

## Your garden will make a difference.

Our birds, pollinators, and native plants are suffering from habitat loss, invasion by non-native species and the effects of climate change.

In our step-by-step certification program we provide you with the tools that you can use to help save wildlife in your own backyard, in your neighborhood and in our world.

Please join us by nurturing the nature in your backyard!

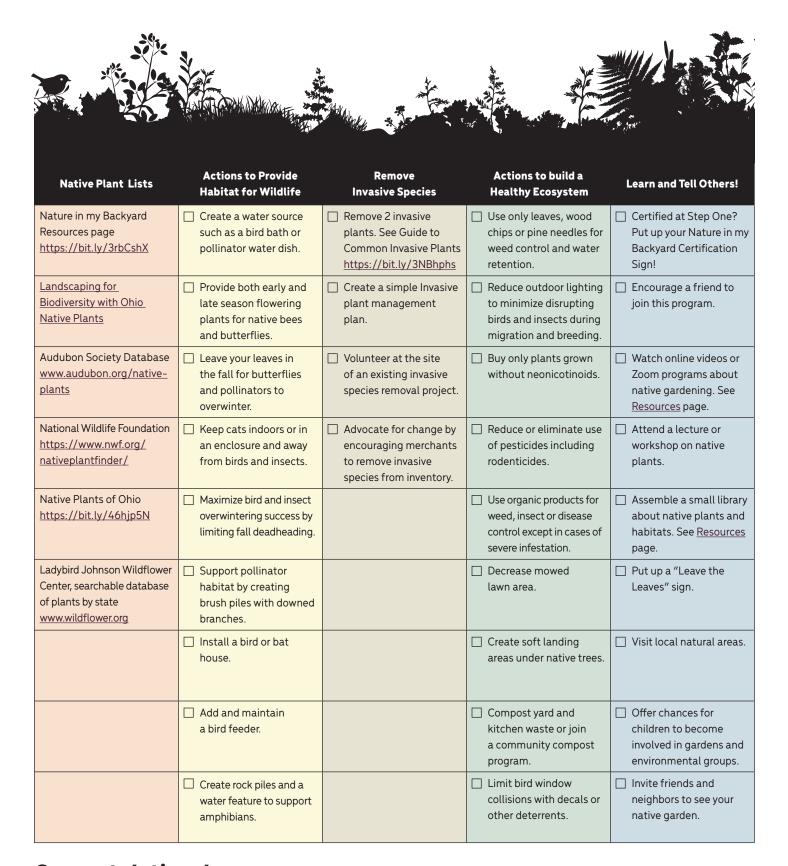


## Wildlife needs our help. Here's what you can do.

	Plant Native Plants	Provide Habitat for Wildlife	Remove Invasive Species	Build a Healthy Ecosystem	Learn and Tell Others!
Step 6	☐ Plant 1 keystone tree or 2 native species. (Find links to online lists on page 2.)	☐ Choose 1 action on page 2 to improve the wildlife habitat in your yard .	☐ Identify 3 invasive flowers, shrubs or trees in your yard.	☐ Take 2 actions to build a healthy ecosystem in your yard.	Complete 1 action from the "learn and tell others" checklist.
Step	Add 1 keystone species and 3 or more additional native species.	☐ Take 2 additional actions to improve your habitat.	Remove 1 invasive species completely.	☐ Take 2 additional actions to build a healthy ecosystem.	Add 1 action from the "learn and tell others" checklist.
Step 3	Add another keystone species and 3 more native species.	Learn about vegetation layers to support birds and other wildlife.	Continue removing additional invasive species in your yard.	☐ Take 2 or more actions to build a healthy ecosystem.	Add 2 more actions from the "learn and tell others" checklist.
Step 4	Add another native tree or plant.	☐ Make your yard bird-friendly in 1 additional way.	Remove or develop a plan to remove all invasives from your yard.	☐ Take a total of 8 actions to build a healthy ecosystem.	☐ Take 5 total actions from the "tell others" checklist.

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See page 2 for actions and resources to help you build your healthy habitat.



## **Congratulations!**

Begin these actions to be eligible to display your Nature in my Backyard habitat sign. Once these steps are completed you will be the proud owner of a healthy ecosystem brimming with life.

This is a program of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and the Shaker Lakes Garden Club. For questions or more information, please visit <a href="https://clevelandaudubon.org/nature-in-my-backyard">https://clevelandaudubon.org/nature-in-my-backyard</a> or email us at natureinmybackyard@clevelandaudubon.org. This all-volunteer program is supported by your contribution to the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland. (6/2024)

