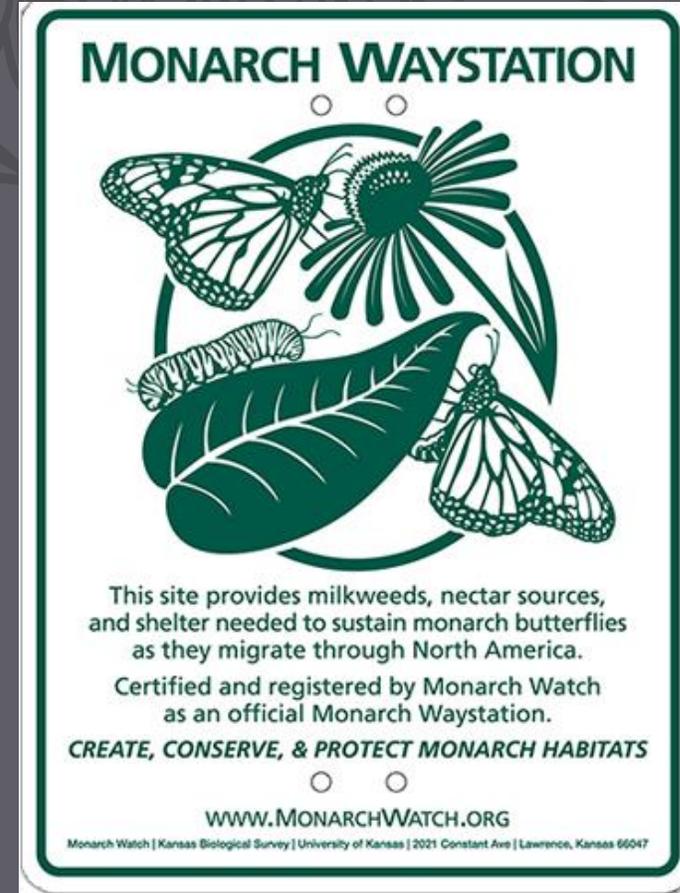
Monarch Watch

Requirements:

- Plant density/shelter = 2-10 plants per square yard
- Located in an area with at least 6 hours of sun/day
- One or more host plants (type of milkweed)
- One or more nectar plants- annuals or biennials
- One or more nectar plants- perennials
- One or more sustainable management practices
- Habitat name

Fees and Processing:

- \$16 non-refundable, one-time fee excluding signage costs (\$25 ea.)
- Application must identify the plants and sustainable practices used from their list of options



Conservation Certification

Wildlife Habitat Council

Requirements:

- Qualifying projects must:
 - Be locally appropriate
 - Exceed any relevant regulatory requirements
 - Have a conservation education objective
 - Provide conservation or conservation education value
 - Have documented, measurable outcomes
- Different project types include habitat, species, education
- Renewal 2-3 years

Fees and processing

- Registration fee=\$250, application fee =\$2,400 non-refundable



Neighborhood Habitat Garden

Altacal Audubon Society

Requirements:

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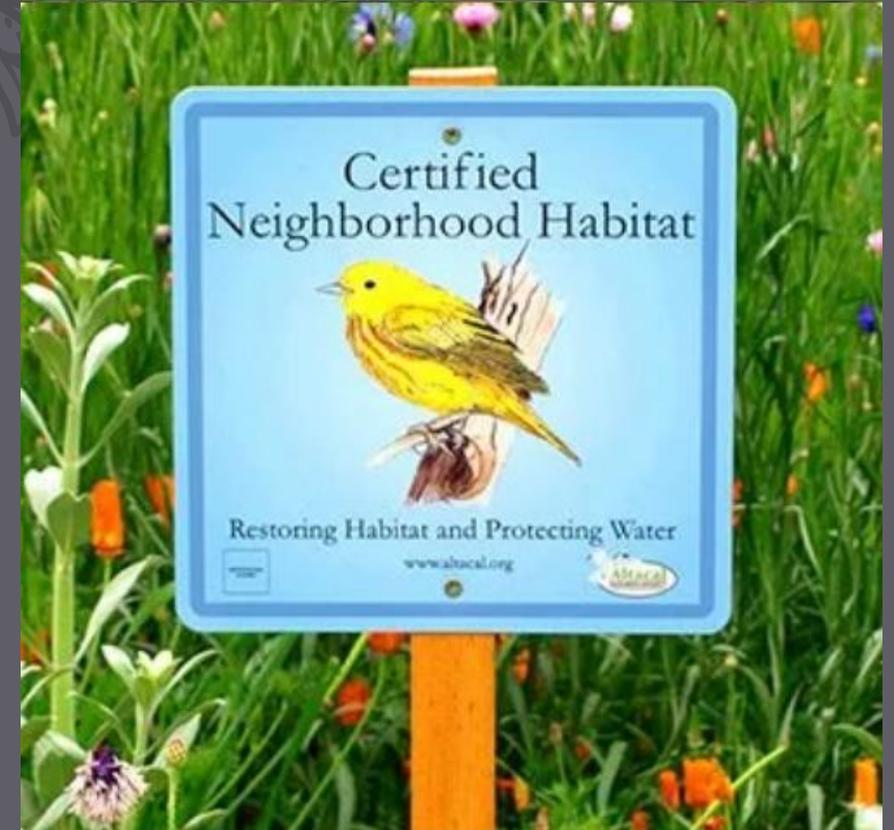
- Replace half of yard with drought-tolerant California landscaping
- Five native plants minimum
- Include three out of five vegetation layers
- Avoid the use of herbicides and pesticides
- Pick at least one item from each of Wildlife Stewardship and Water Conservation

Gold:

- Replace 100% of yard with drought-tolerant California landscaping
- Eight native plants or trees
- Include all five vegetation layers
- Use low water-volume irrigation
- Avoid herbicides and pesticides
- Pick two items from each Wildlife Stewardship and Water Conservation

Fees and Processing:

- \$12 one-time fee



Certification	Cost	Difficulty	Comments
Bee Campus	\$\$	◆◆	Two (STARS) Grounds Certification Exemplary Practice Credit Points
Wildlife Habitat	\$	◆	Counts towards Million Pollinator Challenge
Butterfly Garden	\$	◆	N/A
Monarch Waystation	\$	◆	N/A
Conservation Certificate	\$\$\$	◆◆◆	May be considered for WHC Awards, presented during annual Conservation Conference
Habitat Garden	\$	◆◆	Supports organization chapter local to Northern California

Overall Comparison

