

**CHICAGO AREA LIVING CORRIDOR ALLIANCE**  
**Criteria for Inclusion in CALCA's Habitat Mapping**

Habitat that provides ecosystem services includes elements of each of the following requirements. Check those that are present on your property and provide a brief description.

**Native plants**

Flowering plants	Number of species _____
Native grasses and sedges	Number of species _____
Shrubs	Number of species _____
Trees	Number of species _____

Describe the approximate size of area planted with natives and list some of the species.

**Water retention**

Rain barrel(s)	___ Yes ___ No
Rain garden	___ Yes ___ No
Erosion control, lake/stream bank buffer	___ Yes ___ No
Rain-permeable pavement/walkways	___ Yes ___ No
Downspouts directed toward plants	___ Yes ___ No

Describe the approximate size of a rain garden, and other means of water retention.

**Wildlife habitat**

Flowers in three seasons, berries, birdfeeders (sources of food for birds, butterflies and other pollinators)	___ Yes ___ No
Nesting sites and shelter (shrubs, trees, birdhouses, snags, downed logs)	___ Yes ___ No
Water sources (pond, stream, birdbath)	___ Yes ___ No
Control of invasive species (eradicated, stumps herbicided, natives planted to retard reseeding by invasives)	___ Yes ___ No
Reduced/minimal turf grass lawn	___ Yes ___ No

Describe the habitat you have provided for wildlife:

**Earth-friendly maintenance practices**

No use of pesticides	___ Yes ___ No
Minimal use of herbicides and fertilizer	___ Yes ___ No
Composting	___ Yes ___ No
Appropriate mulching	___ Yes ___ No

Describe your maintenance practices: