If you reside in Nebraska you are eligible to apply for Pollinator Habitat Certification.

Fill out the application and mail to the address below with a check for $20.00 made payable to: **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**.

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| **Contact Information** |

\*Required Field

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Pollinator Friendly Garden Address*

\_\_\_\_ Garden is at the same location as above

\*Street: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\*City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: NE **\***Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Garden Requirements** |

*Section 1. Commitment to Plant Diversity*

A diversity of plant material is essential to provide both nectar and pollen to support a healthy ecosystem. Four of the five agreements must be met to be considered for certification.

\_\_\_\_ I will use plants that provide pollen and nectar sources from early spring to late fall.

\_\_\_\_ I will provide a diversity of plants, flower shapes and flower sizes.

\_\_\_\_ I will choose older cultivars & heirloom varieties of annuals and limit newer introductions.

\_\_\_\_ I will incorporate pollinator friendly native plants into the garden.

\_\_\_\_ I will place plants in masses (three or more) to attract pollinators.

*Section 2: Plant Selection*

From the list below please select the pollinator friendly plants that you have on your property. Check all that apply, 5 plants minimum in each of the three seasons.

**Spring Flowering (March/April/May)**

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| \_\_\_ *Acer rubrum* - Red Maple |
| \_\_\_ *Allium textile* - Textile Onion |
| \_\_\_ *Aquilegia canadensis* - Columbine |
| *\_\_\_ Baptisia australis* - Blue False Indigo |
| *\_\_\_ Baptisia australis* v. minor - Dwarf False Indigo |
| *\_\_\_ Ceanothus americanus* - New Jersey Tea |
| *\_\_\_ Cercis canadensis* - Redbud |
| *\_\_\_ Chionodoxa* sp. - Glory-of-the-Snow |
| *\_\_\_ Cornus* sp. - Dogwood |
| *\_\_\_ Erysimum asperum* - Western Wallflower |
| *\_\_\_ Geranium maculatum* - Wild Geranium |
| *\_\_\_ Leucocrinum montanum* - Starlily |
| *\_\_\_ Lindera benzoin* - Spicebush |
| *\_\_\_ Lithospermum incisum* - Narrowleaf Stoneseed |
| *\_\_\_ Malus* sp. - Apple, Crabapple |
| *\_\_\_ Phlox andicola* - Prairie Phlox |
| *\_\_\_ Phlox bifida* - Sand Phlox |
| *\_\_\_ Phlox divaricata* - Blue Phlox |
| *\_\_\_ Phlox hoodii* - Spiny Phlox |
| *\_\_\_ Prunus* sp. - Pear, Plum |
| *\_\_\_ Prunus virginiana* - Chokecherry |
| *\_\_\_ Pulsatilla patens* - Pasqueflower |
| *\_\_\_ Rhus aromatica* - Fragrant Sumac |
| *\_\_\_ Rhus trilobata* - Skunkbush Sumac |
| *\_\_\_ Rubus* sp. - Blackberry, Raspberry |
| *\_\_\_ Salix humilis* - Prairie Willow |
| *\_\_\_ Sanguinaria canadensis* - Bloodroot |
| *\_\_\_ Senecio plattensis* - Prairie Ragwort |
| *\_\_\_ Sheperdia argentea* - Buffaloberry |
| *\_\_\_ Thermopsis rhombifolia* - Prairie Thermopsis |
| *\_\_\_ Viola pedatifida* - Bird's Foot Viola |

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| *\_\_\_ Yucca glauca* - Yucca, Soapweed |

