

Contact Information

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Contact us to take your first step at being part of nature and having a valued Songbird Habitat.

Details

The Cost for Certification is \$35.00

Which includes:

- ◆ A SHAS certification plaque to display in your yard.
- ◆ One year membership to the Smoky Hills Audubon Society of Salina, Kansas.
- ◆ Subscription to our Newsletter
- ◆ A full color certificate of your Backyard Songbird Certification , suitable for framing

About Us

The Smoky Hills Audubon Society is a non-profit organization serving the counties Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Ottawa and Saline of North Central Kansas. We hope the information provided here will influence your interest and motivate you to learn more about birds and nature. Becoming Certified is a positive step forward in providing for nature.

Smoky Hills Audubon Society

Meets: The third Thursday of every month
September through May.

Meeting Place: Kansas Wesleyan University
Room 29

Meeting Time: 7PM Social

7:30 Educational Meeting

Please note time and place could occasionally change please check Salina Journal for speakers and meeting time changes if applicable.

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Songbird

Habitat Certification Program



The Buffalo may no longer roam, but....your yard still can be home to many native Kansas Songbirds and Plants.

The Program

Do you like to garden? Would you like to attract more songbirds to your garden? The Smoky Hills Audubon Society has a Songbird Habitat Program to help you improve your garden for Songbirds. Many people in the Smoky Hills Audubon want to enjoy the sights and sounds of songbirds in their yards. Spring, summer, fall and winter all offer an amazing variety of songbirds that can visit our yards. By following the program you can turn your yard into a Songbird Habitat!

How to Make a Certified Songbird Habitat

All songbirds need four basic elements to survive food, water, cover to protect against the elements and predators, and places to reproduce and raise their young.



Food: The ideal songbird habitat will supply as much food as possible through native vegetation in order to meet the year round needs of many species. Locally native shrubs, trees and other plants produce foods such as nuts, berries and other seeds. Native plants also provide nectar and pollen for necessary insects and birds. Natural food sources can be supplemented with bird seed.

Water: Most species need water for drinking and bathing. Water can be supplied in a birdbath, a small pond, a recirculation waterfall or a shallow dish. Remember to provide water all year-round with the use of a birdbath heater.

Cover: Dense shrubs, hollow logs, brush piles, evergreens, clumps of native grass, and rock piles all can provide a place for songbirds to find shelter from the weather or predators.

Places to Raise their Young: Dense shrubs and hollow snags in mature trees can provide places for birds to raise their young. When snags are not available, nest boxes can be provided for cavity dwellers.

Things We Need to Know

1. What is the size of your Habitat?
___ Fraction of city lot
___ 1-5 Acres ___ Over 5 Acres
2. What best describes your habitat.
___ backyard ___ farmland
___ woods ___ prairie
3. Your Habitat supports what type of wildlife.
___ songbirds ___ insects
___ mammals ___ fish
___ amphibians ___ reptiles
4. How do you provide food?
Plant Foods: ___ seeds
___ nuts ___ nectar
___ pollen ___ berries
5. What type of Water source?
___ birdbath ___ pond
___ water garden ___ stream
6. Cover and or Shelter
___ dense shrubs ___ roosting box
___ evergreens ___ brush pile
7. Places to Raise Young.
___ mature trees
___ nesting box
___ dead trees
___ dense shrubs