Habitat Certifications

https://today.csuchico.edu/2020-diversity-award-recipients/
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

https://beecityusa.org/bee-campus-usa-commitments/
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

https://www.nwf.org/-/media/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certified-Wildlife-Habitat/NWF_Garden-Certification-ChecklistCаш?la=en&hash=FFAA0B1AE16607AB81F04BE615D0EFB95BACF42
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

https://butterflies.naba.org/conserve/butterfly_garden/habitat-program/certification
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

https://monarchwatch.org/waystations/certify.html
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

https://certsupport.wildlifehc.org/en/a/habitat-project-requirements/landscaped-projects
Neighborhood Habitat Garden
Altacal Audubon Society

Requirements:

Silver:
• 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

https://www.altacal.org/neighborhood-habitat-program
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Overall Comparison

- **Easily Achievable**
  - Certified Butterfly Garden
  - Monarch Waystation
  - Wildlife Habitat
  - Neighborhood Garden

- **Expensive**
  - Conservation Certificate

- **Affordable**
  - Bee Campus USA

- **Hard to Achieve**