**Summer Flowering (June & July)**

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| *\_\_\_ Allium cernuum* - Nodding Onion |
| *\_\_\_ Amorpha canescens* - Leadplant |
| *\_\_\_ Aruncus dioicus* - Goat's Beard |
| *\_\_\_ Asclepias* sp. – Milkweed |
| *\_\_\_ Cepholanthus occidentalis* - Buttonbush |
| *\_\_\_ Coreopsis lanceolata* - Tickseed |
| *\_\_\_ Coreopsis tinctoria* - Plains Coreopsis |
| *\_\_\_ Dalea purpurea* - Purple Prairie Clover |
| *\_\_\_ Echinacea angustifolia* - Narrowleaf Coneflower |
| *\_\_\_ Echinacea purpurea* - Purple Coneflower |
| *\_\_\_ Gaillardia* sp. - Blanketflower |
| *\_\_\_ Liatris* sp. - Gayfeather |
| *\_\_\_ Monarda* sp. - Bee Balm |
| *\_\_\_ Packera plattensis* - Prairie Groundsel |
| *\_\_\_ Oenothera* sp. - Evening Primrose |
| *\_\_\_ Penstemon cobaea* - Prairie Penstemon |
| *\_\_\_ Penstemon digitalis* - Beardtongue |
| *\_\_\_ Penstemon grandiflorus* - Large Beardtongue |
| *\_\_\_ Rosa arkansana* - Prairie Rose |
| *\_\_\_ Rosa blanda* - Smooth Rose |
| *\_\_\_ Rosa carolina* - Carolina Rose |
| *\_\_\_ Ruellia humilis* - Wild Petunia |
| *\_\_\_ Silphium perfoliatum* |
| *\_\_\_ Tilia* sp. - Linden |
| *\_\_\_ Tradescantia* sp. - Spiderwort |
| *\_\_\_ Verbenena canadensis* - Rose Vervain |
| *\_\_\_ Veronicastrum virginicum* - Culver's Root |
| *\_\_\_ Arenaria hookeri* - Hooker's Sandwort |
| *\_\_\_ Callirhoe involucrata* - Purple Poppymallow |
| *\_\_\_ Calylophus serrulatus* - Yellow Sundrops |
| *\_\_\_ Erigeron* sp. - Fleabane |

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| *\_\_\_ Phacelia hastata* - Silverleaf Scorpionweed |

**Fall Flowering (August/September/October)**

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| *\_\_\_ Agastache foeniculum* - Licorice Mint |
| *\_\_\_ Aster* sp. - Aster |
| *\_\_\_ Cirsium altissimum* - Plumed Thustle |
| *\_\_\_ Chelone glabra* and *C. lyonii* - Turtlehead |
| *\_\_\_ Conoclinium coelestinum* - Hardy Ageratum |
| *\_\_\_ Eupatorium altissimum* - Tall Boneset |
| *\_\_\_ Eupatorium maculatum* - Spotted Joe Pye |
| *\_\_\_ Helenium autumnale* - Sneezeweed |
| *\_\_\_ Helianthus* sp. - Sunflower |
| *\_\_\_ Heliopsis helianthoides* - False Sunflower |
| *\_\_\_ Heptacodium miconioides* - Seven Son's Flower |
| *\_\_\_ Lobelia siphilitica*, *L. cardinalis* - Lobelia |
| *\_\_\_ Pycnanthemum tenuifolium* - Mountain Mint |
| *\_\_\_ Pycnanthemum virginianum* - Virginia Mt. Mint |
| *\_\_\_ Ratibida pinnata* - Gray-Headed Coneflower |
| *\_\_\_ Rudbeckia* sp. - Black Eyed Susan |
| *\_\_\_ Salvia azurea* - Pitcher Sage |
| *\_\_\_ Solidago* sp. - Goldenrod |
| *\_\_\_ Solidaster luteus* |
| *\_\_\_ Verbena hastata*, *V. stricta* - Vervain |
| *\_\_\_ Vernonia* sp. - Ironweed |
| *\_\_\_ Perovskia atriplicifolia* - Russian Sage |
| *\_\_\_ Sedum* sp. – Stonecrop |

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| *\_\_\_ Gaura parviflora* - Velvet Gaura |

*Section 3. Butterflies and Moths*

List the plants in your landscape that are a food source for larva and food source for adults (i.e. dill, milkweed)

Larva Adults

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*Section 4. Water*

Water is essential for a healthy ecosystem. Choose from the following options how you will provide water for pollinators.

\_\_\_ Birdbath or shallow dish \_\_\_ Butterfly puddling area

\_\_\_ Water Garden/Pond \_\_\_ Stream

*Section 5. Shelter*

Pollinators need places to nest and overwinter. How will you provide overwintering sites?

\_\_\_ Spaces of bare ground \_\_\_ Man-made shelters

\_\_\_ Rock pile/wall \_\_\_ Garden debris

\_\_\_ Dead wood \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Section 5. Pesticide use*

Pesticide is the umbrella term given to a product (synthetic or natural) that manages a pest (insect, weed, mollusk, and rodent). What steps will you take to reduce your pesticide use?

