

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
<b>REQUIRED CLASSES</b>						
NS 2	<b>Creating Your Desert Backyard Habitat Garden</b>	3				
NS 20	<b>Wildlife in Your Desert Backyard Habitat</b>	3				
NS 110 (NS 109*)	<b>Attracting Native Birds to Your Desert Backyard Habitat</b> (Credit for NS 109 will be accepted, if the class date is prior to October 2006)	3				
NS 201	<b>Coachella Valley Native Plants</b>	3				
NS 304b	<b>Coachella Valley Native Mammals</b>	3				
NS 304c	<b>Coachella Valley Native Reptiles</b>	3				
G 3	<b>Maintaining Your Desert Backyard Habitat</b>	3				
G 210 <i>or</i> NS 112	<b>Entomology: the Natural History of Desert Insects</b> <b>Land of the Small: the Natural History of Desert Insects</b>	3				
G Lab	<b>Hands-On Desert Gardening Lab</b>	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) \_\_\_\_\_

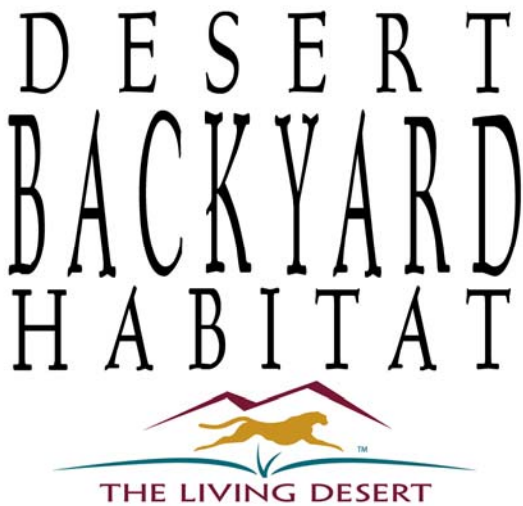
Name(s) to Appear on Certificate (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Maximum 30 characters, spaces included.

Address of Habitat \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_



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

**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:**

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**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

**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