



North Carolina Native Plant Society

Native Plant Habitat Certification

Application

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 COUNTY _____
 TELEPHONE _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME(S) AND ADDRESS TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE:

GARDEN PROFILE

TERRAIN:

Level ground Gentle Slopes Steep Slopes
 Primarily Open/Sunny Mixed Primarily Wooded

NATIVE PLANTS:

A native garden must have representation in 6 of the 11 native plant categories for certification. (All plants listed should be native to North Carolina. Please include botanical names if possible).

1. Canopy Trees _____

2. Under story Trees (less than 40') _____

3. Shrubs _____

4. Ferns _____

5. Woodland Flowers (shade)

a. Spring Blooming _____

b. Summer Blooming _____

c. Fall Blooming _____

6. Garden Flowers (sun)

a. Spring Blooming _____

b. Summer Blooming _____

c. Fall Blooming _____

7. Native Grasses _____

8. Vines (Herbaceous or Woody) _____

9. Ground Covers _____

10. Moss/Lichens _____

11. Water/Bog Plants _____

CONSERVATION PRACTICES:

Applicant must practice at least 6 of the following 10 conservation practices for certification.

Please check those that apply.

- 1. removal of invasive pest plants
- 2. composting
- 3. mulching
- 4. avoiding chemical use where possible
- 5. using soaker hoses or hand watering rather than overhead watering
- 6. controlling pests naturally by encouraging beneficial insects
- 7. capturing/utilizing rainwater
- 8. minimizing or eliminating lawn areas
- 9. if possible, allowing leaves to remain where they fall, or shredding as mulch
- 10. reducing the use of standard lawn maintenance equipment, such as fossil powered lawn mowers, leaf blowers

SPECIAL GARDEN FEATURES: (Check if applicable to your garden)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Moss Garden(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Grass Lawn | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond(s)/Lake(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Garden(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Retaining Wall(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Outcropping(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sitting/Viewing Area(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream(s)/Creek(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Path(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildflower Meadow(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Arbor(s) | |

Total Property Size: _____. Approximate percentage of that area dedicated to North Carolina Native Plants: _____

Are you willing to allow visits to your garden? _____Yes _____No

Please enclose pictures of your garden or email them to rita @ ncwildflower.org. The photographs will not be returned. Please feel free to use additional sheets if necessary to list your native plants. Processing of application may take four to six weeks. If you have any questions regarding this application, please call or e-mail as listed below.

Please enclose your certification program application fee of \$10.00 for NCNPS members and \$20 for non-members.

We also welcome your application to join the Society. To find an application please visit <http://www.ncwildflower.org/member.htm>

Do you wish to purchase the granite memento _____ or the “virtual stone” _____. These items may be seen at <http://www.ncwildflower.org/certification/markers.htm>

Thank you.
NCNPS Native Plant Habitat Certification Committee

Please forward your completed application to:
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