

Creating & Managing a Certified Wildlife Habitat

*The Challenges & Joys of Gardening With and For
Nature via NWF Guidelines*

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NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat since Summer 2007 (Habitat #87831)



Certified Wildlife Habitat History

- NWF program established in 1973
- Encourages the public to restore habitat through their gardens
- Protect wildlife for our children's future
- More than 150,000 Certified Wildlife Habitats today
- Urban, Suburban, Rural, Backyard, Rooftop, etc.

The Four Elements

- Food
- Water
- Shelter
- Places to Raise Young



Food

- *3 Sources Required*
- *Plants*
- *Supplemental Feeders*



Water

- *1 Source Required*
- *Natural*
- *Manmade*



Shelter

- 2 Sources Required
- Natural
- Manmade



Places To Raise Young

- 2 Sources Required
- Natural
- Manmade



Native Plants

- *Best Source of Food*
 - *4 Seasons*
- *Requires Minimal Watering*
- *Flourishes Naturally*



More Native Plants



Sustainable Gardening

- *Lawn Reduction*
- *NO Chemical Pesticides*
- *NO Chemical Fertilizers*
- *Compost*
- *Rain Barrel*



Composting Guidelines

- *Benefits*
 - *Black Gold*
 - *Reduces Household Waste*
- *Red Wrigglers*
 - *Fast Turnaround*
 - *Minimal Work*
- *The Worm Ladies*
 - www.wormladies.com



Local Wildlife in the Urban Garden

- *Birds*
- *Butterflies*
- *Bees*
- *Insects*
- *Small Mammals*
- *Small Amphibians*

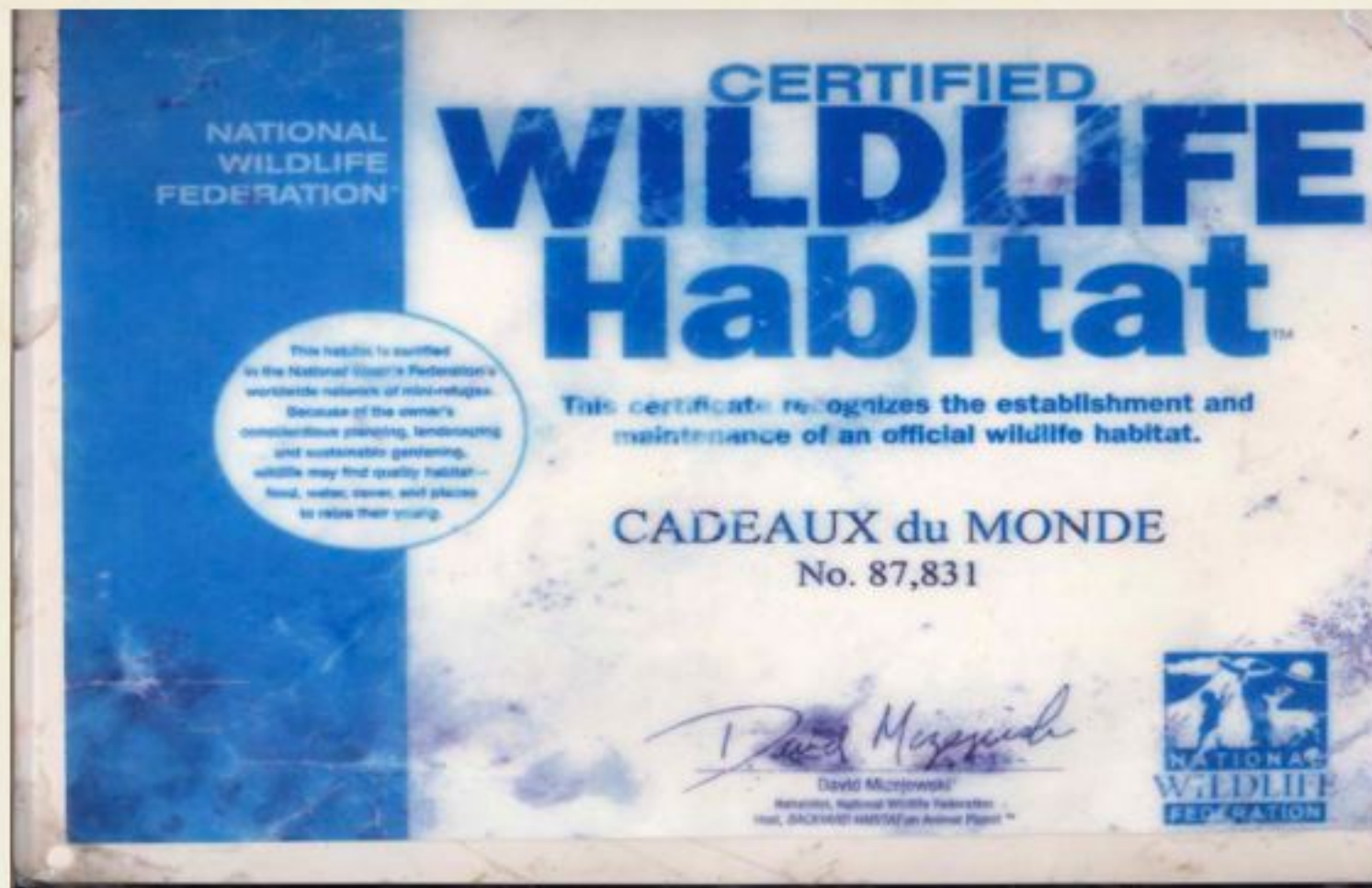


Insects

Wildlife & Food Source



*Anna Pell House Certificate Number 87,831
after 34 years of program, 1973-2007.
Currently over 150,000 -- 62,000 new
habitats in the last 4 years.*



Happy Gardening!!!

○ *NWF Application*

○ *Handouts*

- Birds*
- Nesting Boxes*
- Bird Feeders*
- Butterflies*
- Native Plants*
- Wildlife*
- Native Plants*
- Lawn Reduction*
- Ponds*



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