



# Audubon at Home Wildlife Sanctuary

A program to create healthy habitat for native plants and animals in the back yards of Northern Virginia, and certify properties as Wildlife Sanctuaries

This certification program is open to property owners in Fairfax County and throughout Northern Virginia. If you want to create an environmentally friendly landscape in your own yard (or school, church, or business) or simply want to recognize existing habitat - *let us help you!* An Audubon at Home Ambassador can help you plan a native plant habitat that will attract and shelter beneficial wildlife that needs your help to succeed. Create habitat and they will come. Once ten sanctuary species begin using your property, you can receive certification as a Wildlife Sanctuary, and receive your own attractive yard sign. Here are the steps:



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1. Obtain an online application at <http://audubonva.org/wildlife-sanctuary-program> (please find Prince William near bottom of the page and click on Prince William) and complete as much information as possible. *Even if you don't yet have 10 Sanctuary Species.*
2. Contact Leslie Paulson [ljp6651@comcast.net](mailto:ljp6651@comcast.net) or the VCE Prince William Extension Horticulture Help Desk, 703-792-7747 to arrange for an Audubon at Home Ambassador to visit your property and provide tips on attracting sanctuary species.
3. After criteria have been met, co-sign your application form with your Ambassador.
4. Ask your Ambassador how to obtain a sign for your property.
5. If you wish, Audubon Society of Northern Virginia will register your property on their website as a certified Wildlife Sanctuary!

## **Sanctuary Species**

- Amphibians (Frogs and Salamanders)
- Birds (American Goldfinch, Baltimore Oriole, Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren, Cooper's Hawk, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Towhee, Green Heron, Gray Catbird, Pileated Woodpecker, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Ruby-Throated Hummingbird, Tree Swallow, Warblers)
- Butterflies (Fritillaries, Monarchs, and Swallowtails)
- Insects (Dragonflies and Damselflies, Giant Silk Moths, Hummingbird Clearwing Moth, Lady Beetles, Native Bees, Six-spotted Tiger Beetle)
- Mammals (Little Brown Bat, Southern Flying Squirrel)
- Reptiles (Eastern Box Turtle, Five-lined Skink, Snakes)

Go to "Audubon at Home" at <http://audubonva.org/species-fact-sheets> for fact sheets.

*For more info, call 703-792-7747 or email [master\\_gardener@pwcv.gov](mailto:master_gardener@pwcv.gov)*



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Please fill out below for your contact information and the type of property you have that you wish to have certified as a Wildlife Habitat. This is your first step to protecting our native wildlife in Prince William County.

### Contact / Location

Name						
Street		City		State		Zip
Email		Phone 1		Phone 2		

### Type of Property

Home  Approximate property size (eg, 1/3 acre): \_\_\_\_\_

School  Approximate size of habitat to be certified \_\_\_\_\_

Church  (in square feet or yards): \_\_\_\_\_

HOA Common

Business  Habitat to be certified is (check all that apply): New  Existing

Other (Describe)  \_\_\_\_\_