

How to Participate:

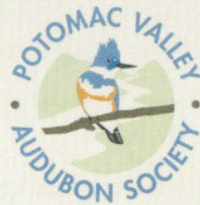
Grassland Birds Initiative – For properties with 10 acres or more of continuous open grassland, contact us for an on-site assessment of your property. A certified Master Naturalist will evaluate the habitat and share land management recommendations. Enrollment is by invitation based on your on-site assessment.

Protected Pollinator Patch – For properties with at least ½ acre of open meadow, contact us for an on-site assessment of your property. A certified Master Naturalist will evaluate the habitat and share land management recommendations. Enrollment is by invitation based on your on-site assessment.

Wildlife Habitat – Properties of any size can participate in this self-certification program. Visit our website or call our main office to request a certification form. Habitat assessments from a certified Master Naturalist are available upon request.

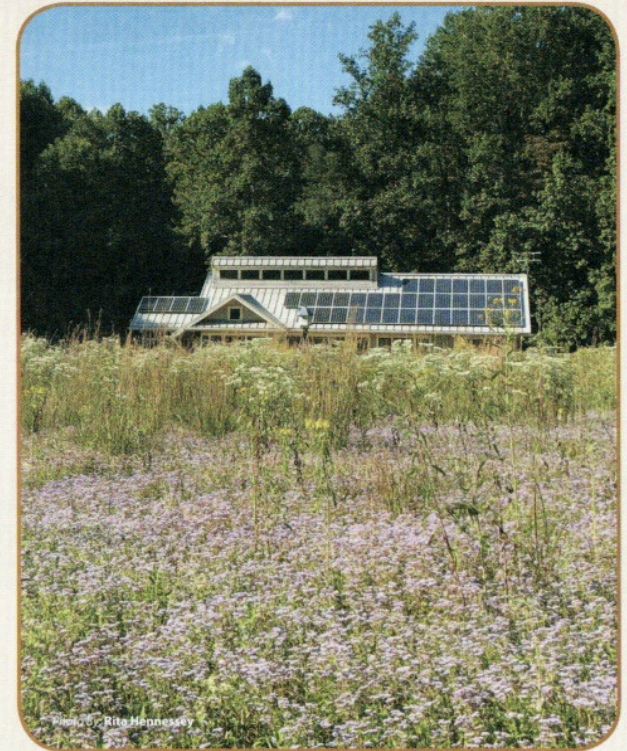


Potomac Valley Audubon Society is people dedicated to preserving, restoring, and enjoying the natural world through education and action.



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Potomac Valley Audubon Society's Habitat Stewardship – Programs –



Helping Landowners Foster Native Habitats

Grassland Birds Initiative

Protected Pollinator Patch

Certified Wildlife Habitat

For more information please visit our website:

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Habitat Stewardship Programs:

Grassland Birds Initiative



The Grassland Birds Initiative supports landowners with managing fields to provide the essential elements these species need for survival. By providing high quality habitat, undisturbed during nesting season, these species can rebound.

Importance of Grassland Bird Habitat:

- Grassland birds have faced dramatic population decline – 80% in the past 50 years.
- Grassland birds rely on grasslands for nesting and foraging habitat.
- Grassland birds are vital in managing insect pests and produce a plethora of beautiful songs.
- Maintaining a grassland instead of a lawn reduces air pollution as well as wear on mowing equipment.

Protected Pollinator Patch



The Protected Pollinator Patch program aims to work with landowners to designate meadows that provide valuable flora for the protection and conservation of our native pollinator species including bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, moths, birds, beetles and flies.

Importance of Pollinator Habitat:

- One out of every three bites of food we eat exists because of pollinators.
- 90% of flowering plants rely on pollinators for reproduction.
- Native pollinators are threatened by pesticide use, disease and habitat loss.
- Pollinator meadows provide food and shelter for declining pollinator species.

Wildlife Habitat



The Wildlife Habitat program is designed for every landowner, regardless of property size. Taking small steps to provide food, water and shelter will have a big impact on fostering native wildlife in backyards, school yards and work places.

Importance of Wildlife Habitat:

- The main threat to our native wildlife is habitat loss.
- Half of all wildlife species in the world have been lost in the last 40 years.
- Many species rely on supplemental food, shelter and fresh water sources, particularly during winter months.
- Habitats stewarded for wildlife are significantly healthier and more diverse than lawns.