

# Austin guide to...

# WILDLIFE

*Keep Austin Wild -  
Garden for Wildlife!*

Do you love nature?  
Interested in actively  
making Austin a Com-  
munity Wildlife Habitat?  
Delight in creating a  
garden for wildlife that  
attracts colorful butterflies  
and melodic songbirds  
and helps Austin build wildlife corridors  
that benefit all communities and critters?



Wildlife  
Austin

*Attracting Wildlife Is As Easy As 1, 2, 3, 4!*

Providing these habitat elements is all you need to start  
attracting wildlife today.

1. **FOOD** -- Native plants provide wildlife with a buffet of nectar, pollen, seeds, berries and more.
2. **WATER** -- A reliable water source is the key element for the perfect habitat for a variety of wildlife.
3. **COVER** -- Evergreen shrubs and brush piles offer wildlife shelter from predators and bad weather
4. **PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG** -- Dense shrubs, a nesting box or pond are necessary for wildlife to mate and raise their young.

The next step to becoming official is to certify your habitat with the National Wildlife Federation. Backyards, schoolyards, community gardens, places of business and worship of all shapes and sizes are eligible for certification.

Visit the Wildlife Austin website to learn more:  
[www.keeptaustinwild.com](http://www.keeptaustinwild.com)



## *Why Garden for Wildlife?*

- **Austin is growing and leaving fragments of natural areas amidst new developments. Habitats help bridge the gap for wildlife with green corridors.**
- **Replacing lawn area with native plants reduces watering needs and cuts greenhouse gas emissions by mowing less.**
- **Bringing wildlife into our landscapes is fun and connects us to nature in an ever urban world.**
- **The Wildlife Austin program gives people a way to give back to the community through stewardship and action.**

## *Volunteer Opportunities:*

### **Habitat Stewards**

Help others create wildlife habitats by becoming a National Wildlife Federation Habitat Stewards Volunteer. Training is offered twice a year. Call 327-8181, ext.29, for more information.

### **Austin Nature Preserves Program**

The nature preserves program relies entirely on volunteers to maintain its natural areas. To volunteer or register your organization for a specific volunteer event, visit [www.cityofaustin.org/cepreserves/volunteer.htm](http://www.cityofaustin.org/cepreserves/volunteer.htm) or call (512) 327-7723.



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