

# Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send both  
the questionnaire and application (pages 1-10) to:

**Lisa Hickey**  
**Environmental Horticulture**  
**Manatee County Cooperative Extension**  
**1303 17th Street West**  
**Palmetto, FL 34221**

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following questions **BEFORE** you fill out the Florida Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program application. The information you provide in this questionnaire will help us improve and develop new educational programs for Florida residents and visitors. Your **answers** to these questions **will not influence your application** to this program. Please answer all questions as accurately as possible. All answers are confidential and anonymous. Please return questionnaire with application.

How many bird feeders, if any, do you have in your yard? \_\_\_\_\_

How many birdhouses, if any, have you provided for birds? \_\_\_\_\_

On average, how many minutes per week do you spend watching wildlife (birds, mammals, snakes, frogs) in your yard?

0-15 minutes \_\_\_ / 16-30 \_\_\_ / 31-45 \_\_\_ /

46-60 \_\_\_ / If more than 60, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

On average, how many minutes per week do you spend watching butterflies, other insects, and spiders in your yard?

0-15 minutes\_\_\_ / 16-30\_\_\_ / 31-45\_\_\_ /

46-60\_\_\_ / If more than 60, how many?\_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1 to 7, how would you rate your ability to identify Florida bird species by sight? (1=can identify 0 to 2 species)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

(7=can identify nearly all)

On a scale of 1 to 7, how would you rate your ability to identify Florida bird species by sound? (1=can identify 0 to 2 species)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

(7=can identify nearly all)

Can you comfortably identify some adult Florida butterflies? Yes \_\_\_ / No \_\_\_

If yes, about how many species? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you comfortably identify some Florida reptiles (snakes, lizards, turtles) or amphibians (frogs, salamanders) by sight? Yes \_\_\_ / No \_\_\_

If yes, about how many species? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you comfortably identify some Florida frogs by their calls? Yes \_\_\_ / No \_\_\_

If yes, about how many species? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you comfortably identify some Florida mammals by sight? Yes \_\_\_ / No \_\_\_

If yes, about how many species? \_\_\_\_\_

Please approximate the percentage of your property covered by:

mowed lawn. \_\_\_\_\_%

unmowed areas with non-maintained "natural" vegetation. \_\_\_\_\_%

unmowed areas with maintained landscaped vegetation. \_\_\_\_\_%

Within the past five years, have you removed any exotic or invasive plants from your property? Yes \_\_\_ / No \_\_\_ / Don't Know \_\_\_

Within the past five years, have you placed any native plants on your property?

Yes \_\_\_ / No \_\_\_ / Don't Know \_\_\_

During the previous 12 months, about how much money did you spend on food and other materials (e.g. birdhouses, feeders, plants, etc.) to attract wildlife to your yard? \$0-20\_\_\_ / \$21-40\_\_\_ / \$41-60\_\_\_ / \$61-80\_\_\_ / \$81-100\_\_\_ /

If greater than \$100 then how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

During the previous 12 months, about how many hours have you spent managing your property for wildlife (e.g. cleaning bird feeders, planting beds for butterflies, etc.)? 0-1 hour\_\_\_ / 2-10\_\_\_ / 10-20\_\_\_ /

20-30\_\_\_ / 40-50\_\_\_ /

If greater than 50 hours, how many?\_\_\_\_\_

During the previous 12 months, have you discussed landscaping for wildlife with your neighbors? Yes\_\_\_ / No\_\_\_ If yes, with how many different neighbors?\_\_\_\_\_

During the previous 12 months, have you told anybody in your area about the Florida Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program?

Yes\_\_\_ / No\_\_\_

If yes, how many people? \_\_\_\_\_

During the previous 12 months, about how many times, if any, have you searched for wildlife information on the Department of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation Extension website (<http://www.wec.ufl.edu/extension/>)?

