

Making a Place for Wildlife

Horse owners can do quite a bit to provide habitat—food, water and cover—for wildlife. In this way horse owners can become an asset to the environment. And inviting beneficial wildlife into our horse places can actually have wonderful payoffs. Use this checklist to see if there are ways you can enhance your farm for beneficial wildlife or discourage unwanted wildlife.



- 1.** Do you control insects naturally by providing nest boxes for birds and/or houses for bats?

Yes _____ No _____

- 2.** Do you have any brush piles or rock piles for wildlife?

Yes _____ No _____

- 3.** Is water available for wildlife (a bird bath, pond, water trough, etc.)?

Yes _____ No _____

- 4.** Do you have a variety of native trees and shrubs to provide shelter & food for different kinds of wildlife?

Yes _____ No _____

- 5.** Are there any snags on your property?

Yes _____ No _____

- 6.** Do you prevent pests (such as opossums and raccoons) by putting dog and cat food away at night?

Yes _____ No _____

- 7.** Do you discourage mice and rats by removing potential habitat? For example, do you dispose of old feed bags and cardboard boxes and keep towels, horse blankets and saddle pads in a covered container such as a trunk?

Yes _____ No _____

- 8.** Do you store horse feed in metal garbage cans with secure lids and clean up any spilled grain?

Yes _____ No _____