![Backyard Habitat Certification Program logo]

Certification Determination Form

Participant(s): _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Date: _____

I. Noxious Weeds Present

Silver Level Weeds

- ❑ Armenian Blackberry
- ❑ Evergreen Blackberry
- ❑ Garlic Mustard
- ❑ Giant Hogweed

- ❑ Ivy (all cultivars)
- ❑ Knotweed
- ❑ Meadow Hawkweed
- ❑ Pokeweed

- ❑ Policeman's Helmet
- ❑ Purple Loosestrife
- ❑ Scot's Broom
- ❑ Spotted/Meadow & Diffuse Knapweed

- ❑ Spurge Laurel
- ❑ Traveler's Joy
- ❑ Yellow Archangel
- ❑ Yellow Flag Iris

Gold Level Weeds

- ❑ Butterfly Bush
- ❑ False Brome
- ❑ Hedge Bindweed
- ❑ Italian Arum

- ❑ Japanese Butterbur
- ❑ Lesser Celandine
- ❑ Pampas/Jubata Grass
- ❑ Robert Geranium

- ❑ Shining Geranium
- ❑ Black Locust (<20ft)
- ❑ English Hawthorn (<20ft)
- ❑ English Holly (<20ft)

- ❑ Norway Maple (<20ft)
- ❑ Tree-of-Heaven (<20ft)

Platinum Level Weeds

- ❑ Creeping Jenny
- ❑ English/Portuguese Laurel
- ❑ Fennel

- ❑ Small/Large-leaf Periwinkle
- ❑ Reed Canarygrass/ Ribbon Grass

- ❑ Black Locust (>20ft)
- ❑ English Hawthorn (>20ft)
- ❑ English Holly (>20ft)

- ❑ Norway Maple (>20ft)
- ❑ Tree-of-Heaven (>20ft)

II. Naturescaping with Native Plants

1. **Canopy Layers:** *Check all present. 3 canopy layers needed for Silver, 4 for Gold, 5 for Platinum.*

   ❑ Ground Cover, Grasses   ❑ Small Shrubs & Ferns (Up to 5ft)   ❑ Large Shrubs (Up to 20ft)

   ❑ Small Trees (Up to 30ft)   ❑ Large Trees (More than 30ft)

2. **Percentage of Site Naturescaped:** *5% needed for Silver, 15% for Gold, 50% for Platinum.*

   <u>Calculation:</u> *Estimated naturescaped area (*_____ sq ft*) ÷ by total plantable area*

   *[listed on their Site Report] (*_____ sq ft*) ✕ 100 =* _____*% Naturescaped*

3. NATIVE trees, shrubs, & ground cover they've planted <u>since working towards certification</u>:

   # Native trees added _____   **# All other native plants added** _____

4. Are there any Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) present on the site (of any size)?

   ❑ *No Oregon white oak present.*   ❑ *Oregon white oak(s) present. No oakscaping.*   ❑ *Oregon white oak(s) present <u>with</u> oakscaping.*

III. Pesticides Reduction

Silver
❑ No use of <u>RED</u> zone (high hazard)
❑ Always uses IPM strategy

Gold
❑ No use of <u>YELLOW</u> zone (moderate hazard)
  + silver level items

Platinum
❑ Metro *No Pesticide Pledge*
  + gold level items

IV. Wildlife Stewardship

1. Does the participant have cats? <u>*Check one only*</u>*. Silver: cat can be outdoors. Gold: if cat is indoor/outdoor, must have strong plan to reduce negative impacts to wildlife. Platinum: cat must be kept indoor or enclosed outdoor (i.e. catio, etc).*

   ❑ *No*   ❑ *Indoor/Outdoor with plan*   ❑ *Indoor Only or Enclosed*

2. Wildlife Stewardship Menu Items: <u>*Check all present*</u>*. 1 item needed 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 on site, >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: <u>*Check all present*</u>*. 1 item needed 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 500ft2
   ❑ **Ecoroof**: according to their city's specifications
   ❑ **Increase Naturescaping**: to 10% higher than their 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: *0 required for Silver & Gold; 2 required for Platinum.*

   1. _____   2. _____

Certification Level Awarded = _____