

Build a Wildlife Habitat

Elements:

1. **Food**- At least 3 Sources of Food

- *Native Plants That Offer Seeds, Berries, Nuts and Nectar

- *Healthy Insect Population

- *Supplemental Bird Feeders--

Hummingbird Nectar Recipe:

1/4 C sugar

1 C water

Mix well and bring to a boil

Cool and place in feeder.

Keeps in fridge for 5 days

2. **Water**- At least 1 Water Source

- *Birdbath

- *Water Garden

- *Water Dish

- *Natural Stream/Pond

3. **Cover**- At least 2 Sources of Cover

- *Dense Vegetation

- *Brush/Rock Pile

- *Bat House

- *Roosting Box

4. **A Place to Raise Young**- At least 2 Places

- *Trees/Shrubs

- *Caterpillar Host Plants

- *Pond for Amphibians

- *Bird Nesting Boxes

5. **Sustainability**- At least 2 Practices from these 3 Groups

A. Soil/Water Conservation-

- *Limit Water Use

- *Compost

- *Mulch

- *Reduce Lawn/Pavement

- *Use Soaker Hose

- *Install Rain Barrel

B. Control Invasive Exotic Species

- *Use Native Plants

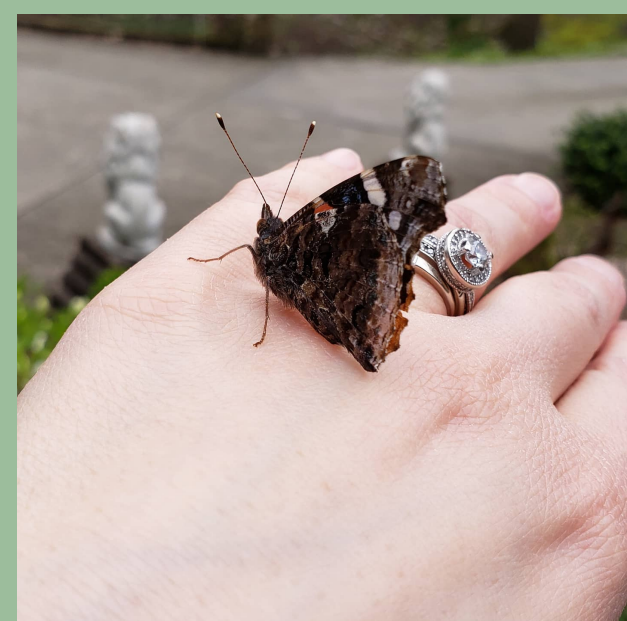
- *Remove Invasive Exotic Plants

- *Keep Cats Indoors

C. Organic Practices

- *Eliminate Chemical Pesticides/Fertilizers

- *Attract Beneficial Insects



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