

## CORE

### \*REQUIRED OF ALL COMMUNITIES\*

ACTIVITY	COUNTY	CITY TOWN	NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION	RURAL SEMIRURAL	RESIDENTIAL
1. Host a Community Wildlife Project Meeting	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2. Add at least 4 books or videos dealing with wildlife or wildlife conservation to a school or library in your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3. Erect a bird feeder at a nursing home or school in your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4. Encourage homeowners living within your community to incorporate native plants in their landscape.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5. Encourage homeowners living within your community to enhance their property for wildlife.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6. Involve at least 2 other organizations in your Community Wildlife Project.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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## ARTIFICIAL NESTING/ROOSTING STRUCTURES

COMPLETE TWO OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW

ACTIVITY	COUNTY	CITY TOWN	NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION	RURAL SEMIRURAL	RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION
1. Erect and maintain nesting structures for some of the following birds: Eastern Bluebird, Great-Crested Flycatcher, Barn Owl, Carolina Chickadee, Brown-Headed Nuthatch, White-Breasted Nuthatch, Tufted Titmouse, Northern Flicker, Purple Martin, House Wren, Carolina Wren, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Barred Owl, Screech Owl, Tree Swallow, Prothonotary Warbler, American Kestrel, Osprey.	10 STRUCTURES FOR AT LEAST 6 SPECIES	10 STRUCTURES FOR AT LEAST 6 SPECIES	10 STRUCTURES FOR AT LEAST 6 SPECIES	5 STRUCTURES FOR AT LEAST 6 SPECIES	3 STRUCTURES FOR AT LEAST 3 SPECIES
2. Erect and maintain nesting or roosting structures for at least one of the following mammals: Fox Squirrel, Gray Squirrel, Bats	10 STRUCTURES FOR AT LEAST 1 SPECIES	10 STRUCTURES FOR AT LEAST 1 SPECIES	5 STRUCTURES FOR AT LEAST 1 SPECIES	2 STRUCTURES FOR AT LEAST 1 SPECIES	2 STRUCTURES FOR AT LEAST 1 SPECIES
3. Set up a program designed to annually check and repair all nesting and roosting structures.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

## CONSERVATION

COMPLETE FOUR OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW

ACTIVITY	COUNTY	CITY TOWN	NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION	RURAL SEMIRURAL	RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION
1. Establish brush piles for wildlife on public or private lands.	12	12	4	4	2
2. Establish rock piles for wildlife on public or private lands.	6	6	4	4	2
3. Encourage mowing schedules on public lands to allow for the blooming and re-seeding of native wildflowers and the nesting of ground-nesting birds within your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4. Utilize at least one storm water, retention pond as a wildlife conservation area.	YES	YES	YES	N/A	N/A
5. Encourage the use of plant transition zones on public and private lands within your community (e.g. places where one community of plants meets another, such as forest/field edge)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6. Initiate a community-wide composting program.	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES
7. Organize a litter control program along a section of road in your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
8. Encourage a golf course in your community to initiate wildlife conservation measures on their lands.	YES	YES	YES	YES	N/A
9. Encourage a corporate citizen in your community to begin enhancing its property for wildlife.	YES	YES	N/A	YES	N/A
10. Participate in the DNR Adopt-A-Stream Program.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
11. Maintain a 100-yard stretch of gas, sewage, or power line right-of-way as wildlife habitat within your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
12. Encourage landowners to maintain brush fencerows along pastures or agricultural fields in your community as wildlife habitat.	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## WILDLIFE SURVEYS

COMPLETE TWO OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW

ACTIVITY	COUNTY	CITY TOWN	NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION	RURAL SEMIRURAL	RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION
1. Establish and conduct a Christmas Bird Count in the county. If a Christmas Bird Count is already conducted in the county, document it in your project journal.	YES	YES	N/A	YES	N/A
2. Participate in the annual Great Backyard Bird Count. (Document the participation of at least 12 families).	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3. Organize and conduct an annual North American Butterfly Association sponsored Fourth of July Butterfly Count	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4. ENCOURAGE homeowners in the county to report the sightings of wintering (November-February) hummingbirds to the Nongame Wildlife/Natural Heritage Section.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5. ENCOURAGE participation in the annual Nongame Hummingbird Survey.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6. ENCOURAGE participation in The Cornell Lab of Ornithology Project Feeder Watch.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
7. ENCOURAGE participation in The Cornell Lab of Ornithology Urban Bird Study, House Finch Study or The Birdhouse Network.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