0\_\_\_ / 1-2\_\_\_ / 3-5\_\_\_ / 6-8\_\_\_ / 9-10\_\_\_

If more than 10 times, about how many?\_\_\_\_

During the previous 12 months, have you contacted the Florida Cooperative Extension Service regarding a wildlife question or issue? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If yes, about how many times?\_\_\_\_\_

During the previous 12 months, about how many times, if any, have you searched for wildlife information on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission web site (<http://www.state.fl.us/fwc/>)?

0\_\_\_ / 1-2\_\_\_ / 3-5\_\_\_ / 6-8\_\_\_ / 9-10\_\_\_

If more than 10 times, about how many?\_\_\_\_

Besides the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, during the previous 12 months, have you contacted a government agency or private organization (e.g. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or the Audubon Society) regarding a wildlife question or issue? Yes\_\_\_ / No\_\_\_

If yes, please list who and how many times (e.g. FWC- 2 times): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know about the Florida Yards and Neighborhood Certification Program offered through the Extension Service? Yes\_\_\_ / No\_\_\_

If yes, have you been certified? Yes\_\_\_ / No\_\_\_

Do you know about the Master Gardeners Program offered through the Extension Service? Yes\_\_\_ / No\_\_\_

If yes, have you participated in the program? Yes\_\_\_ / No\_\_\_

How many years have you lived in Florida? 0 to 2\_\_\_ / 2 to 5\_\_\_ / 6 to 10\_\_\_ /

11 to 15\_\_\_ / 16 to 20\_\_\_ / 21+\_\_\_

On average, how many months per year do you live in Florida? 1 to 3\_\_\_ / 4 to 6\_\_\_ / 7 to 10\_\_\_ / 11 to 12\_\_\_

Your age? 18-25\_\_\_ / 26-35\_\_\_ / 36-45\_\_\_ / 46-55\_\_\_ / 56-65\_\_\_ / 66+\_\_\_

Gender of Applicant(s)?

Female\_\_\_ / Male\_\_\_ / Couple\_\_\_

What is the highest level of formal education you have completed? Less than 12<sup>th</sup> grade\_\_\_ /

12<sup>th</sup> grade or GED\_\_\_ / Some college\_\_\_ /

Technical school or Community College

Degree\_\_\_ / College bachelors degree\_\_\_ / Some graduate school\_\_\_ / Master's degree\_\_\_ / Ph.D.\_\_\_ / Medical Doctor\_\_\_ / Other (Please describe):\_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe the area where your home is located? Urban/Suburban\_\_\_ / Rural\_\_\_ / Don't know\_\_\_

What is the current market value of your property? Less than \$75,000\_\_\_ /

\$75-150,000\_\_\_ / \$151-250,000\_\_\_ /

\$251-350,000\_\_\_ / \$351-450,000\_\_\_ / \$450,000+\_\_\_

## APPLICATION

### Description of Property

**Please briefly explain what you have done and / or plan to do, to enhance your property for wildlife:**

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**How many years have you lived at your current residence? \_\_\_\_\_**

**What type of pets do you own?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you own a cat, where does it spend its time?**

\_\_\_Indoors \_\_\_Outdoors \_\_\_Both indoors and outdoors

**Please list the wildlife species that you see on your property (attach a list if necessary):**

**Birds:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mammals:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Reptiles (lizards, turtles, and snakes):** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Amphibians (frogs, toads, and salamanders):** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Butterflies, other insects, & spiders:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please refer to the example on page 8, and complete the property map on page 9.**

Don't worry if you can't draw, you don't need to be an artist to complete this. A basic sketch will do just fine, but please be sure to include the following details:

**Instructions (see example on page 8):**

At the top of the map, please circle the scale that you used.

Draw an outline of your house and other impervious surfaces such as driveway, walkway and patio.

Indicate what occurs just beyond your property lines (e.g. neighbors yard, pasture, woods). If the area beyond your property is undeveloped, indicate if it is likely to be developed soon.

