



## **BERGEN COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY CERTIFIED WILDLIFE GARDEN PROGRAM**

Bergen County Audubon Society has installed and maintained several habitat restoration gardens in Northern New Jersey over the past 9 years. In an effort to continue that mission, we are introducing a new program that the community can take part in. Our new Certified Wildlife Garden program will allow homeowners, communities, schools, nature centers and others to have their gardens certified by Bergen County Audubon Society.

To apply for certification, fill out the attached application. Your garden should provide at least one item from each of the four categories listed to become certified.

- **Food**
- **Water**
- **Cover**
- **Places to raise young**

Certified gardens will be given a number and marked on a map to illustrate wildlife areas that have been created. The map will be available on our website.

Upon completion and submission of your application it will be reviewed, and if approved, you will be awarded a certificate for your efforts. The certificate will be emailed to you free of charge. You may submit photos of your garden although not required for certification. A garden sign is available for pick up, contact Marie Longo [MLongo8383@aol.com](mailto:MLongo8383@aol.com) (201) 498-0809 if you are interested in receiving one.



**Proud sponsor of our Certified Wildlife Garden Program.**



## Bergen County Audubon Society Certified Wildlife Garden Program Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe your site:

\_\_\_ Home

\_\_\_ Business/Corporation

\_\_\_ Place of Worship

\_\_\_ Nature Center

\_\_\_ Apartment

\_\_\_ Park/Community

\_\_\_ School/ University/College

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**FOOD SOURCES:** BCAS encourages the use and planting of native plants as food sources. Native plants provide the basic foods for wildlife and create better biodiversity. Visit the native plant database at: [audubon.org/plantsforbirds](http://audubon.org/plantsforbirds).

**Important note:** Invasive plants destroy habitats and spread, please consider removing them, we highly recommend researching your plantings. Feeders can be used as a supplemental source of food. What native trees/shrubs/plants do you provide for wildlife?

### List only "NATIVE" Trees:

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### List only "NATIVE" Shrubs:

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### List only "NATIVE" Butterfly/Hummingbird/Pollinator Host and Nectar Plants:

**\*\* To help bring back the declining populations of Monarch butterflies, we strongly recommend planting Milkweed if possible as it is their only host plant.**

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**WATER SOURCES:** Water is crucial for wildlife year round. It is important to provide a clean water source for drinking and bathing. What water sources do you provide?

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**COVER:** Wildlife needs shelter from inclement weather and hiding places for both predators and prey. How do you provide cover for wildlife?

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**PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG:** These areas provide places for wildlife to engage in courtship behavior and safely raise their young. How do you provide places to raise young for wildlife?

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**Feeders (optional, not required for certification):**

Seed  Suet  Squirrel  Hummingbird

**Questions? Contact Marie Longo:** (201) 498-0809 [MLongo8383@aol.com](mailto:MLongo8383@aol.com)

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