Your Yard as Wildlife Habitat
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What does wildlife NEED?

Fruit Producers
- Red-osier dogwood
- Wild grape

Nut Producers
- Serviceberry
- Bergamot
- White oak
- Shagbark hickory

Nectar
Insects

Critters

Alien Invaders

Water

Shelter

Space

Multi-flora Rose

Glossy Buckthorn

European Highbush Cranberry

Size doesn’t matter

Neighborhood landscaping

Who can live in here?

CWD: The GOOD stuff

Space
American Bird Conservancy
- Non-reflective
- Frosted
- Away from feeders

Winter migrants
Breeders
Grasslands

Urban Hazards

Lyme disease
Pet Hazards
Distemper, rabies
Space
Food
Nesting/Cover
VARIETY

Coopers hawk

Nesting trees
Critters
SPACE
Broad winged hawk

Great horned owl

Precocial
Nestling
Fledgling

• Food: insects
• Temperature regulation
• Cover

• Wildflowers across season
• Host plants
  Milkweeds, asters, violet, little bluestem …
• Water

Evening wildflowers
Sheltered corners
No pesticides
Common urban critter
Small mammals
Space

DISTANCE

- Insects, worms, grubs
- Den site

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- Omnivore
- Den site nearby
  - Snag, rock or brush pile
- Highly adaptable
  - NO human food
• Nuts, fruits, seeds
• Snags and mature trees
• Ground burrows

• Grasses
• Common urban wildlife
• Nest site

• Space
• Food – Your garden?
• Cover
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Questions?