

# Austin Habitat Stewards

## Austin Habitat Stewards' Training Information



*Share your passion for wildlife and help to Keep Austin Wild!*

Become an important part of YOUR city's efforts to Keep Austin Wild! Austin is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country to receive the designation as a Community Wildlife Habitat™ by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). This success has been made possible by people like you, who have made the effort to create native wildscapes at their homes and in public places and to teach and assist others. That's what the Wildlife Austin Habitat Stewards' Training is all about.

Becoming a Habitat Steward™ not only means that you make a big difference here in Austin, but that you join the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) nationwide team of volunteers who serve their communities as Habitat Stewards™. Wildlife Austin and partners NWF and Keep Austin Beautiful are offering a specialized training to teach you how to help others create and restore wildlife habitat in backyards, schoolyards, and other private and public areas. This training is engaging, fun and highly informative and you get to meet and interact with local conservation professionals and other similarly interested folks.

**The Spring 2013 class registration is now closed! Stay tuned for information on our Fall 2013 training.**

### You'll Learn About:

- How to Create Wildlife Friendly Habitats
- Native and Invasive Plants
- Landscape Design Principles
- Water Conservation
- Riparian Restoration Techniques
- Beneficial Insects
- Community Stewardship
- Schoolyard Habitat Projects
- Native and Local Wildlife
- Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Techniques
- Riparian Habitat Restoration



Habitat Stewards Receive:

- 30+ Hours of Intensive, Hands-On Training
- Engaging Field Trips and Habitat Activities
- A Comprehensive Training Manual with Local Resources
- Instruction from Local Conservation Professionals

An important part of becoming a Habitat Steward is giving back. We ask that each Steward commit to 30 hours of volunteer habitat work in the community. The course fee is \$50 and covers the cost of materials. If you have questions e-mail us at [wildlife@austintexas.gov](mailto:wildlife@austintexas.gov).

**Attention Current Habitat Stewards!**

It is very important that you log your hours on the NWF website! View this [step-by-step instruction manual](#) to learn more! The manual also includes directions on how to order free materials from the NWF website as well.

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