Creating A Wildlife-Friendly Habitat

UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension

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To provide a wildlife-friendly habitat, you need to provide:

- Food
- Water
- Places to Raise Young
- Cover
To provide a wildlife-friendly habitat, you need:

*Food sources* (Need 3):

- native plants
- seeds
- fruits
- nuts
- berries
- nectar

*Note: Potentially any tree or shrub producing flowers would provide pollen and/or nectar.*
To provide a wildlife-friendly habitat, you need:

*Water source* (Need 1):

- birdbath
- pond
- water garden
- stream
To provide a wildlife-friendly habitat, you need:

**Cover (Need 2):**
- Thicket
- Rock pile
- Birdhouse
- Bat House
To provide a wildlife-friendly habitat, you need:

**Places to raise young**
(Need 2):
- dense shrubs
- vegetation
- nesting box
- pond
Recognition Programs For Wildlife Habitats

- National Wildlife Federation program – Certified Wildlife Habitat™
- Florida-Friendly Landscape™ Yard Recognition
- Million Pollinator Garden Challenge
- Two Local Gardens
  - UF/IFAS Nassau Demonstration Garden
  - Bea Walker Home Garden
UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens
James S. Page Governmental Complex
Certified Wildlife Habitat™

Water Sources at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens:

• Retention pond
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Food Sources at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens:

- **Native Plants**: Florida Anise, Coreopsis (Florida Tickseed), East Palaka Holly
- **Seeds**: Purple Coneflower, Coreopsis (Florida Tickseed), Bald Cypress
- **Fruits**: Pindo Palm, Devilwood, Flatwoods Plum, Little Gem Southern Magnolia, Red Cedar tree, Swamp Chestnut Oak
Food Sources at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens:

• **Nuts:** Chinkapin Oak, Cathedral Live Oak, Nutall Oak, Overcup Oak, Post Oak

• **Berries:** Yaupon Holly, Dahoon Holly, Savannah Holly, Majestic Beauty Indian Hawthorn, Beautyberry Shrub, Ligustrum, Viburnum, Cherry Laurel
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Food Sources at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens:

- **Nectar**: Honeysuckle Coral Vine, Lantana, Agapanthus, Mexican Sage, Oakleaf Hydrangea, Oleander, Plumbago, Rain Lily
- **Pollen**: Chaste tree, Crape Myrtles, Duranta (Golden Dewdrop), Southern Magnolia (grandiflora), Two-winged Silverbell
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Wildlife Cover at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens:

- **Thicket**: Schilling’s Holly, Viburnum, Dwarf Walter’s Viburnum, Alphonse Kerr Bamboo
- **Wooded area**: Drake Elm, Magnolia, Live Oak, Winged Elm, Overcup Oak, Nuttall Oak, Red Cedar, Cherry laurel, Flatwoods plum, Wild olive (Devilwood), Arizona Cypress, Wax Myrtle, Winged Sumac, Pine, Red Maples and Loblolly Bay,
- **Evergreens**: Yaupon Holly, Dahoon and Savannah Holly trees, Magnolia trees
Places to raise young at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens:

- **Dense Shrubs**: Schilling’s Holly, Viburnum, Dwarf Walter’s Viburnum, Alphonse Kerr Bamboo
- **Vegetation**: East Palatka Holly, Ligustrum Multi-trunk
- **Pond**: Retention Pond
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No. 142,404
July, 2011
Water Sources in Walker Landscape:
• Retention pond
• Birdbath
Food Sources in Walker Landscape:

• **Fruits:** Cabbage Palm
• **Berries:** Indian Hawthorn, American Holly, Ligustrum, Viburnum, Buford Holly
• **Nectar:** Agapanthus, Mexican Sage, Oakleaf Hydrangea, Bush Daisy, Daylily, Knockout™ Roses, Antique Roses, Stoke’s Aster, Wild Petunia
• **Pollen:** Crape Myrtles, Eishenhower Ash, Drake Elm, Lorapetalum, Ligustrum, Viburnum, Walter’s Viburnum, Bottlebrush trees, Oakleaf Hydrangea, California Bush Daisies
Wildlife Cover in Walker Landscape:

- **Thicket**: Schilling’s Holly, Viburnum
Places to raise young in Walker Landscape:

- **Dense Shrubs**: Boxwood, Viburnum spp., Dwarf Walter’s Viburnum, Schilling’s Holly, Pittosporum
- **Vegetation**: Border of Viburnum, Boxwood, Lorapetalum, Banana Plants
- **Pond**: Retention pond
Bea & Van Dyke Walker
Home Landscape
Certified Wildlife Habitat™
No. 141,831

WILDLIFE VISITORS
Take Care with Wildlife Surprises!

- Poisonous Snakes
- Desirable Wildlife in undesirable locations, e.g., ground dwelling wildlife
Ten Tips for Landscaping for Wildlife

1. Limit the Amount of Lawn
2. Increase Vertical Layering
3. Provide Snags and Brush Piles
4. Provide Water
5. Plant Native Vegetation
6. Provide Bird/Bat Houses and Bird Feeders
7. Remove Invasive Exotic Plants
8. Manage Pets
9. Reduce Pesticide Use
10. Expand the Scale of Habitat

http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw175
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Creating A Wildlife-Friendly Yard

• Gardening for Wildlife Resources
  
  
  – What’s growing in the Nassau County Demonstration Gardens (with plant descriptions and photos): [http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/demogarden/demogarden.html](http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/demogarden/demogarden.html)
  
  – For information on Wildlife Habitat certification, contact [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)
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