List the current vegetation on your property in Table A on page 7 and place the corresponding number on the map (include lawns, bushes, trees, and islands of unmowed vegetation).

Indicate any flower or vegetable gardens.

Indicate standing dead trees with a 'D'.

Indicate brush piles with a 'B'.

Indicate any birdfeeders with a 'BF'.

Indicate any bird nest boxes with a 'NB'.

Indicate any water sources (e.g. ponds, bird baths, etc.)

Outline any "unmowed" areas that have natural vegetation.

List any planned future vegetation in Table B on page 7 and place the corresponding number on the map.

**\*\*\*An alternative to drawing a map is to photocopy your property survey and then add the above**

**details.\*\*\***

**TABLE A**

**Plants, trees, and other vegetation**

**CURRENTLY on your property**

The numbers below should correspond to the location of the plant on your map.

If you know which plants are native to Florida, please indicate below with an asterisk\*.

<b>1.</b>	<b>13.</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>14.</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>15.</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>16.</b>

5.	17.
6.	18.
7.	19.
8.	20.
9.	21.
10.	22.
11.	23.
12.	24.**

**\*\*If you need to list more plants,  
use numbers 25-49 and write on back of page, or on additional page.**

**TABLE B**

**Vegetation you are considering for**

**FUTURE PLANTING**

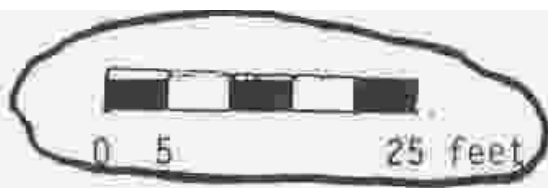
These numbers should correspond to the location of the plant on your map.

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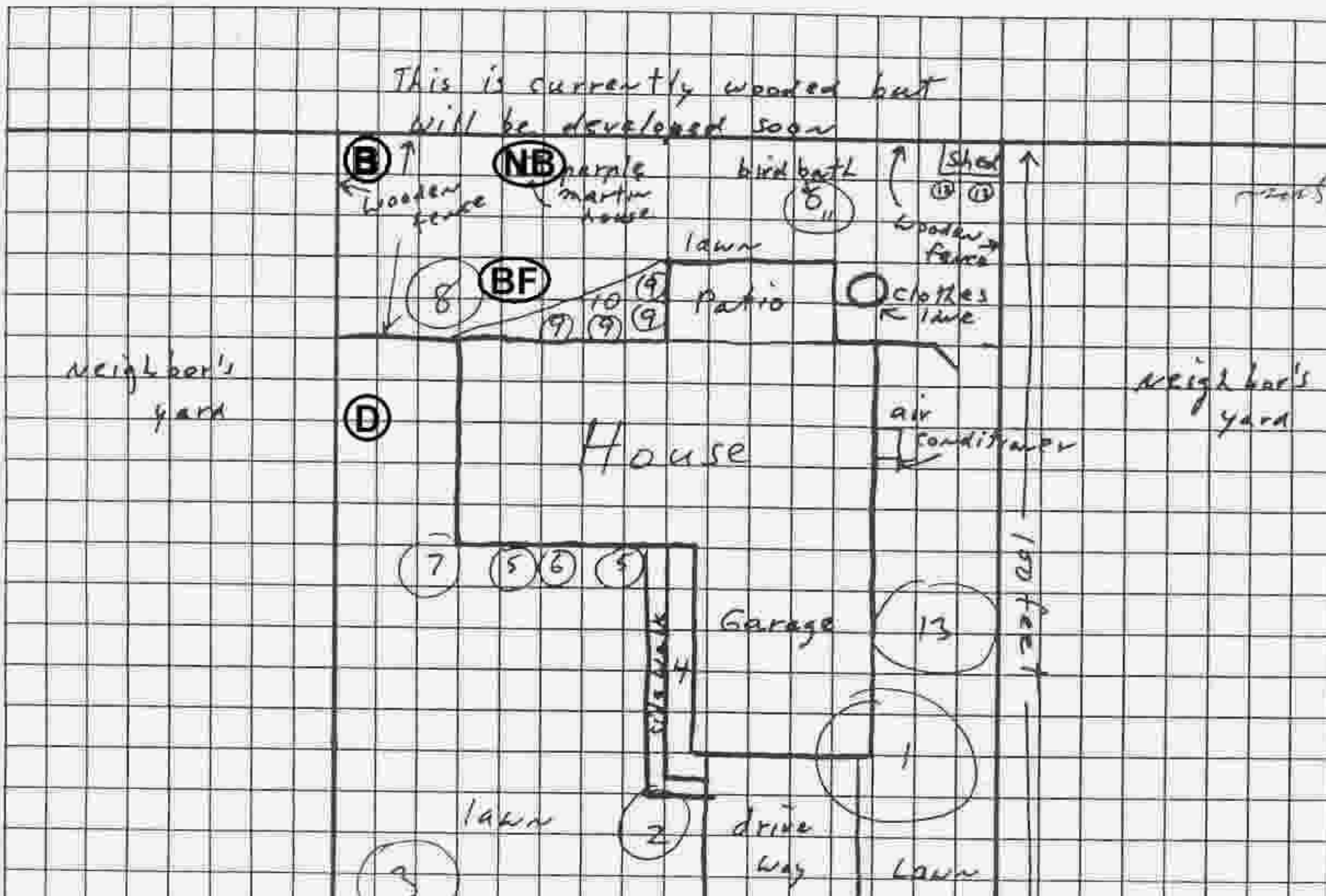
50.	59.
51.	60.
52.	61.
53.	62.
54.	63.
55.	64.
56.	65.
57.	66.
58.	67.

