



Help Wildlife Survive. Make your property a haven for native wildlife.

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1. **Provide essential WATER** for both drinking and bathing. Use low, wide containers that don't tip over. Place a stone in the container to hold it in place. Plastic tubs are ideal. They clean well and do not corrode or rust. Keep water in birdbaths, artificial ponds, and all other containers clean and fresh. Install containers where they will be shaded during the heat of the day.

2. **Provide NATURAL FOOD**. Native green browse, acorns, fruit, berries, nuts, seeds. Each species requires their own specialized diet in order to develop healthy bones, bodies and protective hair, fur, and feathers. Do not give wildlife salted food, which does not give them a choice of the quality and amount of salt they will consume, but DO provide natural salt and mineral blocks.

DO NOT give wild creatures human or domestic animal food. This tempts them to invade human habitat where they may be unwelcome and they will be placed in harm's way. They can be killed, poisoned, trapped, injured by dogs. A slow, painful death can be the result.

3. **Provide NATURAL COVER**. Keep low, dense brush for nesting, dens and beds, for hiding places and protection from predators and weather. Decaying logs, trees, brush piles, rock piles, provide bugs, insects, moss, and secure places in which to raise and nourish their young. Dead standing trees are a natural haven for many species.

4. Small ponds and lakes, tall reeds and rushes, will attract waterfowl and amphibians. Specially built birdhouses, squirrel boxes, give neonates necessary protection from predators.