

Yes! I'm interested in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone () _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

Yes! Please include me on your email list to receive information (plant sales, events, etc.)

No, do not include me on an email list.

Best time to schedule a visit? _____

Property Description:

What size is your property?

0 - 1/2 acre 1/2 - 1 acre

1 - 5 acres over 5 acres

Aggressive plants that are/were present on your property:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> False Brome | <input type="checkbox"/> Pokeweed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Mustard | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Bush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Flag Iris | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Loosetrife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knotweed | <input type="checkbox"/> Traveler's Joy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English Ivy | <input type="checkbox"/> Blackberry (Evergreen and Himalayan) |

Please send form to:

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Photos: Columbia Land Trust staff and Eric Bjorkman

"By the way . . . we found deer tracks . . . there's a benefit to removing ivy . . . now we can see the tracks of animals we never knew came this way! Pretty cool!"

Program landowner

Backyard Habitat Certification Program

Turn your backyard into certified wildlife habitat!

Columbia Land Trust and Audubon Society of Portland have joined forces to create the Backyard Habitat Certification Program.

This collaborative effort provides technical assistance to small lot, private property owners to restore native wildlife habitat in their backyards. The program was launched in January 2009 within the City of Portland and will be available within the City of Lake Oswego by the summer of 2011. If you are outside of these areas – stay tuned...we are looking to expand into the surrounding areas.

The goals are to assist property owners through three levels of advanced habitat restoration. The program focuses on the removal of aggressive weeds, naturescaping with native plants, storm water management and wildlife stewardship.



Photo: Columbia Land Trust staff

Planting natives



Photos: Eric Bjorkman

Downy Woodpecker
(*Picoides pubescens*)



Photo: Rollin Bannow

Western honey bee (*Apis spp.*)



Photo: Columbia Land Trust staff

Landowner planting natives

Naturescaping with native plants

Naturescaping with native plants is a wonderful way to integrate nature into your backyard. Native plants are adapted to our climate and are naturally resistant to native pests and disease. They require less maintenance to succeed and have additional storm water and wildlife advantages. The Pacific Northwest has a wonderful variety of native plants that can be incorporated into your backyard landscape. The Backyard Certification Program will help you select an appropriate mix of native plants for your yard to achieve your habitat objectives.

“What a thrill it is seeing new plants coming up! So many of the natives I’ve been planting are sprouting and leafing out.”

Program landowner

Stormwater management

When it rains, water washes off of our roofs, driveways, sidewalks and other hard surfaces. Along the way, it can pick up a variety of pollutants, such as pesticides, oil, metals, chemicals, and soil. This polluted storm water eventually drains into our rivers and streams. The pollutants can endanger the water quality of our waterways, making them unhealthy for people, fish, and wildlife. Runoff from our homes and driveways also causes erosion, increases river temperatures, and decreases groundwater recharge. Better management of stormwater helps us protect our streams and rivers. The Backyard Habitat Certification Program will help you identify strategies to address stormwater on your property.

Wildlife stewardship

More than 200 species of birds pass through the Metro Area each year. Habitat loss, invasive plant and animal species, toxic contaminants in our environment, and a variety of manmade hazards can make their journey in Portland a hazardous one. The Backyard Habitat Certification Program will help you identify and reduce wildlife hazards in your yard and develop advanced strategies to help locally imperiled species.

How do I get certified?

If you are interested in learning more about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, fill out the attached form. We will send you our backyard e-newsletter and will contact you about scheduling a site visit. All communication will be by email or phone. The first step of certification is having a knowledgeable backyard certification staff person come to your property for a site visit. We will provide technical assistance and a site plan. We will also provide discounts and incentives for native plants and other materials to help you on your way. A fee of \$25 is due prior to your site visit. A certification sign from Columbia Land Trust and Portland Audubon will identify your yard as certified wildlife habitat.



Get certified and start helping wildlife today!



Photo: Columbia Land Trust staff

Western Red-backed Salamander
(*Plethodon vehiculum*)



Photo: Rollin Bannow

Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*)

Removal of invasive weeds

Aggressive and noxious weeds threaten the health of our natural areas. Where natural habitats are intact, a diversity of native plants filters water, cleans the air, reduces soil erosion, and provides habitat for wild animals. The Backyard Habitat Certification Program will help you learn to identify and remove the most damaging plant species.