

Having a wildlife friendly yard encourages a healthy and diverse wildlife population. Here are some steps you can take to help the wildlife survive and flourish.

Food

Plants are the best food source for wildlife.

Plant Foods

1. Seeds
2. Berries
3. Fruits
4. Foliage
5. Sap
6. Flowers
7. Nuts
8. Nectar
9. Pollen



Feeders

Feeders can be used as a supplemental source of food for varying types of wildlife, especially during the winter.

Feeder Types

1. Tube
2. Suet
3. Platform
4. Squirrel
5. Butterfly
6. Hummingbird



202 W. College Ave
PO Box 97
Normal, IL 61761
(309) 454-3169
ecologyactioncenter.org

Wildlife Habitat



Find more Yard Smart
recommendations at
yardsmart.org

Yard Smart

Sustainable Practices

When maintaining a wildlife friendly habitat, it is important to keep in mind the kinds of chemicals and pollutants that may be involved. Be sure to utilize natural fertilizers, use plants that are native to the area, and maintain a healthy degree of pests, weeds, and soil acidity.

See our pamphlet on Common Sense Lawn Care to learn more.



Tips for

Cover

Wildlife needs places to find shelter from the weather and from other predators. They also need shelter in which to raise their young. Here are some ways that you can provide cover for wildlife:

Sources of Cover

1. Brush Pile
2. Meadow Prairie
3. Dead Trees/Snags
4. Bat Houses
5. Vines
6. Evergreen Trees
7. Deciduous Shrubs
8. Bird Houses
9. Rock Piles
10. Nestling Platforms
11. Host Plants
12. Log Pile
13. Dense Shrubs/Thicket
14. Water Garden/ Pond

Wildlife Habitat



Water

Wildlife needs a clean source for drinking and bathing.

Sources of water

1. Birdbath
2. Lakefront
3. Stream
4. Water Garden/Pond