



## **NCWF Wildlife Habitat Steward Training Certification Program**

North Carolina Wildlife Federation's Wildlife Habitat Steward Training Certification Program is designed to provide individuals with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and ability to protect, conserve, and restore habitat for local wildlife. "Planting the seeds for conservation," this 24-hour training program will provide the opportunity to engage with experts in the field about related topics that include:

- The interconnectedness of wildlife, habitat, and people. We will explore the challenges encountered and solutions that can be implemented when wildlife come in contact with human development. We will take a closer look at local ecology, local species needs and interactions, and native habitat all wildlife depend on.
- Restoring ecological function. Starting from the bottom of the food web with an exploration of native plants, larval host plants, pollinator host plants, pollinators, and invasive species including methods to control them and working our way up through the local food chain.
- Components of habitat for wildlife and how to create it. We will learn how to do site assessments and then apply this knowledge by completing a habitat restoration project on site. The training will be culminated with group project presentations that go over the team's process and final habitat design and incorporates knowledge gained throughout the training.

Participants will not only meet a group of like-minded friends to create habitat for wildlife with with, but they will also receive:

- One-year annual membership to NCWF. Additionally, they will become a member of the local NCWF Community Wildlife Chapter where they will complete their 30 volunteer hours required for certification within a year of the training.
- Monthly NCWF newsletters and updates on events and continued learning opportunities.

### **For more information contact:**

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