

# 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-

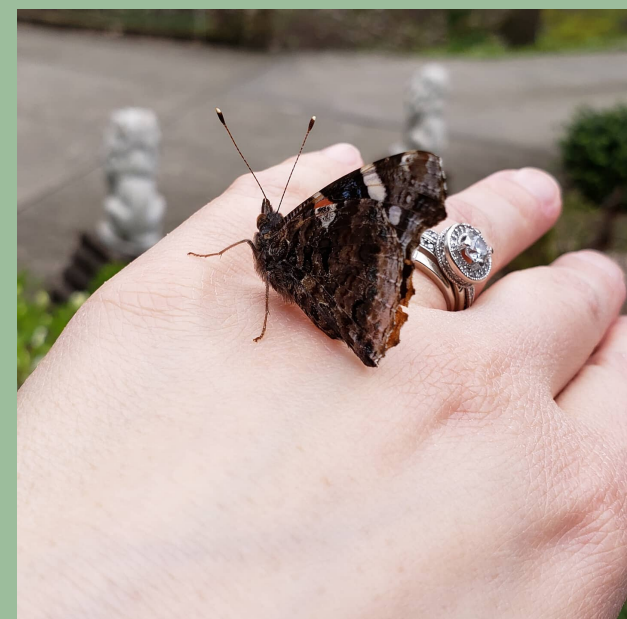
- \*Limit Water Use
- \*Compost
- \*Mulch
- \*Reduce Lawn/Pavement
- \*Use Soaker Hose
- \*Install Rain Garden

#### 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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