\_\_\_ I use no pesticide (synthetic or natural)

\_\_\_ I occasionally use pesticide but do the following:

 \_\_\_ Proper identification of the pest

 \_\_\_ Use least toxic product first (strong stream of water, insecticidal soaps)

 \_\_\_ Always read and follow the label instructions

 \_\_\_ Never apply a pesticide while flowers are open or pollinators are present

 \_\_\_ Spray late evening when pollinators are not present

 \_\_\_ Spot spray

*Section 6. Conservation Practices*

Applicant must practice at least 5 conservation practices for certification.

Please check those that apply.

**Plants**

\_\_\_\_\_Removal of invasive pest plants

\_\_\_\_\_Reduce or eliminate lawn areas

\_\_\_\_\_ Sweep grass clippings, fertilizer, and soil from driveway onto lawn. Remove trash from street gutters.

**Mulching/Shelter**

\_\_\_\_\_Compost yard and food waste

\_\_\_\_\_Use natural soil amendments (such as compost or well-aged manure)

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintain a layer of organic mulch over tree roots, shrubs and plant beds.

\_\_\_\_\_Plant groundcovers or use mulch on thinly vegetated areas to decrease erosion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Leave garden clean up until spring (bees can nest in ornamental grasses, plant stems, etc.)

**Chemicals/Pesticides**

\_\_\_\_\_Avoid chemical pesticides, herbicides, or insecticides where possible

\_\_\_\_\_Control pests naturally by encouraging beneficial insects

\_\_\_\_\_ If pesticides are necessary, use those that are pollinator friendly

**Water/Irrigation**

\_\_\_\_\_Use drip or soaker hoses, instead of an overhead sprinkler

\_\_\_\_\_Use a rain barrel or other means of capturing/utilizing rainwater to irrigate plants.

\_\_\_\_\_ Direct downspouts and gutters to drain onto the lawn, plant beds, or containment areas.

\_\_\_\_\_Water plants only when necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Other** (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Information About Your Garden** |

What type of area is your property located?

\_\_\_ Urban

\_\_\_ Suburban

\_\_\_ Rural

How large is your property?

\_\_\_ less than ¼ acre \_\_\_ 1-5 acres

\_\_\_ ¼ to ½ acre \_\_\_ 5-10 acres

\_\_\_ ½ to 1 acre \_\_\_ 10+ acres

Estimating, how much of your property is planted with pollinator friendly plants: \_\_\_%

Which option best describes your garden?

\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_ Business

\_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_ Farm

\_\_\_ Condominium \_\_\_ Other, please explain\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Community Garden

\_\_\_ School

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| **Photo/Sketch of Garden – Required**  |

Please share pictures or a sketch of your garden. If sending photos please include at least three. Include an overview of your garden/property and two pictures showing required plant noted in this application. We welcome prints, photos (emailed or CD). Please label each picture with your last name and a

number i.e. Jones 1, Jones 2 etc. If sending in a sketch, please include a plant list showing the location of the plants.

I am including photos to assist you in the certification of my pollinator friendly garden and grant the University of Nebraska-Lincoln the right to use, reproduce and publish the photographs for any purpose without compensation or any other consideration. By entering your name (including digital signature) and date blow, you indicate that you agree with previous statement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Submitting Your Application**  |

1. Certify Your Information:

By entering your full name below, you indicate that you agree with the following statement: I certify that all the information provided above is true that I will strive to use pollinator friendly practices in my garden.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Pay by Check:

A $20.00 processing fee is required to certify your garden. After you application has been reviewed we will register your garden and send you the official certificate. You then become eligible to receive the Nebraska Pollinator Habitat Certification sign to display in your garden for $30.00. Please expect 10 to 12 weeks to receive the sign.

Make your check payable to: **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

1. Mail your completed application and photos to:

Nebraska Pollinator Habitat Certification Program

c/o Natalia Bjorklund

1206 W 23rd Street

Fremont, NE  68025-2504

1. Emailing application:

When submitting application e-mail please put in subject line: **Pollinator Application** and send to: natalia.bjorklund@unl.edu

1. Certification will be at the discretion of the committee based on the totality of information submitted. Please allow 3 to 6 weeks for review and processing of your application.

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