## EDUCATION

COMPLETE FIVE OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW

ACTIVITY	COUNTY	CITY TOWN	NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION	RURAL SEMIRURAL	RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION
1. Schedule and conduct two nature walks during the calendar year.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2. Sponsor a minimum of two talks on nature and/or conservation-related subjects during the calendar year.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3. Encourage the schools in or near your community to create outdoor classrooms on the campuses.	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES
4. Encourage the use of Project Wild activities in your local school system.	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES
5. Encourage the use of Project Learning Tree activities in your local school system.	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES
6. Encourage the use of Aquatic Wild activities in your local school system.	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES
7. Sponsor a special day dedicated to a conservation theme in your community. Emphasis should be placed on activities that enhance wildlife habitats and/or appreciation of wild plants and animals found within the community.	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A
8. Encourage at least one local (K-5) school class to participate in the annual Give Wildlife a Chance Poster Contest.	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A
9. Encourage at least one local (K-5) class to participate in the Annual Smokey the Bear Poster Contest.	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A
10. Arrange to have a Hunter Safety Course taught in your community.	YES	YES	YES	N/A	YES
11. Sponsor at least one elementary school class to receive the Audubon Adventures Newsletters	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES
12. Encourage one of the community's corporate citizens to develop a wildlife demonstration area in the community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	N/A
13. Schedule a special event on International Migratory Bird Day.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
14. Establish an annual conservation award for an individual and/or organization that made a major contribution to the conservation and/or enhancement of wildlife plants or animals in your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

## IDENTIFY AND PRESERVE CAVITY TREES

COMPLETE TWO OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW

ACTIVITY	COUNTY	CITY TOWN	NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION	RURAL SEMIRURAL	RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION
1. Inventory 5% of the public forested land in the community for the presence of cavity trees.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2. On public or shared lands, retain cavity trees (at least 4" in diameter) for nesting and roosting sites. See #4.	50	50	10	10	10
3. Encourage private landowners to inventory cavity trees on their lands.	10	10	4	4	1
4. Encourage private landowners to retain all cavity trees at least 4" in diameter for use as nesting and roosting sites for wildlife. Exceptions are trees infected with southern pine beetles or those that pose a threat to human life or property.	10	10	4	4	1

## LANDSCAPING FOR WILDLIFE

COMPLETE TWO OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW

ACTIVITY	COUNTY	CITY TOWN	NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION	RURAL SEMIRURAL	RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION
1. Landscape entryways and grounds around public buildings with plants of value to wildlife.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2. Try to establish roadside wildlife flower plantings utilizing native species instead of commonly used "colorful" exotic mixes.	1	1	1	1	1
3. Utilize native plants in erosion control situations at construction sites and elsewhere.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4. Plant nectar gardens to attract hummingbirds, butterflies, bees and other nectar feeders.	2	1	1	1	1
5. Plant wildlife food plots with native fruit or nut bearing plants.	25	10	2	2	2
6. Where feasible, post informational signage to identify plants of value to wildlife along with the names of the wildlife species that use them.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
7. Encourage the residents of the community to use plants of value to wildlife in their home landscapes.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
8. Promote the preservation or planting of plants of value to wildlife on public or shared lands.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
9. Form working partnerships between the Garden Club of Georgia and at least two other civic, conservation, or educational groups to create, expand, and maintain wildlife habitats in your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
10. Design plantings to provide vertical habitat diversity (use plants of different heights in landscape designs).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

## PRESERVE AND ENHANCE WETLANDS

COMPLETE TWO OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW

ACTIVITY	COUNTY	CITY TOWN	NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION	RURAL SEMIRURAL	RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION
1. Inventory the wetlands in your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2. Encourage the maintenance of at least a 100-foot buffer around wetlands more than one acre in size.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3. Encourage the maintenance of buffers (undeveloped areas) at least 200' wide around wetlands more than one acre in size.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4. Encourage landowners to erect nesting structures in wetland areas.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5. Evaluate the community's wetlands for possible use as outdoor classrooms (e.g. access via boardwalk).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6. Encourage the identification and control of noxious (alien) vegetation in the community's wetlands.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
7. Install a water control structure to regulate water levels for the benefit of the wildlife using a wetland.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES



## WATCHABLE WILDLIFE

COMPLETE ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW

ACTIVITY	COUNTY	CITY TOWN	NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION	RURAL SEMIRURAL	RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION
1. Establish a nature trail in your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2. Develop or identify at least one watchable wildlife viewing area within your community.	YES	YES	YES	N/A	YES
3. Create a bird, plant, herp, or butterfly list for your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4. Create a map identifying some of the best wildlife viewing areas in your community. Make the map available at your local visitor center.	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A
5. Where feasible, make a water treatment facility open to the public for wildlife watching.	YES	YES	YES	N/A	YES
6. Create a butterfly garden within your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

## WATER FEATURES ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS

COMPLETE ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW

ACTIVITY	COUNTY	CITY TOWN	NEIGHBORHOOD SUBDIVISION	RURAL SEMIRURAL	RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION
1. Encourage the use of birdbaths and small backyard ponds on public and private lands in the community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2. Encourage the construction of small ponds (30'-40' in diameter) on public lands. Leave 20% of the shoreline undeveloped. Also, create basking sites for turtles in larger ponds by placing a log or rock pile in the pond.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3. Encourage protection of local water sites (stream, pond, lake) for wildlife habitats.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4. Encourage the installation of misters in your community.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

You do not have to wait until you have met all of the requirements for full certification for your club to be recognized in your conservation efforts. Complete the required activities for the particular type CWP certification you are seeking (e.g. county, city/town, neighborhood/subdivision, rural/semi-rural, residential/institution). Fill out this short form, and return it to the below address.

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Activity:

Accomplishments:

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:  
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