

REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline April 29, 2010
Space is limited so be sure to register early!

Course fees will cover refreshments and all course materials.

_____ Backyard Habitat Series \$40.00
(all 3 sessions) per person

Optional (series registration not required, but we appreciate your RSVP):

_____ Native Plant Presentation free
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Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

E-mail

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **Ottawa Conservation District** and mail to:

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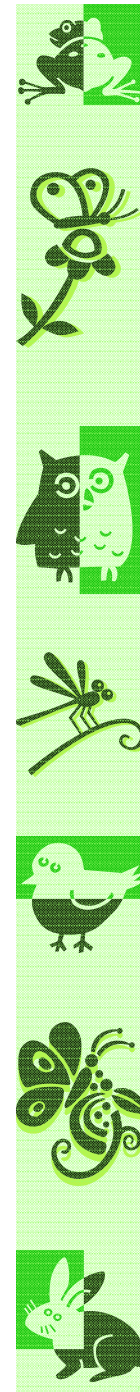
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BACKYARD HABITAT SERIES

Thursdays
May 2010
6-9pm

Georgetown United
Methodist Church*
2766 Baldwin St
Jenison MI 49428

Presented by the Ottawa
Conservation District

*Your Land, Your Water,
Your Michigan*

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*The May 13 session will be held at the
new Nature Education Center at
Hemlock Crossing County Park.

Backyard Habitats

Backyard Habitat Series



The Ottawa Conservation District is hosting a Backyard Habitat Series at the Georgetown United Methodist Church in Jenison on Thursday evenings in May.



The series is composed of four classroom sessions that includes an optional (and free) native plant presentation. The purpose of this series is to bring an awareness, understanding and appreciation of the need for wildlife habitats in our backyards along with the discovery of just how fun gardening for wildlife can be. Not to mention healthy for yourself, your family and the environment! Each session will feature guest speakers along with Conservation District Staff.

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The Basics: Part 1

May 6, 2010 (6-9pm) @ Church

We will define backyard habitat and discuss the basic elements such as providing food, water, cover, and places to raise young. We will also explore the fascinating world of beneficial insects.

The Basics: Part 2 & Conservation Elements for Sustainable Landscaping

May 13, 2010 (6-9pm) @ Hemlock Crossing

Learn about Michigan native plant communities as well as identification, ecology and control of invasive species. Also learn techniques to sustain your landscape such as reducing pesticide usage, conserving water, reducing lawn size, and composting.

Habitats for All Places Big and Small

May 20, 2010 (6-9pm) @ Church

Find room for a habitat in any size space! We will discuss ideas for backyard habitats in rural and urban settings. See real world examples of habitats from their creators first hand.

Native Plant Presentation and Sale

May 27, 2010 (6-9pm) @ Church

The presentation, scheduled from 6-8pm, is free and series registration is not required to attend. You can preorder native plants and pick them up this night, or just come to hear the presentation. Additional native plants will be available for purchase from 8-9pm. Visit our website or call the office to receive an order form. Pre-orders are due with payment by May 20, 2010, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis based on when the order is received, not at the time of pick up.

All Ottawa Conservation District programs and services are provided on a non-discriminatory basis.

Why Create A Backyard Habitat?



It's fun! You'll attract beautiful songbirds, butterflies and other wildlife to your yard. Watching wildlife can be fun and educational for the whole family.

It's relaxing! The natural environment of your habitat will provide a peaceful place to relieve stress and unwind.

It makes your yard more attractive! Replacing barren lawn with beautiful native plants will increase the appeal of your property and provide a nurturing place for wildlife.

It nurtures and supports wildlife all year! Habitat restoration is critical for wildlife where commercial and residential development has eliminated natural areas.

It benefits the Environment! Gardening practices that help wildlife, like reducing chemicals and conserving water, also help to improve air, water and soil quality.

