



CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

Silver

Invasive Species: Remove all “silver” aggressive weeds

Native Plants: Naturescape > 5% of property with locally native plants* - at least **3 out of 5** vegetation layers

Pesticides Reduction:** No use of RED zone chemicals. Use YELLOW zone chemicals only as part of an IPM strategy.

Wildlife Stewardship: Pick **one** item from below.

Stormwater Management: Pick **one** item from below

Gold

Invasive Species: Remove all “silver & gold” aggressive weeds

Native Plants: Naturescape > 15% of property with locally native plants* - at least **4 out of 5** vegetation layers

Pesticides Reduction:** No use of RED or YELLOW zone chemicals. Always use IPM strategy.

Wildlife Stewardship: Pick at least **two** items from below. If you have a cat, create a plan to reduce its wildlife impacts.

Stormwater Management: Pick at least **two** items from below

Platinum

Invasive Species: Remove all three levels of aggressive weeds

Native Plants: Naturescape > 50% of property with locally native plants* - **5** vegetation layers

Pesticides Reduction:** No use of RED or YELLOW zone chemicals. Always use IPM strategy. Take Metro No Pesticides Pledge.

Wildlife Stewardship: Pick at least **three** items from below. Cats kept inside or in outdoor enclosures 100% of time.

Stormwater Management: Pick at least **three** items from below

Education and Volunteerism: Pick two items from below

Wildlife Stewardship

- **Wildlife Water Feature:** natural source, maintained bird/bug bath, etc
- **Cats Indoors:** or in an outdoor enclosure
- **Bird/bat nest boxes:** appropriate for native species, clean annually
- **Pollinator & Beneficial Insect Nesting Habitat:** small brush/rock piles, bundles of stems and branches, mason bee house
- **Snags and Nurse logs:** provide dead wood onsite, >5ft long
- **Reduce Outdoor Lighting:** outdoor lights off during migration; Mar-May, Sept-Nov
- **Reduce Bird/Window Collisions:** assess problem windows, treat to reduce strikes
- **Native Pollinator Meadow:** native forbs/grasses which bloom through the growing season

Stormwater Management

- **Large canopy tree:** over 30ft, cannot be nuisance species
- **Disconnect downspouts:** where appropriate
- **Raingardens:** manage stormwater onsite, where appropriate
- **Remove impervious surfaces and/or grass:** more than 500ft²
- **Ecoroof:** according to City specs
- **Increase Naturescaping:** to 10% higher than your certification level requirement
- **Restore Soils:** leave the leaves
- **Water Conservation:** Eliminate lawn irrigation, water in morning and evening only
- **Adopt eco-friendly maintenance practices:** petroleum-free yard care, responsible fertilizer use, and/or use landscapers from BHCP Landscaper Directory

Education & Volunteerism

- Recruit 2 neighbors to sign up!
- Allow site/yard to be showcased in yard tours
- Volunteer for the BHCP
- Attend continuing education classes, i.e. through EMSWCD, WMSWCD, Friends of Tryon Creek, EDRR Weed Watchers, etc.
- Participate in OSU Extension Master Gardener Programs

* to verify and select locally native plant species please use the [Portland Plant List](#)

** *Pesticides Reduction Criteria refers to Grow Smart Grow Safe, www.growsmartgrowsafe.org*

Aggressive Weeds

Silver weeds

Evergreen & Armenian blackberry (*Rubus laciniatus* and *Rubus armeniacus*), Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*), Ivy (all cultivars, *Hedra spp.*), Knotweed* (*Polygonum spp.*), Orange hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*), Pokeweed (*Phytolacca americana*), Policeman's helmet (*Impatiens glandulifera*), Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), Scot's broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), Spotted/Meadow & Diffuse knapweeds (*Centaurea spp.*), Spurge laurel (*Daphne laureola*), Traveler's joy (*Clematis vitalba*), Yellow archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*), Yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*),

Gold weeds

Butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii* – all varieties), False brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*), Hedge bindweed* (*Calystegia sepium*), Italian Arum* (*Arum italicum*), Japanese butterbur (*Petasites japonica*), Lesser celandine* (*Ranunculus ficaria*), Pampas grass/jubata grass (*Cortaderia spp.*), Robert geranium (*Geranium robertianum*), Shining geranium (*Geranium lucidum*)

Invasive Trees, under 20ft: Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), English Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), English holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), Tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)

Platinum weeds

Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*), English/Portuguese Laurel (*Prunus spp.*), Fennel (*Foeniculum spp.*), Large & Small-leaf periwinkle (*Vinca spp.*), Reed canarygrass/Ribbon Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*)

Invasive Trees, over 20ft: Black Locust, English Hawthorn, English holly, Norway maple, Tree-of-heaven

Vegetation Layers

- 1. Ground layer:** i.e. Inside-out flower (*Vancouveria hexandra*), Western Red Columbine (*Aquilegia Formosa*)
- 2. Small/Medium Shrub layer (<5ft):** i.e. Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), native ferns
- 3. Large Shrub layer (5-20ft):** i.e. Indian Plum (*Oemleria cerasiformis*), Serviceberry (*Amelachier alnifolia*)
- 4. Understory tree canopy (<30ft):** i.e. Vine maple (*Acer circinatum*), Cascara (*Rhamnus purshiana*)
- 5. Overstory tree canopy (>30ft):** i.e. Oregon White Oak (*Quercus garryana*), Western Redcedar (*Thuja plicata*)



*These weeds require a multi-year strategy. Contact a BHCP representative for further information.