**EXAMPLE**

Please circle which scale you use



This is currently wooded but will be developed soon







## Plant List

(If you know which plants are native to Florida, please indicate with an \*.)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name
1. <u>live oak</u>	<u>Quercus</u> *	6. <u>passion vine</u>	*
2. <u>mimosa</u>	<u>albizia</u> *	7. <u>arbovitae</u>	
3. <u>red maple</u>	<u>Acer rubrum</u> *	8. <u>Florida holly</u>	<u>Ilex</u> ? *
4. <u>marigolds</u>		9. <u>coral bean</u>	*
5. <u>roses</u>		10. <u>petunias</u>	

**Your Property Map**

Please circle which SCALE you are using.

0  5

25  feet

0  10

50  feet

0  20

100  feet

**Your Property Map**

\* If possible, to assist us in our evaluation of your property, please enclose photographs (or a disk

with digital photos) of your yard as it is presently landscaped. We cannot return disks or photographs, so please be sure that you have duplicates for your own use.

\*\* Please sign here if we can use your photos on our web site.

(We will only show the photo and will not include your address or any personal information.)

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\*\*\* Please sign here if you would be willing to have your property included in a news release.

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\*\*\*\* What is the name of a local newspaper that you prefer for a news release about your property?

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\*\*\*\*\* Would you like to participate in a citizen-based bird-monitoring program? We have developed

the **Florida Public Bird Monitoring Program**, a web site where you can enter your bird survey data and view results from participants across Florida. Through this web site, people can track which birds occur in their yards and communities over time. Property owners that are landscaping for wildlife can determine which landscaping strategies and management techniques work best in attracting certain bird species and improve the ecological design and maintenance of their yards.

Please visit the Florida Public Bird Monitoring Program web site at <http://bird.ifas.ufl.edu/>

and read more about this exciting program. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mark Hostetler at [hostetlerm@wec.ufl.edu](mailto:hostetlerm@wec.ufl.edu) or 352-846-0568 or SUNCOM 623-0568.

\*\*\*\*\* Do you plan to participate in the Florida Public Bird Monitoring Program? Yes \_\_\_\_ / No \_\_\_\_

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