Welcome!

On behalf of our two organizations, Columbia Land Trust and Bird Alliance of Oregon, Backyard Habitat wants to thank you for joining the thousands of other yards and greenspaces in our region working to restore native Willamette Valley habitat and create a healthier region for wildlife, people, and communities.

How The Process Works

1. You just received your initial site visit with a Backyard Habitat Technician, an important first step.
2. Over the next week, your Technician will email you a site report with recommendations and the next steps for implementing your habitat goals.
3. At your own pace, you'll start implementing the recommendations your Technician shared.
4. Use our website, coupons, handouts, and other resources to deepen your knowledge and improve your habitat. We'll check in every 6-9 months via phone or email.
5. When you're ready to certify your habitat*, let us know, whether that's in six months or six years!
6. Certifications are valid for three years. The renewal process is easy (online) and free.

Working together, we're creating a region that provides places where birds can nest, bees can pollinate, and native plants and humans can thrive. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Backyard Habitat, a collaborative program of Bird Alliance of Oregon & Columbia Land Trust

**We recognize that certification may be challenging for some or not of interest to others. We welcome anyone interested in creating habitat, regardless of their certification abilities and ambitions.*

Resources

Building habitat can take time. Here are a few resources that may be helpful as you get started:

- **Browse our online Resource Library:** *backyardhabitats.org/resources/*
- **Check out our virtual Open Gardens Project:** *backyardhabitats.org/category/open-gardens-project/* Learn about fellow participants' efforts to build habitat, see photos of their yard, and read about resources they found helpful.
- **Follow us on Facebook:** *www.facebook.com/BackyardHabitatCertification* We post information about upcoming plant sales, classes, events, and more.
- **Join the Friends of Backyard Habitat Facebook Group:** *www.facebook.com/groups/backyardhabitat/* A Facebook group to ask fellow habitat gardeners questions, share your garden's photos, and occasionally score free plants.
- **Keep in touch with our two organizations, Columbia Land Trust and Bird Alliance of Oregon:** Sign up for our e-newsletters, visit our websites, and follow us on social media.

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Program Benefits and Incentives

The health of any ecosystem is largely measured by the quality of its biological diversity. Yards and greenspaces play a critical role in the overall health of our region. By linking them together, neighbor to neighbor and community to community, we can all play a role in supporting native plants and wildlife. The benefits below will assist you in the creation and long-term health of your yard and greenspace.

Benefits of Participating in the Program	
✓	Initial site visit with a Habitat Technician
✓	Customized site report for your yard or greenspace
✓	Backyard Habitat online Resource Library full of handouts and resources for your habitat projects
✓	Arborist & Landscape Professionals Directory with 50+ professionals able to support your projects: *https://backyardhabitats.org/resources/professionals-directory/*
✓	"Habitat Restoration in Progress" sign for your yard or greenspace
✓	Follow up phone calls and email support from Backyard Habitat Technicians and staff
✓	1-year membership to Bird Alliance of Oregon and Columbia Land Trust (new members only)
✓	Wholesale prices on soil & mulch from ProGro Mixes in Sherwood. Call for details: 503-682-3500
✓	15% off The Nature of Portland guide (plus free shipping) at *www.thenatureofportland.org.* Use discount code "backyard" at check out.
✓	Native Plant Discount Flyer provided annually, offering 10-25% off native plants at 12+ local nurseries
✓	Invitation to tour Backyard Habitat-enrolled yards via the annual Open Gardens Tour

Certification Benefits	silver	gold	platinum
Follow-up consultation with program volunteer	✓	✓	✓
Backyard Habitat Certification sign/sticker	✓	✓	✓
Collection of Columbia Land Trust note cards		✓	✓ + sticker
$5 off a plant purchase of $25 or more at One Green World	✓	✓	✓
Backyard Bird Shop gift card	$10	$20	$30

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