

## WELCOME TO THE CERTIFICATION FORM!

Thank you for your interest in registering your property with the Georgia Native Plant Society as a native plant habitat.

Through this certification process you will discover and inventory the native plants in your garden. You will learn where you need to add more native plants to complete the ecosystem you're restoring and where to remove the non-native invasive plants that invade our native plant communities and displace native species here in Georgia.

### PLEASE READ THIS CAUTIONARY NOTE BEFORE CONTINUING WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM

GNPS will not certify any property or garden as a native plant habitat where any Category 1 plants as listed by the Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council are being actively cultivated.

Before completing this form we ask that you verify that there are none of these exotic pest plants currently growing on your property. See the most up to date listing of these category one plants (and photographs) at:

<http://www.gaeppc.org>

We also ask that once certified you continue to remove non-native invasive plants rated category 2, 3 and 4 from your garden. The importance of your continued efforts cannot be over emphasized. Our natural areas are under tremendous threat from these pest plants, which cause environmental harm here in Georgia at the expense of our native ecosystem throughout the entire state.

## GNPS Native Plant Habitat Certification Application

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE:

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### GNPS Member Native Plant Garden Profile

Total Property Size: \_\_\_\_\_

#### TERRAIN

\_\_\_\_ Level Ground      \_\_\_\_ Gentle Slopes      \_\_\_\_ Steep Slopes  
\_\_\_\_ Primarily Open/Sunny      \_\_\_\_ Primarily Mixed      \_\_\_\_ Primarily Wooded

#### SPECIAL GARDEN FEATURES

\_\_\_\_ Moss Garden      \_\_\_\_ Native Grass Lawn      \_\_\_\_ Wild Flower Meadow  
\_\_\_\_ Rock Garden      \_\_\_\_ Rock Retaining Walls      \_\_\_\_ Rock Outcroppings  
\_\_\_\_ Garden Paths      \_\_\_\_ Sitting/Viewing Area      \_\_\_\_ Arbors  
\_\_\_\_ Stream/Creek      \_\_\_\_ Wetland Area      \_\_\_\_ Pond/Lake  
\_\_\_\_ Garden Paths      \_\_\_\_ Bog Garden      \_\_\_\_ Container Gardens

## CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Applicant must practice at least five of the following ten conservation practices for certification. Please check those that apply.

- Removal of invasive pest plants
- Composting
- Avoiding chemical use where possible
- Mulching
- Controlling pests naturally by encouraging beneficial insects
- Capturing/utilizing rainwater
- Using soaker hoses
- Minimizing or eliminating lawn areas
- Allowing leaves to remain where they fall or shredding as mulch
- Reducing the use of standard lawn maintenance equipment such as fossil powered lawn mowers, leaf blowers.

## NON-NATIVE INVASIVE PLANTS

Non-native, invasive plants threaten our native plant communities so certification will be denied if any species rated Category One by the Exotic Pest Plant Council are intentionally maintained in your garden with no plans for removal:

Please use this link to help you identify these exotic invasives [www.gaeppc.org](http://www.gaeppc.org)

## NATIVE PLANT LISTINGS

To be recognized by GNPS as a native plant habitat your native garden must have representation in all of the native plant categories on this application form. All plants listed must be native to the southeastern United States, preferably to Georgia. Please include botanical names where possible and feel free to use an additional sheet of paper if there isn't enough space provided! Please use the GNPS website for identification of your natives too.

**TREES**

Canopy Trees

Understory Trees

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**NATIVE WATER & BOG PLANTS**


PLEASE MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM ALONG WITH  
AT LEAST TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOUR GARDEN TO  
THE GNPS VOLUNTEER NAMED BELOW:

Jacqueline McRae  
1438 Montevallo Circle  
Decatur, Georgia  
30033-2002

WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO FIND A GNPS VOLUNTEER  
WHO IS AVAILABLE TO VISIT YOUR NATIVE GARDEN.

YOUR CERTIFICATE AND GNPS SIGN WILL BE MAILED  
TO YOU UPON APPROVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.

THANK YOU!