



North Carolina Native Plant Society

Native Plant Habitat Certification Application

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
County: _____
Preferred phone #: _____
Email address: _____
Date of Application: _____

Name(s) and address to appear on certificate:

ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY

Total property size:

Approximate percentage of that area dedicated to North Carolina native plants:

Number of years you have been working on creating native habitat on your property:

LANDSCAPE PROFILE

TERRAIN: Level ground Gentle slope Steep slope
EXPOSURE: Primarily sunny Mixed sun/shade Primarily shaded

LANDSCAPE FEATURES (check all that are applicable to your garden/yard):

Wooded area Native grass lawn Pond/lake
 Meadow/prairie Rock retaining wall Rock outcropping
 Sitting/viewing area Stream/creek Garden path
 Rock garden Arbor Rain garden
 Pollinator garden Moss garden Other (describe):

Interesting historic features of your property (if applicable):

NATIVE PLANTS ON YOUR PROPERTY

For NCNPS certification, a native garden must have representation in a minimum of 5 of the 11 plant categories listed below. Plants listed should be native to North Carolina. List scientific as well as common names on this application. As noted in the Introduction, HELP is available if needed!

CATEGORIES

1. **Canopy Trees** (3 species minimum):

2. **Understory Trees** (3 species minimum):

3. **Shrubs** (3 minimum):

4. **Herbaceous Flowering Plants:** (annuals, biennials, perennials): **Spring-blooming** (3 species minimum):

5. **Herbaceous Flowering Plants:** (annuals, biennials, perennials): **Summer-blooming** (3 species minimum):

6. **Herbaceous Flowering Plants:** (annuals, biennials, perennials): **Fall-blooming** (3 species minimum):

7. **Ferns** (3 species minimum):

8. **Grasses** (3 species minimum):

9. **Vines: Herbaceous or Woody** (3 species minimum):

10. **Mosses & Lichens** (3 species minimum):

11. **Water/Bog** (3 species minimum):

REMOVING INVASIVE PLANTS FROM YOUR LANDSCAPE

For NCNPS certification, a native garden/landscape should be as free as possible of non-native, invasive species. Please list the non-native invasive plants that you have removed, are attempting to remove, and/or are preventing from reproducing by seed from your property:

CONSERVATION PRACTICES

At least 6 of the following 12 conservation practices are required for certification. Please check those that apply.

- 1. Minimize or eliminate lawn areas
- 2. Compost plant material, such as grass clippings and vegetable peels, in a bin or pile
- 3. Use mulch to retain moisture
- 4. Avoid chemical use where possible
- 5. Use soaker hoses or hand watering rather than overhead sprinkling
- 6. Control pests naturally by encouraging beneficial insects
- 7. Capture and utilize rainwater
- 8. Provide water sources for habitat support
- 9. Install native plants facing destruction, obtained through organized rescues
- 10. Allow leaves to remain where they fall
- 11. Reduce use of lawn maintenance equipment, such as fossil fuel powered movers & blowers
- 12. Leave older and non-hazardous dead trees in the landscape

SUBMITTING YOUR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

Please feel free to use additional sheets, if necessary, to list your native plants, or use the plant list provided on the website.

Please email (to lmellichamp@carolina.rr.com) at least **5 digital pictures** of your garden. These pictures should show the scope of the garden as well as any special features.

Submission of this form gives the NCNPS permission to use these photos in exhibits, on the NCNPS website, in publicity materials, and in other ways that fulfill the mission of NCNPS. Credit will be given to the person who submitted the application unless another photographer is identified by the applicant.

Are you willing to allow planned visits to your garden (circle one): YES NO

Please enclose your certification program application fee of **\$10** (for NCNPS members) or **\$35** (for non-members, includes a 1-year membership), with checks payable to NCNPS. If you are not a member, we encourage you to join us; please visit <http://www.ncwildflower.org/ncnps/membership/>

To help highlight your native habitat garden/yard, you may purchase a metal sign or granite marker. Pictures of the markers and details on costs may be seen at <http://www.ncwildflower.org/about/markers/>.

If you would like a sign for your garden, please circle the following: *Yes, I am interested in purchasing a METAL SIGN.*

Payment for this will be requested once your garden has been certified.

Thank you for becoming a NCNPS certified property!
NCNPS Native Plant Habitat Certification Committee

Please forward or mail your completed application to:

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