



**Backyard Habitat  
Certification  
Program**

# Certification Determination Form

Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## I. Aggressive Weeds Present

### **Silver**

- |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian Blackberry  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ivy (all cultivars) | <input type="checkbox"/> Policeman's Helmet                | <input type="checkbox"/> Spurge Laurel    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen Blackberry | <input type="checkbox"/> Knotweed            | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Loosestrife                | <input type="checkbox"/> Traveler's Joy   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Mustard       | <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow Hawkweed     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scot's Broom                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Archangel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giant Hogweed        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pokeweed            | <input type="checkbox"/> Spotted/Meadow & Diffuse Knapweed | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Flag Iris |

### **Gold**

- |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Bush | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Butterbur  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shining Geranium         | <input type="checkbox"/> Norway Maple (<20ft)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> False Brome    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Celandine    | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Locust (<20ft)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree-of-Heaven (<20ft) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hedge Bindweed | <input type="checkbox"/> Pampas/Jubata Grass | <input type="checkbox"/> English Hawthorn (<20ft) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Italian Arum   | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Geranium     | <input type="checkbox"/> English Holly (<20ft)    |   |

### **Platinum**

- |  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creeping Jenny            | <input type="checkbox"/> Small/Large-leaf Periwinkle   | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Locust (>20ft)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Norway Maple (>20ft)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English/Portuguese Laurel | <input type="checkbox"/> Reed Canarygrass/Ribbon Grass | <input type="checkbox"/> English Hawthorn (>20ft) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree-of-Heaven (>20ft) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fennel                    |  | <input type="checkbox"/> English Holly (>20ft)    |   |

## II. Naturescaping with Native Plants

1. Percentage Naturescaped:

Approximate naturescaped area ( \_\_\_\_\_ square feet) ÷ by total plantable area from

Site Report ( \_\_\_\_\_ square feet), × 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ % Naturescaped

2. How many NATIVE trees and shrubs has the participant planted since working towards certification?

# Native trees added \_\_\_\_\_ # # All other native plants added \_\_\_\_\_

3. Any Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) present in the property (any size)?

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No oak tree present | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak tree(s) present. No oakscaping. | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak tree(s) present with oakscaping. |
|--|--|---|

4. Canopy Layers (3 needed for Silver, 4 for Gold, 5 for Platinum):

- |                                       |   |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Small/Medium Shrub | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Shrub |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Tree   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Tree  |

### III. Pesticides Reduction

#### **Silver**

- No use of RED zone
- Always uses IPM strategy

#### **Gold**

- No use of YELLOW zone

#### **Platinum**

- Metro No Pesticide Pledge

### IV. Wildlife Stewardship

1. Does the property owner have cats? (check one)

- No                                       Indoor/Outdoor                                       Indoor/Enclosure

2. Wildlife Stewardship Menu Items - Please check - 1 for Silver; 2 for Gold; 3 for Platinum

- Wildlife Water Feature:** natural source, maintained (weekly) bird/bug bath, etc.
- Cats Indoors:** or in an outdoor enclosure (required for platinum)
- Bird/bat Nest Boxes:** appropriate for native species, clean annually
- Pollinator & Beneficial Insect Nesting Habitat:** small brush/rock piles, bundles of stems and branches, mason bee house
- Snags and Nurse Logs:** provide dead wood onsite, >5ft long
- Reduced Outdoor Lighting:** outdoor lights off during migration; Mar-May, Sept-Nov
- Reduced Bird/Window Collisions:** assess problem windows, treat to reduce strikes
- Native Pollinator Meadow:** native forbs/grasses which bloom through the growing season

### V. Stormwater Management Please check - 1 for Silver; 2 for Gold; 3 for Platinum

- Large Canopy Tree:** over 30ft, cannot be nuisance species
- Disconnected Downspouts:** where appropriate
- Raingardens:** manage stormwater onsite, where appropriate
- Remove Impervious Surfaces and/or Grass:** more than 500ft<sup>2</sup>
- Ecoroof:** according to City specs
- Increase Naturescaping:** to 10% higher than your certification level requirement
- Restore Soils:** leave the leaves, sheet mulching
- Water Conservation:** eliminate lawn irrigation, water plants in morning and evening only
- Adopt Eco-Friendly Maintenance Practices:** petroleum-free yard care + responsible fertilizer use or participant is using landscapers from BHCP Landscaper Directory

### VI. Education and Volunteerism (Required for Platinum)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification Level Awarded = \_\_\_\_\_**