

National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats® program

The National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats® program takes kids out of the classroom and into the outdoors. The program helps re-connect students with nature while providing them with the skills they need to perform well in class.

Schoolyard Habitats® sites provide hands-on learning that is interdisciplinary, standards based, inexpensive and inclusive for all learning styles. It's a fieldtrip right outside your classroom!



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Inspiring Americans to
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Take Class Outside!

Did you know you can teach every subject outdoors? You'll be amazed at how you can reach students in new and creative ways using nature as your classroom.

- Teach students to work cooperatively, develop leadership skills and build knowledge in every content area.
- Engage students in a new and innovative manner.
- Attract birds, butterflies and other local wildlife while creating a sanctuary for all living things.
- Beautify your school grounds.



Who Can Create a Schoolyard Habitat?

Anyone can! A Schoolyard Habitat can be created anywhere. Whether you're a school, nature center, community park, day care center or after school program you can create a Schoolyard Habitat.



Before (above) and after (right) of a certified Schoolyard Habitat



Provide the four basic needs

To create a habitat provide the four basic elements wildlife need to survive:

- Food
- Water
- Cover
- Place to raise young

And watch the wildlife come to you!

Find the resources you need to create a wildlife friendly habitat at:

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How to Get Started

It's easy to get started! Just follow these simple steps:

- Create your Habitats Team composed of students, educators, administrators and volunteers.
- Map your schoolyard or facility site and conduct a site inventory.
- Engage your community by acquiring resources and volunteer support.
- Create a site that provides the four essential habitat elements.
- Develop a year-round maintenance plan.
- Use your site as a teaching tool across multiple subject areas.
- Complete and submit the application for certification and **CELEBRATE** your accomplishments!.

